

## Letter from Lead Editor



Dear Readers,

Hello and happy late New Year. Let me start off with a thank you to my mom for inspiring me to make the *The Pioneer Odyssey*. I'd like to also thank my amazing teacher, Ms. Davis for teaching me how to write juicy stories. A new year is a great chance to not only to have a new, clean slate, but to write a new chapter in life. Remember, you only have one chance in life, so don't waste it. And if things don't go your way, remember what Alexander Graham Bell said: "When one door closes, another one opens." This means when you lose an opportunity, you'll find another one. So, happy 2018 and never give up.

Sincerely,  
Gabriel Alley F. Perez

*"There are no secrets of success. It's the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*  
- Colin Powell

## Let's Get Physical

### An Interview With Mr. Wilkins

By Zoey Belton and Mandy Thao

Mr. Wilkins is a P.E teacher here at Union House Elementary School. Before Mr. Wilkins worked at Union House, he worked at a pharmaceutical distribution company. He has been working here for 17 years! He was a 6th grade teacher for four years and a 5th grade teacher for nine years. For college, Mr. Wilkins went to UCLA, National University, and Lincoln Law School. Each day, Mr. Wilkins gets 5-7 classes for P.E. His favorite P.E. activity is



dodgeball. Basketball, is his favorite sport, and his favorite player is LeBron James. Being a P.E. teacher is fun for Mr. Wilkins because he likes being outdoors and being athletic. He also likes meeting new students. He has 5 kids, and they are all boys! During his free time, he likes to travel with his family. We are very lucky to have Mr. Wilkins as a P.E teacher here at Union House.

## KING AND QUEEN OF THE TRACK

### 4th Grade

King: Isaiah Tapia

Queen: Camille Bursej

### 5th Grade

King: Mauricio Bonilla

Queen: Mandy Thao

### 6th Grade

King: Yael Gomez

Queens: Layla Harvey & Marlene Thao

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