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6th Graders: Saying Goodbye to Carroll

By Eleanor Ly



This year, in 2019, 6th graders are promoting to become middle school students, and I am one of the many who are promoting. Some might feel anxious (worried), and some might be excited for many reasons, or even both. I have interviewed some 6th graders about how they feel about leaving Carroll.

It might be awesome to go to middle school because students can experience something different and new. It could help some of them come out of their comfort zone and make new friends. Some of these 6th grade students I have interviewed might feel the same way. I asked everyone the same question. The question is, "Since it is almost your last day at Carroll for 6th grade, how do you feel?" Kemyah said, "Happy." Other people that I have interviewed said something similar to Kemyah like excited, great, amazing, or awesome. Zalma said, "I am excited to go to middle school!" Zaylen and Miranda answered " [We're] Glad to leave."

It also might be very sad to leave Carroll because you're leaving behind your favorite teachers, or your friends might be going to a different middle school. It might even make people feel emotional about leaving. It also might be very challenging because you are leaving your childhood memories. There are some students that I interviewed that might have the same feeling. Morrigan answered, "I will miss it [Carroll]." Kai Charles said, " [I'm] scared of leaving the school." Kareena said, "Stressed because I'm going into a new environment I'm not used to."

Students might relate to all the people I interviewed. We have made many memories like Sly Park, other field trips, new friends, and new learning experiences. I am sure that the Carroll students that are going to middle school will make new friends and learn how to fit into the new environment. It might be scary at first for future middle school students, but we will get used to it. I am also sure that the 6th grade teachers, Dr. Pearson, and Mr. Ferreira are proud of these students and would expect them to impress

everyone in the school. If you're going to middle school very soon, or in the future, how do you feel?



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Life as a Reporter

By Joanna Ly

Every class at Carroll has received a newspaper. It is what you are holding right now. Like every other newspaper, it has articles. It takes work and effort to write an article, but what is it like to have a life as a reporter. How do reporters like me think of ideas, write articles, and send them to classes? I'm not the one asking the question, but the answer that you need is here.

First of all, to write an article, you always need to share your ideas with the rest

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Sly Park Journal

By Tyler Cody

Day: 1

Today was a good introduction to Sly park: we arrived at 9, and I played basketball until the other two schools arrived. When they arrived, we were given our cabins, and I got the best cabin, Porcupine. For lunch, we had corn dogs and tater tots; the food was amazing, unlike our school lunches. After lunch, we went with our hiking groups on a small hike. Then we came back and had soft tacos for dinner. After dinner, we did relay races. My group did fairly poorly and failed to win, but then in tug-o-war we beat all the boys teams. Then we played some games with our hiking groups before bed.

Day: 2

The beds in our cabin creaked every time we moved, so it was rather hard to sleep. To wake us up, they played "Old Town Road," at 7:00 a.m. For breakfast, we had cheerios that were quite bland and egg burritos. We went on the hardest hike, the 2.5 mile creek hike. It is the hardest because on the way back it's 600 ft. uphill. However, the view at the end was spectacular. Lunch was sandwiches, followed up with a trip to the planetarium, which has a blow up tent that they project stars on. Then we had chicken and noodles for dinner. The boys got to see the stars that night, but we couldn't see the moon because it got covered by the trees too quickly.

Day: 3

As they did yesterday we were woken up with a song. Today it was "Sunflower." Today's breakfast was pancakes and sausage, followed by silk screening our shirts. Then we went to the animal room where we got to hold a snake, and it crawled up someone's neck. For dinner, we had chicken strips and mashed potatoes and then practiced the skit we were required to perform. After that, they had some carnival games in the gym, and then we went and played Pictionary with our hiking group. Finally for dessert we got sugar cookies.

Day: 4

On our final full day we were awoken to "Believin'" even though I'd already been up for 20 minutes. Breakfast was eggs and a bis-

cuit, then my hiking group went on a 5 mile lake hike. At the lake, Geico was filming a commercial a 1/2 mile away, so naturally everybody yelled over to try and get in the commercial. After that we had lunch and went rock climbing for an hour or so. This was by far the best part of the trip. We then went geocaching, which is where you look for certain points on a GPS. For dinner we had chicken tacos, and chocolate milk. We did our skits tonight as well and Porcupine's water cycle skit was the best. Sly Park is an amazing experience that every student at Carroll will get to be a part of in sixth grade.



