

# NMS NEWS



FROM A KIDS POINT OF VIEW

APRIL 2018

## The NEW Juan Elguezabal Memorial Baseball Field

Stop by this Friday April 20th, and enjoy some home town action as the Nysa Bulldogs take on Joseph/Enterprise/Wallow in their first home game of the season on the newly relocated Juan Elguezabal Memorial Baseball Field.

Countless hours, along with less than favorable weather conditions have gone into the construction and preparation by several NSD staff and community members to help get the field ready for this Friday's baseball action.

Plans for a formal dedication ceremony are slated for this fall. So come brave Mother Nature's elements and cheer on our team. Double header action starts at 3 p.m.



## Strange and Ridiculous Laws?

By Zach Friend

Have you ever wondered what some of the most ridiculous laws in the U.S? Here are some of them.

- In Arizona you are not allowed feed pigs garbage, which is disgusting anyway.
- Arkansas say it's strictly forbidden to say their states name wrong, I understand this because people don't appreciate when other people mispronounce your name.
- In California it is illegal to eat frogs, even if they were already dead!
- In 2013, Hawaii passed a law that all passengers in a vehicle must be seat belted or it's a \$100 even if the car is full, but you won't get ticked if you sit in a pickup bed if you are over 12 years of age.
- Idaho is very strict on cannibalism. You will be sentenced 14 years of prison unless it was all you could eat to survive.
- In Indiana you are not allowed to fish with your hands, which is really weird . What are bears supposed to do/
- In Kentucky you are **not** allowed to dye baby chicks, ducklings, or rabbits any color of the rainbow. If caught you will be illuminated with

a \$100-\$500 fine.

- I guess in Massachusetts it's illegal to blow up a golf ball? It's a \$500 fine and if you repeat it you, will be sentenced jail time.
- Montana passed a law that you could salvage any type of roadkill and eat it.
- In Nevada it's illegal to throw item off of a chairlift, I understand this law because it could end up hitting someone.
- In Rhode Island if you intentionally bite your friends arm off you will go to jail, but if it was an accident you are fine.
- In South Dakota farmers are allowed to fire off fireworks to scare bird away from their sunflowers but any other crop you can get in trouble.
- In Vermont it is illegal to shoot bird for fun.
- In Wyoming it is illegal to harm a fish with a gun.

These are some of the many weird laws in America. They get you thinking about why laws are passed, even if their ridiculous. They have to pass laws like these because things like this have happened before.

## Yearbooks On Sale



You won't want to miss out on all the memorable photo moments that Mr. Draper's publication classes worked so hard on putting together.

You will have years of enjoyment to keep for a lifetime.

Stop by the office and place your order for the 2017-2018 Yearbook.

This year's cost are

- \$20 each
- \$22 w/ DVD

# Are Schools Unsafe?

By Zach Friend & Madison Burgess

Are Schools Unsafe? This question has been surrounding our world after the many school shooting that have taken place. These shootings affect the way that schools around the country feel.

If our schools are unsafe, should we have procedures that the students have to follow? Should we have rules that allow the school to be safe but, not interrupt student's privacy?



Some things that schools are doing to protect students are the involvement of clear backpacks and IDs. In some ways the clear backpacks are invading your right to privacy at school. These backpacks could show personal belongings that

you don't want others to know about.

Although that it does make sense to have clear backpacks to see if a person has a weapon it could affect people that are innocent. You may carry things in your backpack that are important for hygiene needs and you don't want other students seeing them or you could be carrying family photos that others don't need to see.

Clear backpacks could cause problems with bullying too. The clear backpacks not only show teachers what students are carrying but, other students can see what they are carrying too.

Students at Parkland are required to follow these protocols and they feel that this goes against their rights. Although having a clear backpack can be beneficial but it also has its cons.

We believe that there are other solutions to this problem. Instead, the school could do activities at lunch to insure that no student

feels left out or alone. This could be sitting with someone new at lunch or even talk to someone who looks lonely. Schools could improve by a lot if students were kind to each other, even if someone doesn't fit in.

Teachers and other staff in schools need to enforce this to students. If we were influencing others to be kind, it could change the way that everything is.

We need to be kind not just in schools, but in our everyday life. This would change the world and schools could be better too.

So don't forget to be kind to everyone and make a difference.

**STAND UP!**  
PREVENT BULLYING NOW!  
**SPEAK OUT!**

# BOOK OR MOVIES?

By Madison Burgess

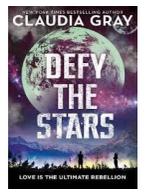
We all do many things in our spare time. Most of us hang out with friends or spend time with family, but once in a while we have some time to go watch a movie, read a book or just relax. I am going to be looking at some of the top movies and books from 2018 so far.

