## The Tiger Times

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## Remembering The 2010's

By: Jacob Abroon

Every year over Winter Break, we celebrate the New Year. We look back at the year in a close, look forward to the upcoming year, and some of us even try to make a New Year's Resolution. But this upcoming New Year celebrates more than just 1 year. It celebrates the close of an entire decade. We have only a few more weeks left in this decade, so we should all look back on what has happened since January 1, 2010. We can remember everything from sports to politics. Natural disasters to record breaking events. Looking back at the 2010's, so much has happened that could have affected the world or impacted you personally. New York won a Super Bowl and experienced a hurricane in the 2010's. For the first time since Franklin Roosevelt, we had a U.S. President that was born in New York, and New York City elected a new mayor. So much happened that it is hard to imagine we are leaving the 2010's. It has been a decade to remember, and we know the 2020's could be even better.

From everyone at the Newspaper team, we wish you a Happy New Year, and a great holiday break.

Fun Fact! - The year 2020 has the same digit repeated twice (20). This hasn't happened since the year 1919! Nearly 101 years ago!

## Hi ESMS students! Have you

 been reading the Tiger Times? Do you want to send in an article you have written, or join the team? Then email me at jacob.abroon@esmsnyc.net to sign up for the Tiger Times!

## An Interview With Ms. Stella <br> By: Jacob Abroon

Spanish. By the year 2050 it is expected to become America's most widely spoken language. Luckily, East Side Middle teaches Spanish to every $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade class. There is only one teacher who teaches nearly every $7^{\text {th }}$ grade class, and she is Ms. Stella. To learn more about Ms. Stella, we went deep for information, and interviewed her. Here are the questions and her answers:
Q. What is your favorite part about ESMS?

## A. The ESMS community

Q. When did you start working here?
A. September 2001
Q. What prompted you to teach Spanish over other subjects?
A. Spanish is so much fun! I love how creative I get to be. And being able to speak another language is so important; I wanted to be able to share this knowledge with students.
Q. What is a story you can tell about something you experienced here?
A. The squirrels! Many years ago, squirrels got into the school and we had to go into lockdown as they were removed from the building.

The Food Drive<br>By: Rhone Galchen and Jared Meryn

As you may know, hunger is one of the biggest problems the world is currently facing. Thankfully, at ESMS, we have an Anti-hunger committee in our fantastic student council. Although it can't solve every problem, the student council tries to do what they can.

## Every year, we hold an annual

 Thanksgiving food drive. This year, the student council asked kids to bring in food for the New York Common Pantry Yorkville (NYCP). The NYCP works to reduce hunger all around the city. If you are wondering about its reliability, the NYCP has just received their fourth consecutive four out of four star review according to the Charity Navigator. That is very impressive considering that only 12 percent of charities have achieved this feat. If you gave, you helped put smiles on your neighbors' faces.The committee's next drive will begin in January.


Did you know that last year the Food Drives collected hundreds of pounds of cans?!


Basketball Team<br>By: Nicholas Oh

On Monday November 18th, a group of nervous 6th, 7th, and 8th graders talked amongst themselves while they waited for the group of coaches to split them up. These 70 people were all trying their luck and skill on hoping to be part of the prestigious East Side Middle School basketball team. Coaches Chris and Fernando ran a series of drills and games to see who the best candidates for the team were. To all the students who made it, congratulations and we are all excited to watch our varsity and JV become the best team. As for everyone else who did not make it, especially the 6th and 7th graders, don't be disheartened by this it is only one tryout and you will have the chance to do great next year. Basketball is a great way to exercise while having fun.

## Quote Of The Month


Q. What is your favorite part about Spanish?
A. Being able to communicate with so many people! In NYC I get to use Spanish every day.
Q. What would be if you weren't a teacher? A. An architect. When I was younger I constantly sketched floor plans of homes.

