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ARE AP CLASSES WORTH IT?

I. Gifford



Credit: Adam Rotter

Recently, Greeley Central students have been stressed about colleges potentially not checking their weighted GPA, making all of their hard work in AP classes feel useless. Some students' GPA could drop drastically without AP grades. Junior Amanda Guel is enrolled in AP psychology, did not hear of this until recently and it makes her nervous because she will start to apply to colleges in August. Guel says, "If this is true, AP classes are still worth it because you have the opportunity to take a



Credit: Madeleine Dreiling

college course for hundreds dollars cheaper. The most you end up paying is the \$90 to take the exam." If colleges don't look at your weighted GPA, how can you know which courses are worth it? Guel continues "The content taught in each AP class is unique but differs from person to person. However, AP isn't for everyone. Your GPA could suffer, but it could also improve." Presley Stoos, a junior taking multiple AP classes, has known about how colleges could potentially favor an



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unweighted GPA versus a weighted. When she was asked about what she felt she said, "Honestly all of the AP classes I've taken up to now have been worth it and I've learned a lot. I wouldn't trade my AP experience for colleges to look at my GPA. Also colleges seeing that I've taken AP classes already can be impressive no matter the grade because I was challenging myself." Whether colleges value one GPA over the other, the best advice to take is to take the classes that are a perfect fit for you that will help you academically succeed.

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FULL-HOUSE IN THE CASTLE

K. Hale

This year at Central, there were many new students, including the mass amount of freshman, that walked in the Castle doors. This large number caused the school to be over capacity in the number of students by about 200. This upcoming 2019-2020 year, the school is expected to be over that capacity again, causing many issues with students registering for classes.

With the large number of students coming into Central next year, many individual classes will have more students than space in the room. The problem with being over capacity is there is little to no room for schedule changes. Students next semester will not be able to switch classes unless it is a 100% valid reason and even then it will be very difficult.

There was a lot of stress during registration a few weeks ago because students were unsure of classes and were worried about being able to switch, the school administration was also pressuring students to choose their classes, saying that they would not be able to make changes. Registration officially closes Friday, March 29 so be sure that you have selected the classes you want on Infinite Campus prior to the deadline.

MED-PREP PROGRAMS AT AIMS

E. Voigt

If you are currently a sophomore or junior interested in nursing or the medical field, the Med Prep Program at Aims Community College is the perfect program for you! Aims works with local school districts allowing upperclassmen high school students to earn credit for high school and college for free! This program is a scholarship that allows you to earn 12 credits and prepare you for college and healthcare careers.

I am currently in the program and it was the best decision I have ever made. During the first semester, I learned all about medical terminology and responding to medical emergencies. I was able to become CPR certified and first aid certified through the program. So far in this semester, I have learned nurse aid care, where I get to wear scrubs and practice helping patients in a practice lab. Students who then pass the final, get to go to a care facility to participate in a 30 hour clinical over the course of one weekend to demonstrate their skills on actual patients. To top it all off, if you are successful in the program, you get to graduate in early May at the Budweiser Events Center, gaining six certificates!

This program is a great opportunity to get prepared before college and get ahead. When asked why she decided to be in the program, senior Jayde Warner said, "My mom's a CNA, and I did not want to pay for college." Junior Angie Avalos said, "It would help my future career." Med Prep is a tough program for hardworking students with lots of motivation for the medical field. The program is a commitment with extra work outside of class. If this sounds like a medical preparation program for you, consider signing up for next year with your counselor!



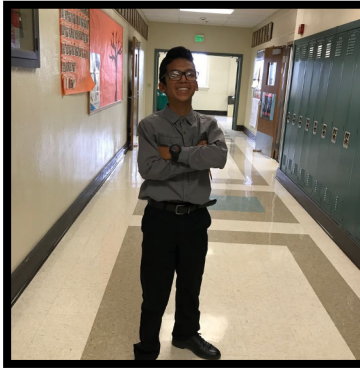
WHAT HAPPENED TO STUDENT RUN STORES

E. Matier

If you've been at Central for a few years then the idea of student-run stores is nothing new to you. Students would carry around coolers full of candy bars, sodas, fruits and many other things with the sole purpose to sell them for a profit. Jermaine and Marquis once seemed to own the school; students would look for them instead of going to the vending machines. It was nice to get some fresh fruit or a sweet candy bar instead of the processed and healthy foods in the vending machines.

