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Math: Friend or Foe?

Hello readers! Today I want to talk about one of the hardest school subjects: Math. That's right, the dreaded topic that many students struggle with. Math might seem like your arch-nemesis, but Math is really important. You see, math is important for many uses everyday. This skill used by many people who work at jobs like cashiers, office jobs, and even athletes. Knowing math can also get you a stack of cash if you work as a treasurer. A treasurer's job is difficult because they have to keep track of all financial goals in a business or organization. They must also keep track of the business' day-to-day finances, which is no easy task. And while Math to many may seem hard, horrible, or just plain useless, there's actually a secret to mastering math: Math is all about pattern and strategy. Think of math like a puzzle: you have to come up with a **strategy** (for example: corners first) and then find a **pattern** in the puzzle pieces. You may not know about it, but math is actually like lifting weights: practice lifting 20 pounds until that becomes easy and then switch to a 25-pound weight until you can finally lift 40 pounds. Like most things we do, math takes practice. The same thing applies to every other subject and thing we do. Math is an invaluable skill everyone has to learn in their lifetime. Remember: Math doesn't just appear in class, but it appears all around us. I hope this encourages you stay in the Math game.

With all of this in mind, this is **Gabriel Perez**, signing off.

February: Black History Month

February is a month for the commemoration of the African American community. This celebration is known as Black History Month. The question is, why do we celebrate it? Well, Black History Month was created to celebrate how far African American people have come, and how their struggle for civil rights made an impactful difference for everyone.

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of those people who fought for justice. In fact, King's mission was so meaningful that he gained followers of many cultures! King was a peaceful man who always tried to find an optimistic way around things. He found a way to protest while not causing harm which, upon reflection, must've been a petrifying experience. King didn't always have it easy though. Some white men and women didn't take a liking to King and his protests. Sometimes he and his group were abused by them, and even sent to jail. King still stood strong with patience and peace. Because of his struggles, segregation is now illegal.

Nowadays, the harsh segregation that our ancestors faced before us isn't nearly half as bad, but it still exists today. We can still fight for a stand to end racism altogether. We may struggle, but thanks to amazing social justice warriors of our past, we have a head start toward equality for our whole community.

Why Global Warming Is Important

Over the years, the world has been facing a problem which can cause rises in temperatures. What's happening is called global warming. Why is global warming happening? Global warming is happening mainly because of the greenhouse effect and increased temperatures of carbon dioxide and other pollutants (substances that pollute things such as water or the atmosphere). The greenhouse effect is "the trapping of the sun's warmth due to the greater transparency of the atmosphere to visible radiation from the sun than to infrared radiation emitted from the planet's surface." Both of these are causing the Earth to get warmer and the forcing of climate change. Why is global warming a problem though? If temperatures even go up by a degree, it can damage the Earth seriously. Global warming is impacting the world; from ocean seafloor levels rising and the houses near the ocean being flooded, to the sun melting more and more of the glaciers in the Arctic which can cause a lack of water supply for the planet. One way you can prevent global warming is by using the three Rs: recycle, reduce, and reuse. Buy a reusable water bottle, recycle plastic bottles, try and reduce the amount of supplies you use and waste only what's needed. Small things like this can make a big impact on helping to stop Global Warming, and if most of you readers do so and spread the word about it, we can make more progress to end Global Warming.

Where Are the Pioneers Now?

TOP FIVE THINGS NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT DANCE CLUB

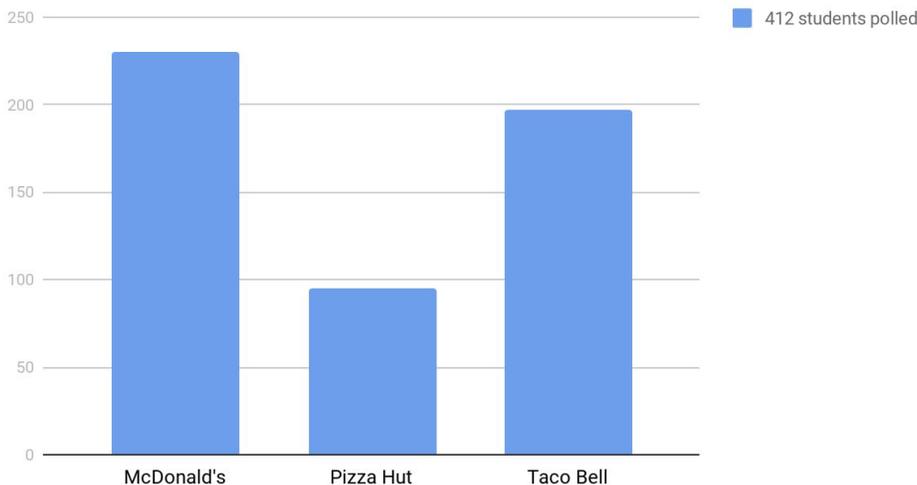
1. Dance Club will have their first ever performance on February 22, 2019.
2. At the beginning of every class, they have a motivational intro to get everyone pumped up.
3. Everyone works to be the best version of themselves.
4. Everyone helps out on the choreography.
5. It is a safe place to become a better dancer.



Ramon Orozco, who came to Union House in 2001, is 25 and has been a security officer for more than 7 years now. His favorite memories while attending Union House are helping Ms. Debbie. He was her all-time favorite little helper. He would stay all night after school and help with anything she needed. Plus, she gave him the keys to her snack drawer. His dream job growing up was to be in law enforcement of some sort, particularly a police officer. He chose to become a security officer to continue his dream and to be part of law enforcement and he enjoys it very much. He works for Sacramento City Unified School District which is a neighboring school district like ours. He works with children of all ages in grade school. In his opinion, one of the best jobs was being a patrol officer because he got to be outside, meet tons of new people everyday, and make a difference to help others. He thinks that some of the best jobs in the world are the jobs that help others become better, no matter the task at hand. His favorite hobbies are to watch and play sports, football and baseball specifically. His favorite teams are the Oakland Raiders and San Francisco Giants. He even played and coached little league baseball and played in the Championship Tournament in Williamsport PA. Mr. Orozco has made Union House proud by pursuing his dreams.

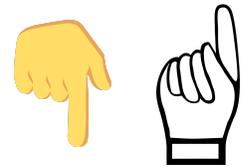
*"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."
-Martin Luther King Jr.*

What is your favorite fast food restaurant?



Brain Twister

what goes up but never goes down?



Answer to last riddle:
Sweater

Shout out to all students who participated in Volleyball Clinics:

● Zoey Belton ● Kendrick Bridgeman ● Dereon Butler ● Christler Cee ● Aubrei Cha ● Pedro Cortes ● Iysis Cotton ● Tashauna Crittindon ● Tyrone Crittindon ● Justyn Davis ● Kennedy Edmon ● Kaylin Harper ● Kayziah Harris ● Raheem Hasan ● Calci Her ● Ram Isaiah ● Hira Khan ● Shehana Lee ● Cali Lloyd ● Jewel Murphy ● Justin Purba ● Fei Qarau ● Angel Ramirez ● Jonathan Rangel ● Giovanni Russell ● Jordan Smith ● Tevita Tausinga ● Mandy Thao ● Cedric Turner ● Yuridia Vasquez ● Jaya Wells ● Kamaari Wheeler ● Jorja White ● Paj Xiong ● Nicholas Xiong ● Cadie Yang ●