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## The Wonderful World of Mr. Hauder

By Ella Tracy and Olivia Edmiston

The famous Mr. Hauder, our principal, is a legend here at Carroll. He is great at his job, and we all love him.

Mr. Hauder was born January 7, 1954 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has 2 brothers (John and Patrick) and 3 sisters (Janet, Julia, and Pam). He was the second oldest, and he definitely lived in a full house.

Mr. Hauder was no stranger to his principal in school. Despite getting into trouble (a lot), he wanted to be a lawyer. He graduated from high school and went to Butte College, then studied journalism. He went there 2 years before he got a job at a bookstore, and he loved it. He moved to Seattle, WA to manage a bookstore. Mr. Hauder then moved back to California and went back to Chico State for about two



more years. He realized that if he wanted to become a lawyer, he'd have to go to school a lot longer. He looked into teaching; realized that it would take a shorter amount of time, and he seemed interested in it. After three years, Mr. Hauder graduated from National University with his administrative and teaching credentials.

Following graduation, he found a position as a science and later computer teacher. His fate led him next to become a Reading Specialist, and then a Math Specialist. After about 9 years of teaching, Mr. Hauder

got a job to become a vice principal in the Dry Creek District. A couple years later, Mr. Hauder moved back to Elk Grove to become a vice principal at David Reese Elementary, eventually becoming the principal. After hearing about an opening at Carroll, he applied and was surprised to

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## And Here's to You Mrs. Robinson!

By: Mikaiya Philip

Mrs. Robinson is well known as our vice principal, but she's a lot more than just that. Now that she is retiring, we wish her the best. Let's dig into her past, present, and future. Mrs. Robinson grew up in Berkeley, and she was a smart girl! She participated in her school's gate program, or high potential class. She was a girl scout for 4 years, and she loved kickball. In 4th grade she was selected to attend an all-white school with a few other students (schools were still mostly segregated at this time). Could you imagine that this would be exciting but also a little scary? Later when she was studying as a young adult, she discovered that her picture from when she was a little girl, was in a textbook called Negro American History!



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# Mysteries of Ancient Machu Picchu

By Mikaiya Philip



High in the Andes Mountains in Peru lies an ancient Inca city known as Machu Pic-

chu. Archeologists suspect that it was built for an Emperor named Pachacuti in 1450. There are different theories about its purpose. It might have been Pachacuti's royal getaway, or it could have served as a military fortress, or maybe it was a religious site. Machu Picchu was built in an unusual spot on a ridge, high in the Andes mountains. It was between not one, but two fault lines, and this left it prone to earthquakes. As if that was not enough, Machu Picchu also received torrential rains which caused landslides. It survived despite all of this, and was a remarkable work of engineering!

The granite blocks used to build Machu Picchu were about 50 tons (100,000 pounds), and somehow each block was shaped, dragged, and lifted into place. There wasn't any modern equipment like iron tools and wheels, so instead they used stones to chip away at blocks to shape them to fit into place, and they used log rollers to drag stones on uphill paths that they paved. Engineers also built fountains all around the fortress that carried fresh spring water, just the right amount for the inhabitants.

The engineers that constructed Machu Picchu were very thoughtful about how to prevent flooding. They built terraces that had layers at each level to help with drainage. At the top there was a layer of top soil to absorb and filter the water. After the soil came sandy gravel, then rocks. The water was filtered through the layers and then absorbed into the ground. Many drains were scattered throughout the city to get rid of any extra water.

If Machu Picchu had everything the Incas wanted, then why did they abandon it? Amazingly, the Spanish conquistadors never discovered it and so even though they demolished many other ruins nearby, Machu Picchu was left untouched. The people that lived

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# You are a Runner

By Isaac Solaiman

Have you ever considered joining Carroll's Track Team? If you are like me, you probably think you have to be a great runner. The truth is, track is a great sport for everyone. I decided to join track this year and learned so many things. It doesn't matter if you are fast or slow, if you are big or small, if you are a boy or girl, or if you play other sports. Everyone can benefit from running. It can help you with swimming, football, baseball, basketball, and pretty much any other sport. Running builds endurance, helps increase speed, and builds leg strength. All which are important for doing well in sports. Not only is it good for your physical health, but it is also good for your mental health and builds your self-confidence.

Running and other exercise helps your body release a chemical called endorphins that help decrease stress, helps you sleep better, and improves your mood. When a person has a lot on their mind, sometimes running can help get their thoughts together and help them find a solution to their problem.

