



# COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## TIGER TALES



Ya better not pout, ya better not cry.  
Mr. Andrew's tellin' you why!



Thought we were  
decorating doors!  
Not Ayden.



The decoration contest was "in process" at the time of newspaper publication. Completed doors and the winner will be announced in the January paper. The ER class with the winning door receives a pizza party on Friday, December 17th.



# 8th Grade Student Spotlight

**KEYLEN WHITE** By: Brodie



What is your favorite holiday? Christmas  
 What is your favorite hobby? Playing Football  
 What is your favorite color? Red  
 What is your favorite sport to watch? Football  
 What is your favorite music genre? Rap  
 What is your favorite video game to play? Fortnite  
 What is your favorite sport to play? Football  
 What is your favorite book to read? Clifford  
 Who is one of your favorite friend to hang out with? Samuel, Roberto  
 What scares you the most? Haven  
 What is your favorite movie to watch? Dumb n Dumber  
 What is your favorite thing to eat? Fried Chicken  
 What hour do you like the most? 1<sup>st</sup>  
 How tall are you? 6'0

**ESMERELDA MORALES** By: Peyton



What's your favorite color? Green  
 What's your favorite holiday? Why? Christmas because I like Christmas.  
 What is your favorite gift you've received? Why? A pony, because I liked ponies at the time.  
 What is your favorite food? Pasta  
 What's your favorite subject? Why? History because it's exciting and I like learning about the past.  
 What's your favorite hour? Why? 7th hour because it's exciting.  
 What's your favorite sport, and did you ever do any other sports you liked? My favorite sport is basketball and another sport I played that I liked was softball.



Commerce Eighth Graders Excel in Writing Contest  
 Four Years in a Row



Sophia Highley won the VFW Patriot Pen Essay Contest for this District. This is the second year in a row in which Sophia has placed first. Commerce captured the top three places with Dominick Harter placing second and Landry Fleming taking third. Their essays are now being judged on the regional level. Each of these winners will receive their medals and cash awards at a ceremony in January. Congratulations. This is CMS's fourth year to win first in this contest. The topic this year was "How Can I Be A Good American."



Pictured L to R: Dominick Harter, Sophia Highley, Landry Fleming



**Teacher Spotlight: Mary Jane Barker** by: Jasmyn Floyd

**Favorite part of teaching?** Building student relationships  
**Why did you choose Commerce?** A new adventure  
**Where did you teach before?** Roosevelt Elem. Miami, 2nd gr.  
**How many years teaching?** 30 yrs. And 2 as an Asst. Principal  
**Hobbies?** Bargain shopping, gardening, flea markets  
**What do you teach?** Reading  
**Husband is also a teacher?** HS principal, athletic dir., boys basketball coach CHS  
**Children?** 4 Haley, Hannah, Matt, Kim  
**Favorite Christmas tradition?** Spending Christmas Eve with family, eating, opening presents, playing games  
**Favorite Christmas movie?** Annabelle's Wish



CONGRATS SOFTBALL!! LUCKY 7 DISTRICT CHAMPS



TIGER BASKETBALL IS IN ACTION



Pictures courtesy of Amber Bonham, Jayma White, Kara Bruton



## The Magic Snow Globe

By: Adaya Chevere

It was a few days before Christmas that my great aunt Pat came to visit, she came during a snowstorm and she only stayed for a few minutes.

“Hello Aunt Pat, what brings you here?” I ask thoughtfully.

She pushed out of my way into the house and placed a neatly wrapped gift on the kitchen table.

“Oh you’re just going to love this gift!” She said, her voice sounding so old and frail.

Now it had been since I was in highschool that I had seen her, I was surprised by the way she just walked in, but I shrugged it off, she must have been so excited to see me anyway.

“Go on, open up! I’ve only got a few seconds before I need to make it to the airport!”

“You’re not going to stay?”

“Why no! I’ve got to get to your mothers house in New York.” She said.

I smiled and did as she told me too, I began to take off the beautifully wrapped paper.

“Careful! It’s fragile.”

I chuckled and gently opened the box. I gasped and lifted up the crystal clear snow globe. Carved inside it was Santa’s wooden workshop. It had tiny windows that lit up the inside. The outside of the windows were decorated with Christmas lights and a green wreath decorated with red and gold bulbs hung on the door that was carved in the very middle. It was a lovely gift. It was very thoughtful of her, but I thought something felt off about this snow globe, it was so...real should I say? A little weird how she just gave it to me out of the blue. I looked up to say thank you but my aunt Pat was nowhere to be seen. I quickly rushed to the window, her car was gone as well. I looked down at the snowglobe to see a tiny note attached to it. I lifted it up to my face and read aloud.



“I have had this since I was a little girl, it has brought many treasures into my life and I hope it brings the same to you. With love

-Aunt Pat”

Tilting my head I thought, “Treasures?” I rolled my eyes and placed the snow globe on the window sill. “Crazy Aunt Pat!” I giggled.

The night just before Christmas Eve I found myself sitting on my bed looking out at the moon from my window; the snow globe sitting on my dresser, its yellow glow from the windows shown dimly.

I sighed as I head an old polaroid photo of my family hugging each other and laughing. We were all outside in our wooly coats; noses all pink.