## Q. What did you do before you taught at ESMS?

A. I was a copy editor.

To all of our 6th grader readers, even though you don't have Ms. Stella as a teacher, you can learn more about your Spanish teacher for next year! To all of the 8th graders who might not have Ms. Stella, you might have learned something about your past teacher that you may not have known before! Clearly Ms. Stella is a great person, and teacher. Whether you will have her as a teacher next year, this year, or you had her last year, we all have learned so much more about Ms. Stella.

## A Special Goodbye and Thank You To Ms. Canzoneri

As Winter Break nears closer, and we say goodbye to all of our
teachers for the holidays, we need to recognize one who will not be here when we come back in January: Ms. Canzoneri.

## Ms. Canzoneri has been

 teaching her homeroom and Mr. Chen's homeroom for the first trimester, and she will be greatly missed. Everyone in the Newspaper would like to thank her for all of the work and effort she gave to the Newspaper, by editing the issues, and letting us use her room for meetings.Ms. Canzoneri will always be remembered by the Newspaper team, so we give a special goodbye and thank you to her.


# U.S. News: The Impeachment Process and How It Works 

By: Darragh Boyle and Thomas Steytler

Recently, as you may have seen in the news, there are many headlines about the impeachment of President Donald J. Trump. You might be wondering how the process of impeachment works. Before congress can impeach a president, they must find that an impeachable offence has occurred; basically this means that what the president did had violated the US Constitution.

The process of impeachment starts when the House of Representatives decides that the president has committed "high crimes and misdemeanors" and decides to start an impeachment inquiry. To get a president impeached, a House of Representatives representative must first introduce the idea. Then, a majority of the Judiciary Committee must agree for the proposal to move on to a full House vote. If the house votes to impeach the president, he is impeached. But, it's not over. There is still a trial, held by the Senate, judged by the Supreme Court and if it is decided that the president did indeed commit a crime, then the president is permanently removed from office, and the vice president takes over.

Did You Know? Only 3 Presidents in history have been impeached; Andrew Johnson in 1868; Bill Clinton in 1998; and Donald Trump in 2019. So far, none has been removed from office. Some may think Nixon was impeached, but he was not. He resigned the Prsidency before a vote was taken.

ESMS Riddle Page
By: Jacob Abroon

1. What was the President's name in 1995?
2. I am an organ. If you take away the last letter of my name, I am a function of the body. If you take away the first letter of that I am body part that performs that function. What am I?
3. Tuesday, Sam and Peter went to lunch. When they were done, the bill was paid, but neither Sam nor Peter paid the bill. So who did?
4. People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?
5. What contains over 20 letters but only has 3 syllables?
6. What disappears the moment you say its name?
7. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
8. If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring?
9. Mr. Smith has 4 daughters. Each of the daughters has one brother. How many children does Mr. Brown have?
10. What has a neck but no head?
11. Choose a number 1-1000. Then add 500. Subtract 250. Add 100. Add 60. Then subtract your original number. Check the bottom of the page to see if we were able to guess your final number!

## See the bottom of the issue for answers!

If you have any riddles or jokes you would like to submit, email them and they could be in the next issue:
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## GSA

By: Darragh Boyle, Lauren Ireland, and Ella Nahmiyas

The GSA, which stands for the Gender Sexuality Alliance, have a meeting every Friday during a pizza lunch. The GSA is led by Mr. Forigua. In the GSA, group members sit at a table together and take turns sharing ideas for ways they can help with awareness and support of members of the LGBTQIAP+. They then brainstorm their ideas on paper before they make them happen. Sonia Kranich, a 6th grader claims that her favorite part of the GSA is how, "...everything is so interactive. We are already making posters." Alexy Chu, a 7th grader, joined because she, "...wanted to be more interactive in the LGBTQ+ community." Noah Razak, an 8th grader says that, his first reaction when he came to the GSA was that it was "...cool and fun." GSA is a great club and just sitting in the room you could feel the love and happiness. If you are reading this and have not been to a GSA meeting, we at the newspaper implore you to come to a meeting and share some love in the world.