Track is sometimes considered an individual sport, but it is also a team sport. During track meets, runners compete against other runners and themselves to set the fastest time and obtain personal records. They also run relays in which teams of four runners race and pass a baton to the next runner and attempt to finish first amongst the other teams. Some runners are really fast and compete in short distance races, but although they are very fast in short distance, a distance runner can outrun a sprinter in a longer race. It is about finding your strength and building on it. Justin Manns, a 5th grader at Carroll got 1st place at the Trigg Track Meet in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.12 seconds! That's fast!

If you are considering joining track next year, it is important to keep some things in mind. Running makes you sweat, so it is very important to stay hydrated and eat healthy foods like bananas, healthy grains, and protein. It is important to drink water throughout the day, but if racing, you should eat a good breakfast and a light snack 30 minutes or longer before the race.

Track can help improve your body in many ways. Regardless of how fast or how slow you think you are, you

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# 4th of July

By Dominic Price

Don't you just love the 4th of July and all of the pretty fireworks bursting in the night sky? Oh, and let's not forget the parades, hot dogs, baseball games, and apple pie....we can't forget the pie! All of these things we associate with the 4th of July, but have you ever thought about why we celebrate it, and what's it all about?

It all began long ago in the late 1700s, when the colonists weren't happy being ruled by Britain. They were tired of having no voice in the government, felt King George the III



was a bad ruler, and that he only looked out for himself and didn't care about their well being. In 1776, many colonist were ready to declare themselves independent from Britain. In the summer of 1776, Thomas Jefferson was asked to draft a declaration about American Independence, and with that the

**Thomas Jefferson** Declaration of Independence was born. The Declaration announced the Continental Congress's decision to become independent from Britain and form a new nation, the United States of America. In the Declaration, there were reasons listed why their independence was necessary as well as great ideas, such as "All men are created equal" and good government listens to it's citizens. The Declaration was signed by all 56 delegates on July 4, 1776.

Ever since then, the 4th of July is known as Independence Day. People have celebrated over the years with many forms of celebration. From shooting off cannons to lighting fireworks. It's all for the love of America and the freedom our founding fathers fought for us.

Some fun facts about the 4th of July are: the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia wasn't rung on the 4th, 1776. It was actually rung on the 8th during the Declarations of Independence first public reading. Have you ever heard the expression, "Put you John Hancock here"? That's all due to Mr. John Hancock himself, who was the first to sign the Declaration, as the president of the Continental Congress. Also, the Declaration of Independence was voted and approved on the 2nd of July, but

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**Book Review** By: Vivian Hoang

## Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli



Deserts, a ukulele, constellations, a pet rat, and meditation. What in the world do all of these things mean?! Easy. A novel that is sure to open your heart and make you embrace the fact that everyone is unique.

Stargirl Caraway, a sixteen year-old, enrolls in Mica High-School, a presumably, "normal" place. However, Stargirl

was the exact opposite of that. She wears outrageous clothing to school (kimonos, buckskins, 1920 flapper clothes, and pioneer clothing), sings songs with a ukelele, and carries a pet rat with her everywhere. Stargirl also likes to "erase herself" while meditating in the desert. This book literally gives off a magical aura, (I'm not kidding) this book is also ideal for those stressful moments in life.

When one reads Stargirl, they are not just reading plain text on a meaningless sheet of paper, they are smelling the intoxicating smell of the desert, then experiencing the joy and sorrows of a sixteen year-old who calls herself Stargirl.

Of the vast books kids have read so far, Stargirl best highlights and encourages young kids to be different and to live by the statement, "Ignorance is Bliss," (Well, sometimes anyways).

This book also confronts the subject that no one else dares to touch: self-acceptance. These days, self-acceptance is a major problem due to people who care deeply about self-image. They only care about impressing people, and not themselves. Stargirl not only teaches you this, but it also teaches the main character too, that self-acceptance is something that you should express.

But honestly, reading this piece of art will even go as far as to make you forget that you have seven tests tomorrow! (Don't remind me...).

# What's Up with Pluto?

By Nichole Morris

Pluto does not follow the same rules of orbit like Earth, Mars, Jupiter, etc. Pluto is considered a dwarf planet. A dwarf planet is a celestial body that only meets the first two criteria in the new definition of a planet. The three criteria that must be met are that the planet or object must be in orbit around the sun. Second, it also must have a nearly round shape. Finally it must "clear the neighborhood around its orbit." This phrase means it has become gravitationally dominate.