Rise of Skywalker

By Julia Kraemer

Yes everyone, there is a another Star Wars movie coming out and I am ecstatic! To wrap up the trilogy, Rise of Skywalker will open for the world to see on December 20. Now if you have not seen the teaser trailer yet, you may want to watch that before you read this article. In this article, we will be discussing Star Wars fan theories for the next movie.



To start off, you may have thought that Rise of Skywalker was referring to Rey. Since Rey's parents left her at Jakku when she was really young, some theorists believe that her parents were Han and Leia. This could be true, however, others believe that it is referring to the father and son Skywalker duo of Anakin and Luke themselves. In the trailer they say nobody is ever really gone. By the end of the trailer you hear Palpatine/The Emperor give off an evil, shall I say, cackle. A reporter on screenrant.com followed up with more information on this the-

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Here We Come!

By Avery Tracy



It's that time of year again, and I'm not talking about Christmas. I'm talking about the time where we 6th graders leave behind wonderful Carroll Elementary and move on to middle school.

I interviewed an 8th grade student from Toby Johnson Middle School, Ella, and this is her input on her experience at Toby. "Middle school is a very exciting experience. You get to meet new people and continue building long lasting friendships. It's an exciting journey and you learn a lot in and out of school. It's crazy how fast it goes by, so be sure to enjoy every moment. It feels like just yesterday that I was a nervous 6th grader not ready for middle school. It's a lot different than elementary school in so many ways. There's more school work and sometimes it's hard to keep up, but through it all you have amazing classmates and teachers that are there to help. Middle school isn't as scary as it may seem, in fact it allows everyone to grow into what they want to become."

I also decided to interview my fellow classmate and Chronicle reporter, Julia, a 6th grade student from Mr. Baur's class to see how she feels about going into middle school. "I feel nervous, but excited at the same time. It will be a whole new experience, the classes will be different, the food will be different, and I probably will have a whole new group of friends. They added a new class team, Bear, so I'm excited to see how it will play out, but I've heard great things about Toby Johnson Middle School."

Another person I talked to about middle school is Franklin High freshman Nick, to see how he felt about his experience in middle school. "Middle school was a fun experience compared to elementary school. There are a lot of extracurricular activities you are able to join that help you connect with the school and your classmates."



As you can see, almost every 6th grader gets a little nervous about going into middle school, but you always have teach-

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The NBA Draft

By Colin Yu

Have you ever wondered how NBA superstars' careers start? They all begin in the NBA Draft. There are players that are drafted as top picks, but don't live up to their expectations and just become average players. There are also players who are selected as a low overall pick, but become superstars. The NBA Draft is an event that started back in 1947. NBA teams can draft players to join their team if they are eligible to join the NBA Draft. These are typically college basketball players, but international players are also eligible to be drafted. College players who have finished their four-year college eligibility are automatically qualified for selection, while the players who haven't finished their four-year college eligibility have to give up their remaining college years, if they want to join the NBA Draft. There are 2 rounds in the draft, with each round having 30 picks.

Let's take a look at the top three projected picks in the upcoming NBA Draft. The projected number one pick is Zion Williamson. Zion is 18 years old, 6'7 tall, and weighs 285 pounds. He is huge as a small forward, but he has incredible athleticism. He has amazing highlight dunks and layups. His only weakness is his jump-shot, which is very inconsistent. He attended Duke University and averaged 22.6 points, 8.9 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 2.1 steals, and 1.8 blocks. That was his only college basketball season before he declared for the NBA Draft.