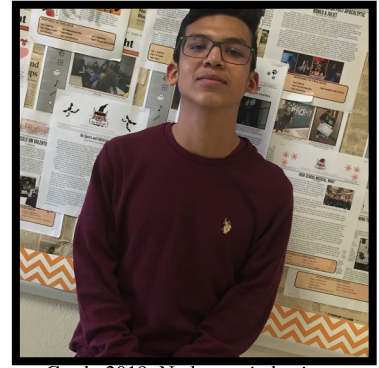
Unfortunately, these student stores aren't around anymore, and I've wondered why. Many of the kids who sold their goods two or three years ago have graduated and aren't around to sell their good anymore. Jermaine Gordo, who was known for selling different fruits, has said he sold the fruit to raise money for his French trip; he doesn't need to sell his fruit anymore. Although no one is selling food anymore doesn't mean that the demand is gone. Many students would like to see student-run stores make a comeback.

Credit: Travis Menard



Gordo 2018; a proud business owner

Credit: Lisa McGee



Gordo 2019: No longer in business

THE COME UP OF THE SPIRIT BUS

S. Aldridge

The Greeley Central girls basketball team made it to the Sweet 16 playoffs this years, traveled to Broomfield to face Holy Family. Knowing there wasn't going to be much of a crowd traveling to support the Cats, the school decided to put together a school bus to take a handful of students who really wanted to attend the game. The cost to get on the bus was \$8 which covered the price of the ticket to enter into the game. To keep the Spirit bus they needed at least 40 students to sign up for the bus. Throughout the hallways you heard the repeating call of "Sign up for the spirit bus for tomorrow's game!" Brittney Monroy, a senior at Greeley Central, explains why she went to the game; "It's my senior year and the students who wanted to go could go on the bus since we needed so many people. I didn't want us not having enough students to keep the spirit bus from happening." They were able to gather thirty students to go to support the Cats. Students were able to invite friends to go or just go by themselves. From the experience of this year's spirit bus, the hope is to fill up our buses with students who are willing to travel to support our Cats and not having to worry about not having enough students to attend.



Credit: Angelina Golian

GREELEY CENTRAL SUPERLATIVES

I. Gifford

Before spring break, the results from the GCHS superlative votes came in and students who won were either surprised or felt it was completely accurate. Sophomore Lucas Moir was voted most likely to be in a Beyonce music video. Moir was asked what about him might have made people vote for him and he said, "I'm a dancer and I'm really upbeat, I also really like Beyonce's music."

Senior Lindy Muttel was voted most likely to lead a protest. She was honored by the title and claims its fitting for her "patriarchal rage." Muttel believes people voted for her because of her deep interest in improving the community and love for rhetoric. If she could have voted for someone else, it would have been Taylor Henderson because of her leadership in Feminist Book Club.

Moir and Muttel both felt that their title fit perfectly, but other students that were not interviewed may not feel the same for categories such as "Worst Driver" or "Most Likely to End Up in the Circus." Most Greeley Central students don't have opinions on being voted for anything - positive or negative - but other schools are more sensitive. One student from Washington-Lee High School was featured in a Washington Post article for putting extra effort into his outfits everyday which consisted of color coordinating Armani pieces, was devastated when he didn't win "Best Dressed." The Yearbook team appreciates every vote that helped them with their superlatives.



LET'S CRASH PROM

G. Oliva

Seniors, juniors get ready to dance with the gods, because prom is right around the corner. On May 4, 2019, Greeley Central's prom will be at Zoe's. With the theme being Garden of the Gods.