Pluto is as big as half of the United States. That is approximately from California to Kansas. But Pluto is still slightly bigger than the planet Mercury. Pluto takes 248 Earth years to go around the sun. If you lived on Pluto, you would have to wait 248 Earth years to celebrate your next birthday! One day on Pluto is six and one half days on Earth.

Pluto has five moons, the largest is Charon and the other four are Kerberos, Styx, Nix, and Hydra. What is Pluto like, you ask? Well it is very, very cold there. Pluto is colder than Antarctica! Pluto's temperature is about 375 to 400 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. According to astronomers' scientific research, it is so cold that Earth's air would freeze into some sort of snow.

The gravity on Pluto is very different than Earth's gravity. If people lived on Pluto, they would weigh at least one-third pounds less than their weight on Earth! For example, if you weighed 90 pounds on Earth, on Pluto you would weigh 60 pounds. Pluto is 2,300 kilometers (1,400 miles) wide. Some just accept the fact that Pluto is not a planet, while some astronomers are still trying to find more proof that Pluto is either a planet or is not.



# Chris Formaker

By Aleeze Ali

*"I was, like, very sad, a little frustrated.*

*It made me appreciate every day because you never know when you're going to pass".* -Chris Formaker

What if you got out of bed tomorrow morning to find that you had to make a decision that would affect the rest of your life? Chris Formaker, a local hero who we're lucky enough to have at Carroll Elementary, had to make that decision. He was diagnosed with bone cancer in his leg at age 8.



To save himself, Chris was given three surgical treatment options: amputation, metal joint reconstruction, and rotationplasty. Amputation is fancy for, "surgically cutting off a limb," metal joint reconstruction is the process of replacing part of/a whole joint with a prosthesis (artificial body part) made from metal and durable plastic. Rotationplasty is removing a portion of the patient's leg with the ankle then using it as a knee joint; the foot being repositioned as a result.

Chris said that he chose rotationplasty because "this was the one that would keep me most active and one of the other ones...",[metal joint reconstruction], "...wouldn't even allow me to run or jump."

Rotationplasty is way more complicated than I let on. Throughout this surgical process, the area of the bone in the leg affected by a bone tumor, along with some normal bone is removed. In Chris's case, this meant removing most of his thigh bone and his entire knee in order to make sure all of the cancer was gone. The remaining leg from below the knee is rotated 180 degrees and then reattached to the thigh bone. The thigh bone and the shin bone are held together by a metal plate and screws until fully healed. Afterwards, the rear facing ankle and foot work as a knee joint, allowing the patient more function and movement to live an active life.

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there might have died from war, sickness, or the inhabitants might have simply left. One thing is for certain, even though no one is exactly sure why Machu Picchu was abandoned, it will never be forgotten!



*Ruins at Machu Picchu*

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## Ms. Sarah

By Cole Provost

*“Who doesn’t love a library? It is a place you can go in any town and discover the world.” Pat MacEmuly*

Can’t find a book? Don’t know what to read next? Luckily our wonderful librarian, Ms. Sarah, is here to help!

As a kid Ms. Sarah loved reading even more than sports. The reason she wanted to become a librarian was she loved reading and wanted to help people. She went to college and studied English at UC Davis. When she was done, she landed a job as a librarian at a high school. While it was a good job, Ms. Sarah really wanted to work at an elementary school, to work with younger students and get them to love reading too.



So, if you are looking for a good book, Ms. Sarah would love to recommend one for you. Maybe she will tell you about her favorite, [Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban](#).

Whatever you are interested in, I’m sure Ms. Sarah can help you find the perfect book to read. We are very fortunate to have her as our librarian.

# Aliens and Unicorns

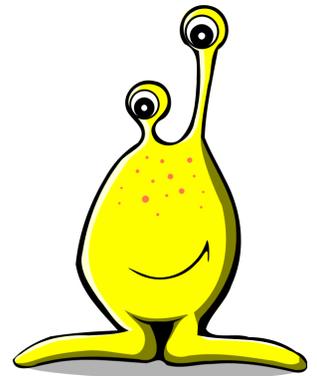
## Are They Real?