Zion Williamson

Ja Morant is projected as the second pick in the NBA Draft. He is a point guard who attended Murray State University. He is 19 years old, 6'3 tall, and weighs 175 pounds. He played college basketball for two years, and in his sophomore season, he led the NCAA in assists and was the first player to average 20 points and 10 assists in a season. He led his team to

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Screen Time During Free Time

by Bailey King

Do you ever spend hours playing video games or checking Instagram without even realizing it? If you do you're like most people. Now, I see how you may be skeptical, "Oh," you say, "... this is going to be another thing my grandma tells me 'Never play those video games, they're rotting your brain.'" I am not saying "NEVER EVER STARE AT A SCREEN AGAIN!" what I am saying is that we should try to limit the time we spend looking at a screen. Added together, you most likely spend anywhere between 1,200 to 2,300 hours a year mindlessly staring at a screen. With this information, do you think that you may be addicted to screens?



I don't have a clean record either. I sometimes stare at a screen for a little too long. We all fall guilty of it, right? Technology is so addicting, but why? I think that it is because everything on our cell phones are changing and we want to know what is different. Someone could have just texted you, posted something on Instagram, a new skin could of come out on Fortnite, and much much much more. At just the press of a button, you could know almost anything. A website I read called The 4 Reasons You're Addicted To Technology states that it is not completely your fault. Tik Tok, for example, is so addicting because that is what they programmed it to do. They want you to be addicted. They want you to check your accounts while standing in line, eating lunch, or on car rides. They make their websites

so good that we keep coming back for more. That is how they make their profit.

Believe it or not, kids are not the only people who get addicted. While you surely hear more stories of kids being addicted rather than adults, adults can definitely be addicted too. When kids or grown ups are addicted, it not only affects them, but people such as friends and family feel neglected.

Screen addiction is much more of a problem than it sounds. It is so serious that it even has a name in psychology: nomophobia. You may ask, "So what, I spend 2,000 hours staring at a screen a year. It won't affect me later on, right?" That is where you would be wrong. Overuse of screens can lead to trouble sleeping and strain on the eyes.



Now that I have told you why you should not look at screens twenty-four seven, here are some things you can do in your free time rather than looking at your phone:

- Play a card game with your family
- Go to the park. Summer break is coming soon so there will be plenty of time to go and have fun.
- Ask your parents or siblings to go outside with you and throw a football, basketball, or play a sport.
- Take up a hobby. For example, I like to bake. Other hobbies are drawing, jump-roping, sewing, or writing.
- Read a book.
- Hang out with friends
- Take walks

Summer is coming up and you will have a lot of free time. I hope that we can all have fun without screens in front of us at all times.

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of the reporters to make things easier as you write. In the meeting, all of the reporters will share their ideas and make sure nobody writes two of the same articles. Then, we always think about how we should organize the paper. Everyone has plenty of time to type, so their ideas for articles will become a success. At a second meeting, all the reporters will check the articles and find mistakes if there are any.

Just flip this newspaper all the way to the end, you will find “Word on the Blacktop”. Surely, many of you already know what this is and what it is for, but just in case you don't know, reporters ask students around the campus one specific question. The student answers it and the reporter snaps a picture of the student. The last step to completing the word on the blacktop and the chronicle newspaper itself is to print out copies of the newspaper and put them together. Since this is the last step and the last meeting of the trimester, we celebrate with snacks! This meeting which is now a party is called “ the folding party”. All we do is put the papers together and eat!

The day after the folding party, the newspapers are ready to be passed out to the whole school. Instead of leaving all the work to the teachers, the reporters themselves get to pass out the newspapers during their recess! Passing out papers is optional, so if you don't want to, you will not get in trouble for not doing it. By the time 5th grade and 6th grade’s recess ends, every class will get what we know as the Carroll Chronicle.

The great thing about being a chronicle staff member in Carroll Elementary is that everyone in our school can see your article, so you will feel pretty proud of yourself once you see someone reading or at least holding a Carroll newspaper. If you are not a chronicle staff member, you still have a chance at being one when you are in 5th grade or 6th grade!



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ers and students there to help you along the way. Even though it may seem way different from elementary school, it’s just a new journey. The only difference between the two is the amount of homework and the switching of teachers each class. With every 7th or 8th grader I have talked to, they have had wonderful experiences in middle school. Also, you’re not the only one going to middle school. Every other 6th grader is preparing to go and get ready to take on the new challenge. Each of us can make the most of this new journey, and I know that we will all grow in the next two years.