As the upperclassman of Central are out shopping for flashy dresses and fancy tuxedos, so are the underclassmen. Although with the exception of having been asked by an upperclassman date, underclassman aren't aloud to attend. Seniors and junior have this one opportunity to enjoy this evening without the obnoxious and drama filled underclassman, but still cannot. The freshman and sophomores are given 2 dances this school year with homecoming and morp. Although they still insist on going to prom without a upperclassmen date. GCHS senior Alexa Hernandez said "Prom is not very enjoyable with the underclassman because some of the freshman and sophomores are not mature." Seniors and juniors believe that prom is something they can look forward to doing as an upperclassman. Just for it to be ruined by the underclassman. Hernandez said "As an upperclassman we wanna have a good time at prom and make memories before we graduate." she continued "I wouldn't want any underclassman to ruin it for me or for anyone else." With that being said, are you guys ready for prom? Have you planned your promposals? The people you go with or meet is what makes prom. Senior Tyler Schemp said "The best part about prom is the interaction with the people." So ask that girl or guy you like, ask your bratty sister or brother, or go with a friend.

Heading to the Next Level

S. Rotter

This year GCHS had some amazing athletes and athletic performances which have attracted some of the best college scouts in America. Girls basketball player Naomi Hidalgo and wrestler Andrew Alirez have been offered full ride scholarships to top schools. Hidalgo will be attending South Dakota School of Mines and playing girls basketball, Alirez will be attending The University of Northern Colorado for wrestling. Hidalgo seems very excited to move up to the next level in both her academic and basketball career saying "I'm very excited about the level of competition I will be playing against and the daily routine of playing basketball." But Naomi isn't just going there for basketball, it's also a top level engineering school where she will be able to get a 4 year engineering degree and get a good paying job right out of college.



Photo Credit: Sean Rotter

Alirez was one of the most heavily recruited wrestlers in the country getting a scholarship from almost every college with a wrestling program, this includes top programs such as Penn state, Oklahoma state, and Nebraska. Despite all of these offers Alirez decided to stay local and attend UNC. When asked why he said "I know most wrestlers want to go to these big universities, but I want to stay local and represent my city and my state." Which is very noble considering that he could've gone to any college he wanted. So Wildcats it's time to finally say goodbye to these amazing athletes and students.

Wildcat Baseball

T. Menard

The baseball season is upon us and big things should be expected from this team after the success of last year. We are only a few games into this year's season and the players are just getting warmed up. The first game of the season was a matchup against Skyview that resulted in the Wildcats first win of the season. Then after a 2-day 4-game trip to Pueblo to compete against different schools and finished the trip with winning 1 of the 3 games. Led by seniors Gavan Blackburn, Axel Villarreal, and Cesar Loma, this team consists of four Juniors, three sophomores, and two freshman. In the first home game of the season the Wildcats took on the reigning 3A champs University High School. After a long 7-inning battle the Cats fell to the Bulldogs losing by only two runs. It's been a bit of a struggle getting the season started for these more-than-ready athletes, as they have had to postpone a few games, keeping the cats from playing games. Weather has been one of the biggest factors, causing fields for games and practices to be deemed, not ready for play.

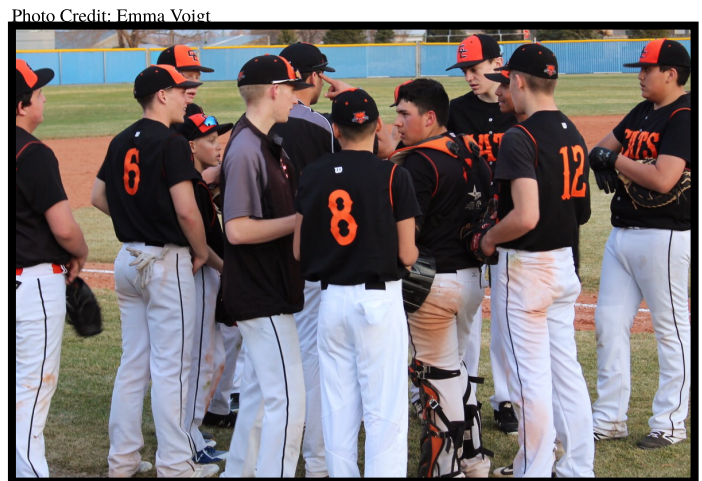


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Credit: Greeley-Evans School District 6 Facebook

Athlete of the the Week

Simone Campbell is a junior at Central is Captain of the sprinters for the track team. Campbell was the first sophomore to become track captain and also plays on the on the Varsity Softball team. In track, she runs the 200, 400, 4x200, 4x400 and the 800 medley. Campbell's favorite part of Central is, "The engagement of the staff with the students and their commitment to bettering us." She does all this while maintaining a 4.1 GPA.



