



# ROYAL REVIEW

Fall edition

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### Security around the school

By: Ximena Hernandez

After everything that happened last year, the school decided to add a few new rules into the school, like every student should leave classes in breaks and then if necessary return, or to keep the doors closed during class, only naming a few. After an interview with Officer Cox and Mr. Magnafici, they said that they hope the new, and not so new safety rules and drills will be useful in case of emergencies, and so the students could feel safer during school.

### Gabe's Awesome Joke Page

*Q: Why did the tomato turn red?*

*A: Because it saw the salad dressing.*

*Q: What do you call a fake noodle?*

*A: An impasta.*

*Q: Why didn't the skeleton jump off the cliff?*

*A: He didn't have the guts to do it.*

### BONUS: KNOCK KNOCK JOKE

*Knock knock*

*Who's there?*

*Cowsgo*

*Cowsgo who?*

*No they don't, they go moo!*

### Second Step

By Thomas Stauter

You probably have noticed this year, on Wednesdays we have started doing Second Step after 8<sup>th</sup> hour. Instead of doing it in homeroom you do it after school. The goals are to build social and emotional skills and develop students. We do it because it is a state requirement and it is good to prepare students for high school and the real world. We are trying something new this year and letting students have homeroom time. This year things were added and instead of doing it during homeroom it is after school. It is at the end of the day instead of the beginning of the day. This was because of late buses and there not being enough time. It will change over the years as they try different things, but there will still be Second Step. Second Step will be every Wednesday from 1:45 to 2:15 in your homeroom to teach you to be respectful and kind to others.



## Book Of The Month

### It Ain't So Awful Falafel Review

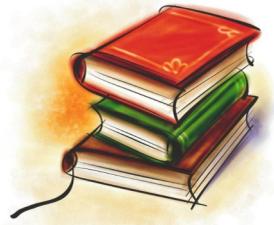
By: Thomas Stauter

After reading It Ain't So Awful Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas, I was sad I couldn't keep reading it. The story is about a girl from Iran name Zomorod and her family in late 70s to early 80s California. At first she had a hard time making friends, so she decided to be called Cindy.

Cindy began to make friends in America and thought it was pretty fun that is until her world begins to fall apart with the Iranian Revolution. From there she goes through hard times.

When I read it there were parts that made my eyes water. Some parts of the book show her family goes through really tough times and teach you about what life was like in Iran until the revolution. The book not only showed you what it used to be like in Iran, but also what she had to go through in America. The book has real dates and events that really happened, but the book itself is fiction. The book has a mixture of comedy in it, so at times it will also make so laugh, yet you can relate to the characters.

Zomorod is a funny character that goes through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and makes you read the book as she goes along in her life. The book is in first person with a few thoughts here and there marked with an asterisk as a footnote. I thought that was a fun little extra part of the book that I liked. The book also doesn't really have chapters, but segments of the book every few pages that have a title. Some of the segments are only one page long, which is why I wouldn't call them chapters. Parts of the book show how the family would listen to radio during the events of the Iranian Hostage Crisis. I'd recommend the book for anyone who wants humorous historical fiction. I'd give the book 5/5 stars. The book was sad at times but funny at others which I liked about it.



## Bullying, a Serious No –No

By: Lani Steder

Today I'm here to talk about bullying. Bullying is a serious problem and cannot be ignored! Here we have Miss Jones to talk about it. "Bullying can affect all three health triangles," she states. Also here to talk is Mrs. Clevenger, "It absolutely affects you in class because it carries on if you are picked on." Our final interview is from a girls volleyball team member, "Bullying can affect sports because it makes your team less strong." As a bullying victim myself, I would say it is no fun. You should not bully. It would be no fun for you or the victim.