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the second round in the NCAA March Madness tournament, upsetting the 5th Seed, Marquette University, but then fell to the 4th Seed, Florida State. In his freshman year in college, he averaged 12.7 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 6.3 assists. He really is an all-around great player because he can do everything from playing defense to being the leader of their offense. Then in his second season, he improved drastically averaging 24.5 points, 5.7 rebounds, and 10 assists. He then declared for the NBA Draft.

The third projected pick in the NBA Draft is RJ Barrett. He also attended Duke University with Zion Williamson. He is a shooting guard or small forward. He is 18 years old, 6’7 tall, and weighs 202 pounds. He averaged 22.6 points, 7.6 rebounds, and 4.3 assists. He is an outstanding shooter, and his only flaw is his defense. Like Zion, RJ also declared for the NBA Draft in his first year in college.

There are many talented prospects that NBA teams can select from during the upcoming draft. Will these drafted players eventually become superstars and have successful careers like LeBron James or Stephen Curry? Well, there’s a huge chance that these top three picks will certainly succeed in the NBA.



Ja Morant

History Boring? Think Again!

By Sophia Edmiston



Ever think your history books are boring? What if you had a chance to see some historical sights in real life? Well, I got the chance to go to West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington D.C. There were many

historical monuments that I read about in my history books that I never thought I would ever see in person.

On our first day we drove to Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. We learned some interesting facts about John Brown and saw the John Brown Wax Museum (which has been reported as haunted and has had ghost sightings), St. John's Episcopal Church, Harper House, and Jefferson's Rock. Harpers Ferry is where the Potomac River and the Shenandoah River meet.

The next day we ventured to Mount Vernon. What's there to see...George Washington's house! We saw his tombstone, Mrs. Washington's garden, and one of the slaves quarters. We got to tour the inside of George Washington's mansion (no pictures allowed) and viewed the bed he died in (creepy!).

My favorite part of the trip was when we visited Washington D.C. We started our day by taking the Metro (local subway-not the sandwich shop) into the city. Our first stop was the White House, which seemed much smaller than I imagined it would be.

We didn't get to go inside but got to enjoy taking pictures out front (next to Secret Service everywhere). We walked through the World War II memorial which had some beautiful fountains to look at. We made our way to the Lincoln memorial and I have to say WOW! It was much larger in person, lots of steps, and the Abraham Lincoln statue was so tall. My little brother found the spot at the top of the steps at the Lincoln Memorial where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. I got chills while I stood in that spot and looked out in front of me



imagining a crowd of people watching. We passed by the Vietnam Veterans memorial and read the names of all the people who died in the war. We walked over to the Washington Monument, it was so tall, and my brother said he had already seen it when Spider-Man climbed up it lol. We also saw the United States Supreme Court and took a little tour, it was so beautiful with marble everywhere. We passed by the United States Capitol building and the library of Congress. We ended our day by watching the San Francisco Giants playing the Washington Nationals. Such a fabulous day and a fun night at a baseball game (Giants won!).

My trip across the country was something I will never forget. If YOU ever have a chance to travel to the East Coast (or anywhere really), I highly recommend it. I now look forward to learning about new things in my history book.

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ory. As they state, "The original Star Wars trilogy focused on oppression and the depiction of good versus evil, but Star Wars prequels took a different approach; they told the story of a chosen one who would bring balance to the Force." In the Star Wars prequels we know that Obi-Wan thought that Anakin Skywalker could be that balance, the chosen one. Although he was wrong and Anakin became known as Darth Vader on the dark side, it is still possible that Anakin is still the chosen one. I know what you are thinking, Anakin is dead. That is very true but he still can complete this task. Presumably Rise of Skywalker will end in an ultimate battle between Palpatine and Anakin. Though he won't be alone. According to screenrant.com Anakin will be joined by his very own son, Luke Skywalker, and finally balance the force. How can this be? Well, Anakin, Luke and Palpatine will come back as a force ghost because as it states in the teaser, "Nobody is ever really gone." Okay if this does not make you blow your mind, I don't what will.