Artist of the Week

Alma Sanchez junior at Central, represents excellence in photography. Sanchez recently participated in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition where she won 1st in the Colorado Art Region receiving a Golden Key award. Sanchez then advanced to the National competition where she took home a silver medal in the photography category. This is an outstanding accomplishment that shows you can truly do anything you set your mind too.



Club of the Week

LULAC is a multicultural group that works to promote diversity at Central and throughout the Greeley community. LULAC hosts events and community service projects around GCHS such as hosting the soccer tournament and selling roses during Valentine's Day. LULAC provides a home for those new to Central and the US who feel like they don't fit in. They meet every Wednesday in room 105 with Ms. Varela.



Student of the Week

Rhiannen Thero is a true role model senior at Central. Thero participates in marching band where she is a drum major, pep band, Advanced Band where she plays Clarinet, Orchestra where she plays harp, theater, tennis, Greencats where she is Co-President, Key Club and NHS. Thero explained, her favorite part of Central is, "The atmosphere produced by the staff and the student body." Thero does all this while taking several AP classes and maintaining a 3.9 GPA.

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R. KELLY: WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?

S. Aldridge

Robert Kelly a.k.a, R. Kelly is a well-known R&B singer, you've probably heard his top hits like, "Ignition", "I'm a flirt", or "Trapped in the closet". There have been multiple controversial conversations about his latest allegations of ten counts of criminal sexual abuse against four individuals, three of them being minors at the time. February 22 he was taken to jail in Cook County with a \$100,000 bail. Megan Martinez, a GCHS English teacher, explains how she believes the allegations against Kelly, "People were well aware of the relationship between Kelly and Aaliyah, and she was under-aged. Any time a victim comes out with a story we should listen, everyone processes sexual trauma differently." R. Kelly broke his silence during an interview on CBS, crying and explaining, "I have been buried alive, but I'm alive. You just don't want to believe the truth, you don't want to believe it!" There is a documentary called, "Surviving R. Kelly" which explains some of the situations that women went through while being with Kelly. R. Kelly has denied the allegations ever since his first interview about the accusations, clarifying he isn't "a devil or a monster."

NORO NIGHTMARE

T. Menard

There was a big scare the past couple of weeks as it became aware by nearly everyone that the norovirus had made its way to District-6. The news came to the district when multiple FaceBook posts were sent out alerting the public about the different schools being shut down until the virus could be rid of. The first post, made on February 27, said, "Franklin Middle School will be closed Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1 in an effort to stop the spread of a norovirus that has infected a significant number of a students and staff this week." Franklin, being the first school to be closed due to the virus was closed for a couple days until eventually being reopened on March 4. Then the next day, it was announced that the following schools were shut down: Scott Elementary, Madison Elementary, Jefferson Junior High School, and the Transitions Program at the former Cameron Elementary School. They were then reopened on March 4. The norovirus spread from school to school throughout several weeks until finally recently dying down after affecting "a larger-than-usual number of sick students..." While multiple schools were closed down because it was known that the virus had spread to their schools, some schools remained opened even with clear signs of sick students in attendance.

CELEBRATING WOMEN INTERNATIONALLY

R. Embaye

From March 1 to March 31, every year is marked as International Women's History Month. Journalist Katie Metzger of the "Bothell-Kenmore Reporter," states, "This very month is celebrated globally, honoring the achievements of women socially, economically, culturally and politically. The month also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity." The website for the International Women's

Day shares that "The celebration of women throughout the month has been observed since in the early 1900s, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies." They also share that no one group or organization takes sole responsibility for organizing events throughout the month, "Many organizations declare as an annual month theme that supports their specific gender or cause and some of these are adopted more widely with relevance than others."