## The Tiger Times' Book Recommendations

By: Rinoha Isetani and Lola Kravitz

1: THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL

## AUTHOR: SOMAN CHAINANI

This is a must-read for anyone; the epitome of middle-grade fiction. It explores the deeper nuances of true love, and makes us wonder whether anyone is truly good or evil, even the worst villains-but simply human. It has you rooting for the villain, hanging on every word. Completely casts away black-and-white thinking for good as each character from the diverse cast explores the gray in between, and will make any girl hesitate to become a

## Big Buddies

By: Hana Jang and Stella Pyrovolakis

Every Tuesday morning before school, 6th and 8th graders who are a part of the Big Buddies program meet in the lunchroom to study together.

Big Buddies is a student-run mentoring program that pairs 8th graders with 6th graders who requested a buddy. Students in the Big Buddies program discuss study habits and go over concepts in core subjects such as humanities, math, and science. This Big Buddies program runs on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. This is a very helpful program for students who may be having difficulty transitioning from elementary to middle school or just need help with their homework.

## ESMS Fun Facts!

Topic: Student Council

1. The Student Council created the ESMS tennis team!
2. The Student Council has been doing the Food Drive to provide to The New York Common Pantry!
3. The Student Council has been organizing No Name Calling Week from The Misfits for many years.
4. The Student Council is currently working on opening the library for student use more often.
5. The HHWC is a committee in the Student Council that is currently helping homeless women.
6. Skype Kenya and projects related to the Red Rose School are run through a committee in the Student Council.

## ESMS Joke Page

By: Skyler Cheng Chapman and Hadrian Berenson
Q. What's St. Nicholas's favorite measurement in the metric system?
A. The Santameter!

By: Lola Kravitz

## Winter Wonderland

Lacy, delicate snow crystals wreath the frigid wind in ivory,
Dappling the ground with its pearly glow.
The trees, swaying to and fro with an elegant visage
Lined with age, smooth chestnut branches twisting
Weaving dexterously in the biting chill of the breeze
Entwining together in hazelnut swirls.

Delicate pines spreading their emerald wings over a bustling city,
Protecting the trees stripped of their bountiful leaves,
Scenting the glacial air with whispers of evergreen
As cars honk and lights flash,
Fluorescent and overpowering,
Blinding and simultaneously arousing
The city that never sleeps.
The bustle and hustle
Of everyday life
Is not quieted by the brumal weather, Skyscrapers laced with silvery orbs of ice, Luminous in the wake of rosy dawn.

Will-o-wisps of wind dance through the wind,
Rivulets of aquamarine clinging
desperately
to the last frosty strands of breeze
As wool and coats shroud the inhabitants of the city that never sleeps
Now wishing for the warmth of their beds While ivory swathes of snow envelop the world in white
In sharp contrast to dusky twilight
As this metropolis transforms into an enchanted
Winter wonderland
princess. Detailed and rich, with believable and funny characters captured perfectly in a few sweeps of the pen. Read to discover a glorious world of magic, friendship, love, and satirical humor.

## 2: NOBODY'S PRINCESS

## AUTHOR: ESTHER FRIESNER

This is a glorious song worthy of Orpheus himself. Set in the world of Ancient Greece, rediscover the age-old tale of Helen of Troy with this take on her youth. You will find court intrigue, sisterly rivalry, and myths woven dexterously into the fabric of this novel, along with the amazing feat of turning the obedient, beautiful, princess into a character feminists will root for. If you want to read a coming of age tale mixed with Percy Jackson and the Olympians, read this empowering and inspiring story as soon as possible.

## 3: FURTHERMORE

## AUTHOR: TAHERAH MAFI

A lyrical dance of magic and madness, reminiscent of Persian folklore and Alice in Wonderland. Timeless and eerily gorgeous. With love and compassion and pure honesty, Alice Alexis Queens Meadow wins your heart. At 12, this complex character weaves a compelling tale around her magical journey of friends, family, faith, and fantasy. Her enchanting world of vibrancy, color and magic keeps you reading until the end.

## 4: REFUGEE

## AUTHOR: ALAN GRATZ

A wonderful story about 3 kids, who go on a dangerous and terrifying journey across the world in search of refuge. Each one of them has their own reasons. For instance, their country is at war. This all happened at different places and time but all 3 of them had the same difficulties of surviving. They will always hope, with determination but will they be able to escape? After you pick up this book, you will not be able to put it down. It leads the readers with suspense wanting the readers to read more.