Bullying makes you feel like a bird without wings: helpless, hopeless but you are not! Please, if you are bullied or know someone being bullied, you are not alone, report now! One way you can report is by... Safe school helpline at 800- 4- 1 VOICE ext.359 or text 66746 TIPS

## Five nights at Freddy's

Five Nights at Freddy's is a horror game were you play as a security guard named Mike. You are haunted by 5 animatronics Freddy, foxy, Bonnie, Chica, and golden Freddy. You work at night at a pizzeria for 5 nights and if you want a bonus night 6. The animatronics think you are endo skeleton witch is the skeleton of the animatronics and they will try to stuff you into a suit. It might not sound bad but the suits have spring locks witch are supposed to keep the Skelton in place in the suit. But since you would be a human you would get crushed. When you survive all of the nights you get a check with a whopping \$150. It's not enough money for almost dying every night of your job but at least it's something to get. Basically just check the cameras and survive 5 nights.



## Amur Leopards

By: Thomas Stauter



Many people have heard of leopards, but may have not heard of Amur Leopards. Amur Leopards are an endangered species of leopard living in the forests of northeastern Asia. The leopards are becoming extinct due to poaching for its spotted fur. It also doesn't have much to eat due to the scarcity of prey. There is known to be little over 84 left and is critically endangered.

The Amur Leopard is from 70-105 pounds, has beautiful spotted fur, and can run at speeds of 27 miles per hour. In the wild they live for 10-15 years and 20 in captivity. It can jump up to 3 yards and forward 6 yards. The leopards' scientific name is *Panthera pardus orientalis* and lives in Temperate, Broadleaf, and Mixed forests. They are known to be solitary animals and hide from other predators.

You can help save the animals by donating to the World Wildlife Fund. They are almost extinct and getting poached. Amur Leopards are beautiful animals and it would be terrible for them to go extinct.

## Halloween History



By: Thomas Stauter

Halloween is one of the scariest days of the year. Kids dress up in costumes and go door to door saying “Trick or Treat” and getting candy. It is believed that Halloween originated in Celtic countries when they would have gourds, turnips, and potatoes, and would put them outside to scare off monsters. This is why we carve pumpkins and put them outside on Halloween. This tradition later merged with two others when Rome invaded the British Isles. The roman festival of the dead, Parentalia, and the roman feast of Pomona. People still celebrated the Celtic holiday of Samhain though even after the romans invaded. Trick or Treating comes from the middle ages, when beggars would go door to door asking for food. Instead of food, now it is candy. Wearing costumes became prevalent in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century when Irish and Scottish people disguised, or wore disguises. In the 1930s it picked up in America, and now people wear costumes while Trick or Treating.

The etymology of Halloween comes from the words “All Hallows Eve.” Hallow meant saint, so it was really All Saints Eve. Halloween is the day before All Saints day, or All Hallows Day. The word Halloween is just Hallowe'en, which means Hallows Evening.

Today people go from door to door asking for candy at night and saying trick or treat, and now you know why.

## Cross Country

By: Maddie Rockford



Mrs. Hill was interviewed over Cross Country and here are her answers. The season for Cross has been going pretty well. The girls are in second place and look like they will go to state. Some of the boys will go to state but not all of them. She prepares the runners for meets by doing one long run on Mondays, workout runs every week, and they do runs and core workouts some Fridays. She said that the kids have good sportsmanship and that they have good bonding, she said, “like coach Thorpe says, it’s all about relationships.” In the summer they do an ice cream run and also in the summer they have the summer running club. Occasionally they would run to the splash pad in the summer. She said that her inspiration to be a Cross Country coach was her love for running. She loves track and Cross Country so much because it takes out all the metal and physical strength, She says it’s transformational.

## Volleyball, a Sport for the Ages

By: Lani Steder



Volleyball is a great sport; you work together as a team to win. Here is a quote (and some tips) on how to play. “I love it so much, I think it’s amazing when the girls work together as a team, and when you score it feels amazing.” – Addison Bonnewell 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ volleyball team here’s a tip on how to play. To set, when the ball comes towards you, you lift your hands above your head and bend your elbows, when your hands hit the ball, straighten them out super-fast, jump, and it’ll make it over the net (hopefully).

Safety can really affect sports, but you still need to take precautions with volleyball. Here to tell us about safety is Kelly Steder LPN, but first a safety tip from a player “The kneepads are very important” said a player of the game. Kelly Steder LPN tells you to keep your eye on the ball so you don’t get hurt. Volleyball is a great sport next time you get a chance, round up some friends and try it!