World-renowned feminist, journalist, and social-political activist Gloria Steinem claimed, "the story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights." This shows that this month is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy, and action. Women continue to grow from strength to strength. The world has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation.

The 116th Congress has the most women than ever before. Despite the jump in progress, women are still fighting for equality. The International feel that 'all the battles have been won for women' while many feminists from the 1970s know only too well the longevity and ingrained complexity of patriarchy." But it's very unfortunate that we still believe American football is male-dominated field and hopefully, we will end that the coming years and our hope is never a dry well. The website encourages us all to "do our bit in solidarity to ensure that, the future for women is bright, equal, safe and rewarding."

REMEMBERING OSCAR FRIAS

Earlier this month, Oscar Frias, a former student of Greeley Central High School, unfortunately passed away. While he attended GCHS, Frias was wrestler as well as a staff member of the Boys and Girls Club in Greeley. After graduation, he worked at ACME Oilfield Services, Olive Garden, and Bayou Oilfield Services. He enjoyed horseback riding, skateboarding, and riding on his motorcycle. Prior to leaving for the Marine Corp, Frias frequently visit the Castle to speak with his former teachers. He proudly served as a Lance Corporal for the United States Marine Corps. stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California. He is survived by his parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and friends.

On March 22, GCHS students were encouraged to stand in front of the Castle as Frias's funeral procession drove by; hundreds of students came out to pay their respects. When speaking to the student body, Mr. Smith recognized that this was a special circumstance because Frias was an active military member, recent graduate, and the family had requested Central's support.

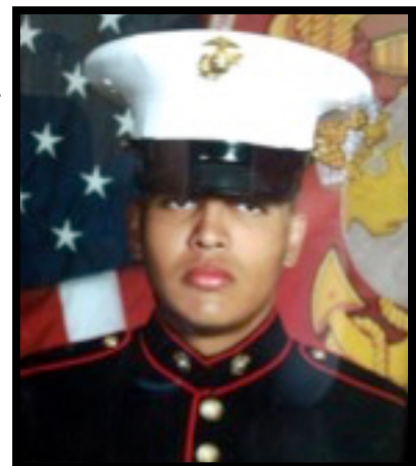


Photo used in Frias's obituary.

Oscar will be missed dearly and *The Highlight* extends our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat.

Information was taken from his obituary on the Greeley Tribune.

IS PERRY THE PLATYPUS ACTUALLY AGENT P?

E. Matier

On August 17, 2007, Disney released one of the most captivating and entertaining television shows that have ever aired. Phineas and Ferb held the attention of people of all ages. The show appealed to children's wildest fantasies. The gang, consisting of Phineas; Ferb; Isabella; Baljeet; Beuford; would spend their summer days building out-of-this-world inventions and buildings. Phineas and Ferb, the two brothers in the show, own a pet platypus. Coincidentally, THERE IS ANOTHER PLATYPUS IN THE SHOW, crime-fighting Agent P.

Agent P is part of a crime-fighting organization. Day after day, Agent P fights his nemesis Dr.Doofenshmirtz, who is hell-bent on destroying the Tri-State Area, and Agent P has to shut down these evil schemes to save all of humanity. Contrary to his species counterpart, Perry does nothing.

All this little platypus does is lay around in the grass and makes a tktktktktkt noise.

Despite the show having 225 episodes, we as the viewer never see the two platypi in the same room. This caused me to think: What if Perry Platypus and Agent P are the same character? At first, I thought "Nah that's insane," but the more I thought about it the more I released there is some pretty compelling evidence to support my theory. First, realistically how many pet platypi are there? Platypi are not very popular pets and the odds of two platypi living in the same city is slim, and honestly, I don't think that's the case. Secondly, the show subtly hints that the two might be the same character. Before the first Agent P scene in every episode Phineas, can be seen saying the words "Hey, where's Perry?" Immediately after the quote the show quickly scene changes to an Agent P scene. Finally, the two platypi have very similar looks. They have the exact seem beak and tail, the only difference between the two is Agent P diminishes a hat. I theorize that Agent P and Perry are actually the same platypi, however; when he's at home he takes off his hat to keep his identity secret.





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