“If I had enough money I could go out to see you guys..”

It was taken just before my highschool graduation on Christmas day. I had spent all of my savings on the college I had been dreaming of attending since middle school, and I had no more money to spare for a plane ticket back home My family would stay down at my mom’s house for the entire Christmas week celebrating the one time of year we would all be together. This would be my second year which I would not attend.

Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye, I noticed a bright light coming from the snow globe. I turned to look and I was amazed. “What in the...” The workshop lights were glowing brighter and there were shadows of little people working in the building. I lifted up the snow globe searching for a button of some sort that might have been pressed somehow, but there was nothing.

“That’s weird..Nothing?” I mumbled to myself.

I jumped as I heard a snapchat notification come from my phone, and when I looked I it was from my best friend, Allison. It read:

I just bought us both tickets to our home town!

Wow, really? How could you afford it?

I got paid extra last week for working the weekends and I got enough tips for two tickets home!

Oh my gosh, really?? When do we go?

Pack your stuff for the trip because we are heading to the train station tomorrow!

Already on it I can’t wait!

The first item I placed carefully in my suitcase was this “magical snow globe!” Merry, Merry Christmas.





## The "Secret" Word by: Miranda

The first TWO people to unscramble this word associated with Thanksgiving and find Miranda Potter will win a prize.

N E S T R N O A M



## Band and Choir Christmas Concert



The CMS Marching Band directed by Jason Dunn in the Commerce Christmas Parade. Their Christmas concert featuring both band and vocal performances will be Thursday, Dec. 16th at 7:00pm in the high school gymnasium.

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click on link for more info.

## Roving Reporter by: Jorja

### What Does Christmas Mean To You?

Brooklyn Horn- Spending time with family.  
 Elizabeth Henry- Being with family  
 Bella Rush- Spending time with family.  
 Breana Munoz- Santa.  
 London Swimmer- Happiness and family and presents.  
 Ms Summers - Fixing Christmas breakfast for my family  
 Mr Edwards - Mariah Carey time  
 Rowan O'brien - Hanging out with my family, and being happy.  
 Perla Silva- Learning about Jesus.  
 Edwin Sanchez- being with family.  
 Maya Beytrison- Presents  
 Daya Bowman- Being with my family.  
 Natalie Sanchez- spending time with family  
 Mrs. Vazquez- Spending time with family  
 Peyton Williams- The story behind Christmas.

# The Mystery Person

The first two people to find this person will win a "sweet" prize.

Brown Eyes

Favorite sport is softball

Height 5'6"

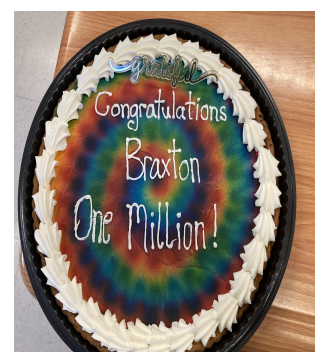
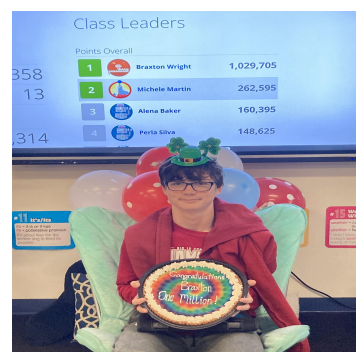
Athletic

I love Christmas

I play shortstop on the softball team



## Braxton Wright Accumulates One Million Points on Vocab.com





## DECEMBER EMPLOYEE AND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Mrs. Martin-ELA



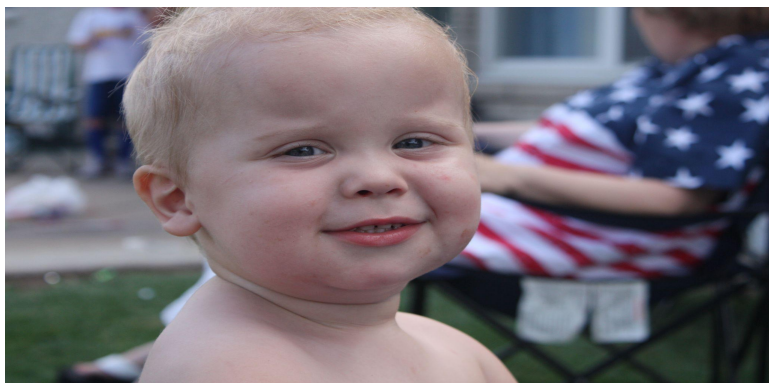
Ashley Chavez-8th



Adanely Saldana-7th



Hayden Gleaves-6th



Who Are  
These  
Tiger Cuties??

### December Birthdays

6-Ayden  
7- Charbel  
9-MaKenzi  
9-Trendon  
10-Ethan  
10-Nicholas

11-Hayden  
12-Beatriz  
13-Felesha  
14-Avery  
15-Nikyla  
16-Kimberly  
16-Sebastian  
16-Jamie  
21-Jasmyn  
23-Seth  
26-James

26-Ashley  
26-Shantall  
29-Danny  
29-Adanely  
30-Addisyn  
31-Madison