The first movie that is popular is Love, Simon. This movie was released on March 16th of this year. It is the first movie to focus on gay teenage romance. It features a boy named Simon. Simon finds out about the confession of one of his peers, who came out as gay online anonymously under the name "Blue". Simon and Blue start to talk online and Simon admits things to him. As Simon seeks out, "Blue" many problems arise. Watch the movie to find out more!

Another movie that is at the top of the watch list is Truth Or Dare. This movie is from the producers of Happy Death Day and Get

Out. It was released on Friday April, 13th. The plot of the movie is that Olivia, Lucas and some of their friends travel to Mexico. While they are there, a stranger convinced them to play truth or dare. This game seems harmless but a curse is attached. The rules are simple tell the truth or die, do the dare or die, stop playing and you die. Something or someone is forcing the friends to share dark secrets and confront their worst fears. If you want to find out more, watch the movie.

Some of the top reads this month are Given To The Sea and Defy The Stars. Given To The Sea is about a young girl by the name of Khosa(Co-sa). She is a girl who was born to be feed to the water, her flesh is the only thing that can prevent a wave like the one that destroyed Kingdom of Stille(Still) long ago. But before she is allowed to dance, she must produce a heir. Yet even the thought of human touch sends shudders down her spine that not



even the sound of the tide can match. This books release date was on April 11th.

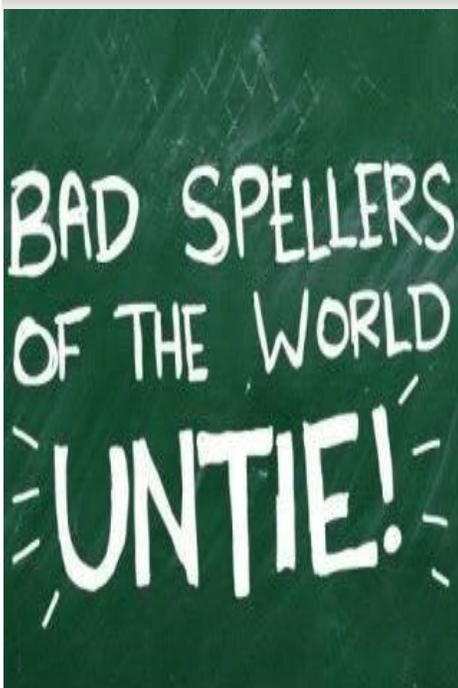
Another book at the top of the list is Defy The Stars. This book is about Noemi(Naomi) Vidal(Vid-all) who is teen soldier. She is fighting for the planet of Genesis, which was once a colony for Earth, but now fights for independence. After a surprise attack, Noemi gets stranded on a ship with Abel, one of Earth's robotic mecs. She has a plan to use Abel, since he has to obey her, to fight for Genesis's independence, even though it will destroy him. This book was released on April 4th.

Just a few of the new movie titles and books released this month.

I think that if we take time to find things that we love then we can enjoy our lives more.

## DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Nyssa Middle School Dance - April 27th 1:30-3:00 p.m



# What's Happen, LOCALLY?

By Madison Burgess

There are many events happening around us this month. The two that are going to be in focus this month are, The Apple Jam and the 2018 Relief Run, Color Blast.

The first event is the Apple Jam. The Apple Jam is hosted by the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce. This event takes place on April 21st, 2018 at the Olde School Community Center. The Olde School Community Center is located at 500 SW 3rd St.

The event runs from 5pm to 9 pm. Tickets are required to get into this event but, they can be found for \$25 dollars at Big Sky Sportswear, Reece Hrizuk Attorney at Law, and the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce in downtown Fruitland. This event raises money for the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce and the Olde School Community Center.

Another event that is happening is the 2018 Relief Run. This event is a 5k walk or run. It is

held in Ontario at Back-Kiwanis Park at the address: 455 N.W. 8th Ave, Ontario OR. It is \$25 dollars per person or \$75 dollars for a group of four. You will be able to toss color at your friends and they can toss color at you too! Registration can be found at [http://bluecirclesports.com/EventDetail\\_Master.aspx?meid=3144](http://bluecirclesports.com/EventDetail_Master.aspx?meid=3144). Also you can go to [bluecirclesports.com](http://bluecirclesports.com), pick your event, then select walk or short distance, select Oregon as state, and the Color Blast Run will show up. Select whichever option suits you and the registration pops up.