This theory really intrigued me and I encourage you to read the rest of screenrant.com's article on Star Wars theories. Also, if you have not seen many or no Star Wars movies at all, I strongly encourage that too. They were amazingly directed and I have personally enjoyed every second of all ten of them!



The Importance of Kindness Week

By: Madyson Fernald

Have you ever thought about how Kindness Week came to be at Carroll Elementary? Mr. Ferreira, our vice principal, introduced Kindness Week last year. It was an idea that he brought from David Reese Elementary, his previous school. Mr. Ferreira thought that Kindness Week would be a way for Carroll students to create chances to show kindness to one another.

Vice Principal Ferreira thought it would be a great idea to start Kindness Week at our school because at his previous school he saw that the students were including others, going out of their way to help others, and they seemed more positive. Kindness Week is a way for our students, teachers, staff, and administrators to create the warm feeling you get when someone is extra kind to you. During Kindness Week, our students participated in activities that helped make it a success. Some classes decorated their classroom doors with kindness posters, there were kindness



stations where we could give shout outs to students that had shown kindness to us, and kind-

ness hearts where we could make comments about the times that we had shown acts of kindness.

As everyone knows, we have the Comet Code at Carroll, and kindness happens to be one of the expectations of the Comet Code. The Comet Code is a way to help all of the students at Carroll feel safe, welcome, comfortable, and confident when they come to school. Taking a week to focus on being kind to others is something that can only help our school and our students feel good inside when they come to Carroll. Mr. Ferreira wants everyone to feel the joy and happiness of kindness, and he felt that having a week to focus on it would be positive for our students and school.

Sometimes people can feel embarrassed or uncomfortable when they show acts of kindness to others, or others show it to them, because it may be out of their comfort zone. If everyone

on the Carroll campus is committed to showing kindness to others, it would be more of a safe environment for everyone. On January 28th, A, B, and D Track at Carroll Elementary began Kindness Week, and on February 12th, C track had their turn to experience Kindness Week. As members of the Carroll community, let's follow Mr. Ferreira's lead and find a way to show kindness to others.

Farewell Dr. Pearson

By: Madyson Fernald

If you haven't heard, our school's principal will be leaving after the end of this school year. Though new last year, she has made a great impact to our school and has been an amazing help to the students and staff at Carroll. From kindergarten, to the learning center, to sixth grade, everyone will miss having her here.



Bringing her own unique touch to Carroll Elementary, she is someone who enjoys sitting in the sun, swimming, skiing, and hiking in the mountains. She has brought so many new things to school and everyone will miss her dearly. Some of her favorite moments from Carroll are the Friday Morning Rallies, dancing at recess with music, attending events: like the book fair and the fall festival, and getting to know new people and the community. She has four daughters, Kara, Keirsten, Riley, and Kendall, and two German Shepherd dogs named Mila and Harley. All the work she has done for and at Carroll is amazing and she has made a huge commitment for only being here for two school years. She, and Mr Ferreira, made a beautiful, safe, kind, respectful, and responsible environment for people to teach and learn at.

She has put her time and energy into Carroll, and has set the bar high for years to come. Large shoes had to be filled when Mr. Hauder and Ms. Robinson had left, and her and Mr. Ferreira had filled them in. Speaking for everyone at Carroll, everyone will miss her truly, and we are sad to see her leave, but hope she has lots of fun moving forward!

We will Miss You

Word on the Blacktop: *What is your favorite Carroll memory?*



Steven

Mr. Baur

Going to Sly Park



Jessica

Mr. Baur

Recess



Ian

Ms. Gonzalez

Friends



Kai

Ms. Gonzalez

Meeting my best friends



Melissa

Ms. Grooms

Recess



Carl

Ms. Grooms

Sly Pak



Ania

Van Hoosen

Read-a-Thon



Alissa

Ms. Van Hoosen

Making friends



Omar

Ms. Jillson

State Capitol field trip
in 4th grade



Angie

Ms. Jillson

Sun Splash field trip

Congratulations Sixth Graders!

Last Issue's Staff Member:



Dr. Pearson

Guess this issue's Staff Member



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