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FALCON PRIDE

Earth Club Cleans Up the Community



If you are interested in joining their efforts, go to Ms. Krenz's room to sign up. Keep an eye out for more upcoming community service projects by following their Instagram, @earth_club2021. Go Falcons!

On January 16th, 21 falcons met at Treaty Park early in the morning to pick up trash around the community. These students are all members of the Earth Club here at Pedro, which is run by Jaden Nosse and Madison Morgan, and sponsored by Ms. Krenz. After two hours of diligently picking up trash, the club collected 3 full bags of trash from the area. We are so excited to have a club that is making a conscious effort to give back to the community and help make the Earth a cleaner place.



Drippin' Discipline

The Student of the Month from January chosen by the Dean's Office is Ronald Coleman. Reaching Instead of Reacting: A Positively Pedro Approach to Student Discipline Lunch is provided by Dean Smith and Dean Leonard. Ronald chose Red Lobster. Mr. David Simpkins, our Assistant Principal, supports the idea of putting a spotlight on students to encourage positive changes in decision making along with developing effective relationships with all students.



Student Athlete Interviews:

Written by John Putil and King Benford

Menendez Soccer

The Pedro Menendez boys' soccer team may be the greatest Pedro sports team to ever go unnoticed. Currently, the team is 16th in the entire country, and first in the state! However, with a head coach who has been coaching for 21 years and a team that is made up of mostly seniors, this is not surprising. In fact, Coach Messick believes that the best part about his team is their "cohesiveness" as they've been "playing together for the last three years." Nevertheless, Coach Messick knows that there is more to be accomplished and he strongly believes that this team is on the path to success as long as they "stay focused and prepared to give it their all!"



When Derek Lark, one of the soccer team's leading seniors, was a multi-sport athlete in his youth, his grandfather encouraged him to stick with soccer. Good thing he did because he has been a key contributor to the best season in Menendez soccer history: overcoming major deficits only to win in thrillers, beating teams they've never beaten before, and he believes his band of brothers will surely be a team that will be unforgettable as long as they remain disciplined and take care of business.



Menendez Boys Wrestling

Dean Leonard, a former high school wrestler, has been coaching wrestling, football, and baseball for a combined total of 15 years. Each year, his goal is to introduce kids to wrestling and have them progress throughout the season so that they peak going into districts. This year according to Coach Leonard, "The team has gotten better every day." When asked about his team's greatest intangible, Coach Leonard said, "Work ethic," and he believes that "they all work extremely hard."



Logan Meehan began to wrestle in middle school, when his soccer coach told him he should try it. His favorite memory with the team was when he made it to regionals his freshman year in 2019. Although the team has had some struggles this season, Logan believes that "The team and new wrestlers have performed well overall." When asked how the team can improve, Logan said they can improve by "getting more practice with everyone as a team."



Pedro's Art



This student art was created by Abigail Schander. This is one of her seven pieces that received a Gold Key award from the Northeast Florida Art Education Association. These are currently being reviewed by the 2021 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards at the national level. She also received recognition for an additional 10 pieces at the regional level.

Inauguration Day



On Wednesday, January 20th, Joseph R. Biden was inaugurated as the 46th president of the United States of America, with Kamala Harris as the vice president. The ceremony took place on the West Lawn of the US Capitol and included the Oaths of Office and the Inaugural Address. Harris made history, being the first Indian American and black woman to take office as the vice president.

Written by Emily Martin-Willott

DRAMA

Last Friday, January 15, 2021, the PMHS Drama Club performed a showcase written by Ms. Riso. Each song was a representation of our experiences with COVID-19. Lacey Cataleta, a junior at Pedro, performed in the showcase as well as assisted with hair and makeup backstage. She began her musical theatre career in fourth grade in a production of *Bandstand*. She stated that her favorite part of this PMHS performance was “performing the last number *Do You Hear the People Sing*” with the entire cast. The song is about upbringing and relayed the message that we’re all in this together. This was an amazing production and a great way to start of the year. The next Drama performance will be Tinkerbell on April 9th, 10th, and 11th.



Written by Kirsten Harris

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