To contact the race director by email, compose mail to [kathy\\_collins@tvcn.org](mailto:kathy_collins@tvcn.org). For more information go to [tvcn.org/colorblast/](http://tvcn.org/colorblast/). This race supports a good cause and helps to protect those children in abusive homes. You should look into these events and maybe even find some of your own. You should also be aware of what is happening in and around your community.

# Are We Headed for Extinction, TOO?

By Madison Burgess & Zach Friend

Today, there are 8.7 million animal species on this planet called "Third rock from the Sun" and currently, 25,109 species are in danger of extinction.

Several different factors like global warming, poaching and deforestation are playing a huge part in the extinction of



these species.

Up first, is the polar bear species. Due to the effects of global warming the polar bear's habitat is shrinking away. Sea ice is a key part of the polar bear's survival. One of the ways to help reduce in the shrinkage of sea ice is reducing global greenhouse gases. What do you think will happen to the polar bear?

Another species, that is in just as much

danger as the polar bear is, the Bengal Tiger. Bengal tigers are going extinct due to poaching, habitat loss and increasing population.

You may be asking why Bengal Tigers are poached?

Poachers sell their pelts and they have become very valuable. They are also poached for trophies since they are very dangerous. Habitat loss and increased population are also affecting this tiger.

The Bengal Tiger's habitat is twenty percent smaller due to the population increase which decreases the amount of prey that the tiger hunts. What will happen to these Bengal tigers?



One of the most interesting species that we ran across that is almost extinct would be the Red Panda.

Because of more recent deforestation, poaching, accidental trapping and illegal pet trade, the Red Panda populations have increasingly declined.

The pandas mainly live in Himalayan forests which have been cleared by logging operations to increase farmland. Even if partially cut down, deforestation can lead to massive population loss.

The poaching problem accrues due to people wanting Red Panda's pelts or the belief that some parts of this panda have medicinal properties. Red pandas are often accidentally caught in traps meant for bears or wolves.

Being sold illegally, Red Panda's are thought to be cute and personable. This is a horrible idea because Red Panda's are not domesticated animals. Many of the captured and sold pandas die because of improper care.

Clearly, people should be more careful around all types of creatures, in danger of extinction or not. If we take care of the animals we have, then the generations to come will be able to enjoy them too.

## INDY IN OCTOBER

By Chad Cruickshank

The Nyssa FFA had the opportunity to be involved in the annual FFA State Convention in Redmond Oregon over Spring Break. We had 26 students involved in the Activity. Starting with winning our 8<sup>th</sup> straight State FFA Title.

This was a team effort by all. The Nyssa FFA will be going back to National Convention in October and representing the State of Oregon in Farm and Ranch Management.

The Seniors competed in their proficiency areas along with other students in

their respective areas. Nyssa had a total of 10 District winning proficiencies.

The Juniors received their State Degree's on the State Stage and had a very nice luncheon provided for these students.

The Sophomores won the State Title in FBM. The Freshman participated in proficiencies and served on committees.

Overall it was a great success for the Nyssa FFA Chapter and we could not be



happier with our Nyssa FFA Students Success Stories.

## OBOB, What is OBOB?

By Madison Burgess

Well, many of you are probably asking yourselves the question of, "What is OBOB?". I am here to answer that exact question.

OBOB is an acronym or abbreviation for a competitive book club. The event that this book club will participate in an event called: Oregon Battle Of The Books or OBOB.

Representing Nyssa MS for the 2017/18 regional tournament in Hermiston, OR was team, "Thunder Dawg's". This included Nevaeh Tyon, Ellie Munk along with myself.

OBOB was first founded in 2006. In the beginning the event coordinators only had elementary and middle school competitions, but by 2009, the committee added the high school division.

This was the second year NMS participated in the competition. Last year's team

consisted of four members which were Brock Payne, Neveah Tyon, Infinity Hamilton, and myself. We placed ninth out of twenty-two teams.

After we lost, we went sightseeing around Pendleton, OR. We returned home at about 3 o'clock p.m. that same day.

We had a lot of fun this year. We went up the night before and stayed in the Comfort Inn where we practiced, watched some T.V and got to go swimming. Each member of the team also got twenty dollars to spend on lunch and dinner.

We got up at about 6:00a.m. the next morning to prepare for the tournament that day. We also got to eat a good breakfast at the hotel.

Finally, we landed at the Hermiston High School, where the competition was held. While we were waiting, I decided to check out the vending machine. It stole my quarters! Mrs. Hernandez tried to help out

by putting in a dollar bill. Quarters came out flying everywhere. After chasing them around the hallway, I had to walk away from that stupid machine.

The trip came to an end as we finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place, headed for home going our separate ways. We all gained a little more knowledge for next year and hopefully many years ahead.