By: Mia Wagley and Aeyla Buño

The librarian watched in horror as the UFO swooped down into the library. One by one, her books were being drawn from her neatly organized shelves to the bright blue light on the bottom of the flying disk. Her books! Her library! Her life! As the UFO shot into the sky and into space, the librarian looked around the space that was once her library. The room was messy with papers and book pages everywhere. The aliens had taken it all. She rubbed her eyes and pinched herself, but it wasn’t a dream. It was real. Do you believe it? Do you believe in aliens?

In July of 1947, a UFO, or unidentified flying object, crashed on a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico. The newspapers went crazy. An officer, Jesse Marcel, was sent to pick up the wreckage, but before they could get there, the government wanted to kill the story. The newspaper headlines changed from “RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region” to “‘Disk’ Found on New Mexico Ranch was Just an Army Weather Balloon”. Some people wondered why it took the army so long to figure that out, but the story was almost completely forgotten.

Before he died, Marcel admitted that the weather balloon was a lie to hide the truth. There really was a disk crash. It was nothing from this world. It couldn’t be bent, burned, or cut. The government still tried to hide the event, but a researcher shows that there wasn’t just one crash that summer day, but two. They had encountered each other and crashed. The debris from that crash was about 200 miles away in a New Mexico desert, but this time, there were survivors. When he was only five years of age, Gerald Anderson, his uncle, and his dad, came upon the wreckage. Anderson says that three of them were lying in a straight line with one standing up on the left side. He



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took two days to write. Coincidentally, three of our Founding Fathers died on the 4th of July. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died within hours apart in 1826, the fiftieth anniversary, and James Monroe died in 1831. The 4th of July became a federal holiday in 1941.

As you can see there are so many cool and interesting aspects about the 4th of July. It’s more than a BBQ, it’s more than a parade, it’s more than fireworks, and it’s more than dare I say it....pie. It’s about FREEDOM and thanking our Founding Fathers for giving it to us.



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find he got the job. I think we all know that Mr. Hauder was the right choice as principal because he made Carroll what it is today.

We have also been able to uncover some hidden fun facts about Mr. Hauder. His favorite childhood movies were: The Sound of Music, Swiss Family Robinson, and The Wizard of Oz. Mr. Hauder’s favorite color is blue, and his favorite animal is a dog. Did you know Mr. Hauder has three Great Pyrenees?

Mr. Hauder has his future all set. We all know that he is leaving the school and going to work at a school in Oregon. The school is small and is Kindergarten through 12th grade. It’s in a small town of 300 people so everyone will probably know him. He said he is excited to know how a school like that works. “Kids are kids,” Mr. Hauder said, “and they all are similar. They all laugh and play and talk a lot.”

Mr. Hauder loves getting to know the kids and making them laugh and knows it will be hard to leave. He will miss working at the school and working with the teachers and the staff, but most of all the kids. He will miss seeing the kids on campus and making them laugh at awards assemblies.

When he retires he would like to write books and publish them. He’s always loved writing, and he has already started working on some of his books. He seems to have a good idea of what he wants to do, and we all wish him the best.

From his past to his future, Mr. Hauder has stayed a funny and happy guy. We will all miss him a lot and we hope he has a good time in Oregon. His 11 years at Carroll have been a gift for all of us. Thank you for everything you have done for us Mr. Hauder!

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Although there may be some complications, most children won’t require any surgery afterwards. As long as you’re cool with people knowing what you braved (via the appearance of your leg) like Chris Formaker obviously is, rotationplasty is ideal for any child in this situation.

Obviously, a cool prosthetic on his leg won’t stop Chris from playing his favorite sport and continuing to stay active. For those of you who may not know him very well, Chris stated that his favorite sport was “basketball because I like to move around a lot and that’s the sport that allows me to do it the most.” In fact, Chris loves basketball so much that he wants to be an NBA basketball player when he grows up. How cool is that?



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Mrs. Robinson has been teaching for 31½ years, 17 of which were in Oakland. She also spent some time coaching other teachers. For the past 7 years, she has been vice principal at our school- how lucky are we! Mrs. Robinson loves her students and staff at Carroll. Her favorite parts of her job are going to assemblies and rallies, visiting classrooms, and getting hugs from students. She especially loves the African American read ins at Carroll. Mrs. Robinson is a good listener, and she likes to find new ways to support students. Her favorite quote when students don’t know something, (you might have heard her say this before), is “Look it up!” It might be hard to imagine that Mrs. Robinson is anything other than a vice principal, but she has 3 kids and 6 grandkids!