Why can't the skeleton go to school? Because he doesn't have the guts for it.

Wanna hear a roof joke?
This one's on the house

What did one toilet say to the other? You look flushed.

Interviewer: What's the best thing about Switzerland?
Me: I don't know l've never been, but the flag is a big plus.

So sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward. That's just how I roll

Why did the chicken cross the
playground?
To get to the other slide

There was a 20 story building with 3 people on the roof.
They all had to jump off and had to yell for something that would cushion their fall. The first man yelled "feathers!" And he dived on to feathers.
The second man yelled "pillows" And he fell onto pillows.
The third man tripped as he was about to jump and he said, "Oh poop!"
Let's just say it didn't end well for the third man.

## Cheerleading

## By: Ella Nahmiyas and Annika DeMeo

Cheerleading is a great afterschool open to anyone and everyone. It is led by two coaches, Ivelisse, the head coach, and Delilah. The team meets Mondays during afterschool, and in both periods, mats are brought out in the cafeteria for tumbling, stunts, cheers. Each cheer has certain movements and it is important that the cheerleaders remember them along with the words. They cheer at basketball games and at the end of the year they go to a big cheer competition.

The cheer team is always looking for new members to join! Tall people, strong people and flexible people are not all the people we are looking for. You can join to try it out, but if you don't like it that's all right.

## China vs Hong Kong:

## The Issue

By: Clarrisa Kunizaki and Hadrian Berenson
China -- an economic powerhouse country run by dictators and strict censorship. Big and small businesses thrive in their growing nation. Run by communism, the Chinese government is taking to Hong Kong, overlooking a bigger territory; and to spread the communist ideals, by force.

Right now Chinese soldiers take to the streets, while police are arresting and brutally hurting women, children, and men. The people in Hong Kong are furious at the communist Chinese riot, making the small island a war zone instead of the beautiful island it once was.

Many find it surprising that the Chinese government is pursuing this, considering Hong Kong has been an independent British colony and has truthfully done nothing to upset the Chinese. China wants to limit the people's liberty and, out of extreme desperate measures, wants to take over Hong Kong. One can argue that they would need more land for their mass population, an astounding 1.386 billion people. However, China wants to enforce a new law taking the rights of the civilians in Hong Kong and limiting their freedom entirely, despite Hong Kong serving under a two party system.

Hong Kong's civilians, who were once very peaceful people, have resorted to violent protests fighting police enforcement. Footage from countless recording cameras show the people of Hong Kong armed with bows \& arrows, javelins, spears, umbrellas, bricks, and crude home-made gasoline bombs. Violence has increased significantly within the past month. The death of a student from a fall, a traffic policeman who shot an unarmed protester, and activists setting a man on fire after he confronted them, have set both sides on edge.

The New York Times writes, "In Washington, American officials said they were monitoring the clashes as well as reviewing a report by the New York Times on leaked internal Communist Party documents showing how party leaders,
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including President Xi Jinping, had set up internment camps to hold one million or more Muslims in another frontier area, Xinjiang. Trump administration officials and Congress have been holding discussions on whether to impose separate sets of sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong officials for human rights abuses in Xinjiang and Hong Kong. But President Trump has held back for fear of upsetting trade talks."

We believe the people of Hong Kong should rise up and reclaim their freedom and their rights, and stop the frightful oppression from the Chinese government. Others think not. With the Chinese Government and Hong Kong in a clutz, both sides are asking; what happens next? All we can do is wait and see.

Go tigers, roar.

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## Answers To The Riddle Page

1. It was still Donald John Trump. That was his name since birth.
2. Heart Hear Ear
3. Their friend, Tuesday
4. A plate
5. The word, "Alphabet"
6. Silence
7. Yesterday Today Tomorrow
8. Pilgrims
9. He has 5 children
10. The woods
11. The number is $\mathbf{4 1 0}$

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