The tournament was one of the most exciting and interesting things that I did this year. If you want to join OBOB next year then you should stop by the library to get more info. You won't regret you did.



# KUDOS KORNER

## Video Contest Winners

1st- Nate Jensen/Richard Dawson; The Cat Snatcher  
2nd- Anthony Bieker; Nyssa, OR Drone View  
3rd- William Pack/Dyandra Pack/Billie Harlan; The Weird Show

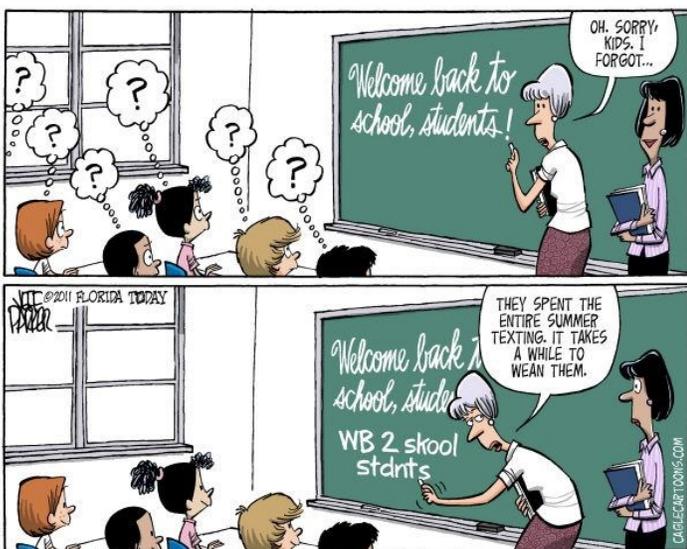
## Middle School Track

Landon McDowall— 24.58 in 200 meter

## Middle School Tennis

Record of has won 13 - 21 matches

Know of someone who needs to be recognized? Drop us a name(s) at [mslibrary@nyssa.k12.or.us](mailto:mslibrary@nyssa.k12.or.us)



## The Game Master Corner

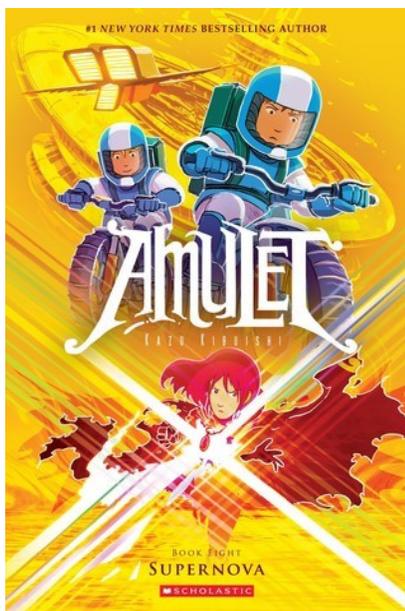
By Jose Luis Chavez

Hey everybody, I hope you are surprised to see Amulet volume eight SUPERNOVA, is due for release this fall September 25th 2018.

I am so excited to see the new amulet book 8 and I have been waiting for a very long time, since the fall of 2015.

Kazu Kibuishi, author of the Amulet series saga said, "I knew that I would need to shift gears and I was looking forward to trying my hand at the genre, but I didn't quite expect what a mammoth task this would be."

I am super excited to share this news with you and I'll see you next month Everybody!



# NMS CLUBS

Keep up to date with all the different club's meeting dates and times. These are also posted in hallway on the calendar.

SMILE	Wednesdays @ 3:10-3:45pm
Student Council	Thursdays @ 12:15pm
Book Dawg's	Tuesdays @ 12:00pm
FCA	Every other Monday after school
NMS NEWS	Wednesdays @ 12:00pm

# BULLDOG Spotlight

By Kate Vineyard  
Contributor

**Bulldog Spotlight**, a monthly feature, interviews students, staff. Find out about these folks and what they are up to when they're not here on campus.

## Bulldog Spotlight: Jayden Madrid

Kate: Who's your favorite pop-star?

Jayden: OH, TAYLOR SWIFT!

KV: Where is one place in the world you would really like to go?

JM: I think, CHINA.

KV: Do you have a favorite instrument?

JM: a Flute

KV: What's your favorite hobby?

JM: I enjoy drawing.

KV: Do you have a favorite TV Show?

JM: The Flash

KV: Favorite sport to play?

JM: hummmm.....Football

KV: What wild animals do you like?

JM: Lions.

KV: What time of year do you like best?

JM: Winter

KV: If you could be anything in the world, what would it be?

JM: A VET

KV: If you could go to Outer Space, who would you send?

JM: CESAR