What will Mrs. Robinson do when she retires? Well, she loves to read and she loves to write, but as a vice principal she never gets the time to do it just for fun. When she retires, she’ll have plenty of time to do both. She also plans to start going to the gym to get healthier and more fit. She’d like to visit her family more often, and she is going to take care of her husband after his knee surgery. Would she ever return to working? She just might! After 6 months she may come back to help in the district or as a substitute teacher. Wouldn’t it be neat to come into school one day and find out your sub is Mrs. Robinson? We’ll miss you Mrs. Robinson!

# Nature Bowl

By Chris Formaker

On April 18, two Nature Bowl teams from Carroll (one 3rd/4th and the other 5th/6th) competed against other local schools at Stone Lake Nature Preserve. Nature Bowl

has been going on for 32 years in this area. There are 5 events in Nature



Bowl: nature relay, bell ringers, team problems, environmental, and nature investigations. Environmental is an event for 3 people. You make a posterboard of a natural problem and ways to solve it. Bell ringers is an event where 3 people compete. You ring the bell to answer a question. Teams compete in a friendly atmosphere, and learn about nature as well.

The 3rd/4th grade team consisted of Tyler King, Joshua Lee, Jacob Ulrich, Tyler Cody, Bella Masuno, Andy Phan, and myself. The 5th/6th grade team (Aleeze Ali, Aeyla Buno, Jacob Eusebio, Terence Diaz, Jonathan Woo, Victoria Trinh) was just added this year. Nature Bowl is a yearly educational program based on science for 3rd through 6th graders. It strengthens the environmental and conservation knowledge. We compete in Nature Bowl so kids can learn

about the natural environment around us.



Mrs. Washington, the advisor, is always looking for outdoor activities for the school. She believes learning about the environment is important, and that teamwork and cooperative learning are important as well. Mrs. Washington believes that kids can learn about the environment more easily through hands on activities.

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will be surprised at how beneficial track can be for you. You don't have to be an athlete or a great runner. Track will help you both physically and mentally, so why don't you give it a try?



The Carroll Track Team

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could recall that the two aliens lying down were dead and the other one was dying. The one that was standing up was trying to communicate with him. His description of large eyes, skinny arms and legs, and a small nose matched most of the other witnesses. Minutes later, the military arrived, sealing off the area. Even with the witnesses and protests, the government has refused to acknowledge the case. No more of the wreckage has been found and most of the witnesses have died.

Do you think aliens are real? No one really knows, but

some people have very strong beliefs.



Unicorns are mythical creatures that “magically create rainbows wherever they go.” I know they're real because I am a unicorn. Shhh, don't tell anyone, it's a secret. But some people think they aren't, so I am going to

tell you about unicorns. A unicorn's grave was rediscovered in a temple in the capital Pyongyang with a rectangular grave that had the words “Unicorn Lair” engraved in it. The discovery proves that Pyongyang was a capital of North Korea.

# Word on the Blacktop by Bella Musano and Avery Tracy

*What will you miss most about Mr. Hauder and Mrs. Robinson?*



Isabella

Ms. Burnat

"I like when he hands out Comet Coupons."



Claire

Ms. Hickman

"When Mr. Hauder makes jokes at the Friday assembly."



Simrat

Ms. Larson

"Mr. Hauder's funny jokes."



Gwenyth

Ms. Washington

"In 1st grade, I was dancing with Ms. Robinson backstage."



Klani

Ms. Licerio/  
Ms. Galapon

"When Ms. Robinson gave me a Comet Coupons."

*What will you miss most about Carroll?*



Jordan

Mr. Baur

"I get to interact with my friends."



Hannah

Ms. Gonzalez

"The Friday rally"



Maddie

Ms. Anderson

"When in 5th grade, classes got together and did field day."



Nyssa

Mr. Milburn

"The fun run"



Noah

Ms. Van Hoosen

"In 5th grade, we were doing tie-dye"

## Last Issue's Staff Members

Mr. Hauder  
5th grade



## Guess the Carroll Staff Member



## Chronicle Staff



Back row (left to right): Mia, Dominic, Olivia, Ella, Mikaiya, Aleeze, Vivian, Cole

Front row (left to right): Aeyla, Chris, Bella, Avery, Isaac, Nichole

Look for the answer in the next issue of the Carroll Chronicle!