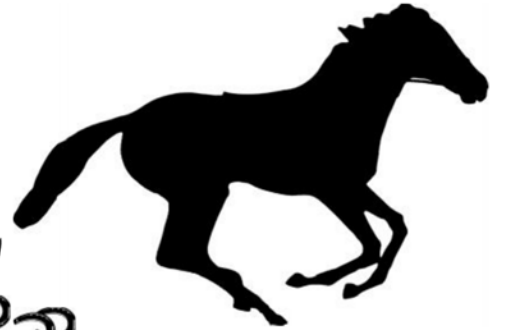




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# SPRIT WEEK

## At Unity School



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From March 11th to March 15th, students at Unity School have been participating in the yearly tradition of spirit week. This week-long activity takes place the week before school lets out for spring break. This year, students participated in Spirit Week by wearing their favorite sports jersey, showing their wild side with crazy outfits, dressing as their favorite movie character, or as a cowgirl/cowboy. All of this fun was completed on Friday with field day activities.

On Monday, the first day of Spirit Week, students wore their favorite sports jerseys or t-shirts representing a team. Jersey Day seemed to be one of the most popular days during Spirit Week based on how many students participated. Gia Conde

said that Jersey Day was her favorite day of the entire week because she got to wear her Hurricanes shirt.

On Crazy Day, students wore silly outfits along with crazy socks, hair, mismatched shoes and even had the option to wear everything inside out and backwards! The whole school went all out on this day. Students that were interviewed all said that their outfits were crazy because they had bright colors and mismatched clothes.

On Character Day, students dressed up as characters from their favorite book, TV show or movie. Many more students dressed up as movie or TV characters than as book characters. In fact, almost no one dressed up as a character from a book. Three out of the five people interviewed dressed up for this day, and two out of the five people wore what they had left over from Halloween or other already used costumes, which was smart- no need to buy new ones.

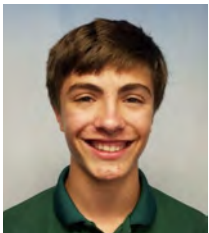


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# National Emergency Declared Over Border Wall



Ryan Grandis, Investigative Reporter

President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency to secure funding for the border wall. He declared such a national emergency on March 5, 2019.

A national emergency is when a government is allowed to perform actions that are normally not allowed. President Trump explained the real reason why he declared a national emergency was to begin construction sooner. “I want to get it done faster, that’s all.” said President Trump, reported the New York Times.

With President Trump declaring the national emergency he will have access to 21 billion dollars, some congress aides said Thursday. He will get 10 billion in military construction and 11 billion in previous unspent funding.

The National Emergency Act was created on September 14, 1976. There have been 58 national emergencies declared since the act went into effect, about one national emergency a year. Some bigger national emergencies that have been declared are the terrorist attack of 9/11, the Iran Hostage Crisis, Hurricane Katrina, and Superstorm Sandy.



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There have been many other international crises for which national emergencies have been declared.

In more recent days President Trump has threatened to close the southern border if Mexico doesn’t stop illegal immigration. Trump claimed he would close all places of entry with Mexico and cut aid for Mexico. Trump said in a tweet, “I am not playing around.” Closing the border could have far reaching effects including limiting seasonal produce like avocados, and it would disrupt the flow of 26 billion dollars of food imports from Mexico.

I also interviewed John Blunt who said that the National Emergency Act should be used for big crises, not as a button to be used whenever you want something. John also thinks that there shouldn’t be a border wall because it can decay over time, and some people who really want to get to the United States will find a way.

An anonymous source said that the border wall takes funding away from other projects and people will still find a way to get in as some people will do whatever it takes to get in. The source also said that there shouldn’t be a border wall.



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## Spirit

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On Thursday, students dressed like they were from the Wild West- it was cowboy and cowgirl day! Many students dressed up for this day of Spirit Week. Students wore checkered shirts, cowboy boots and hats, and bandannas. Kate Velez even said that it was her favorite day of the week.

On Friday, all of the fun of the past week was topped off with exciting Field Day activities. This year, however, field day did not go quite the way everyone was expecting- it rained. Students only got to participate in a few activities before it started pouring! Everyone then went inside to the gym where they played games of basketball, as well as a few other games.

All in all, students seemed to enjoy Spirit Week a lot- with its fun costumes and silly characters, Spirit Week was fun for all. It was a great way to show school spirit and count down the days until spring break.

**Add your opinion! Use the QR Code below to take a survey about Spirit Week!**



**Results will appear in the next paper!**



# Dragon Flies Over Florida



Aidan Smith, Investigative Reporter

On March 3, a Dragon 2 capsule was sent in a Falcon 9 rocket to the International Space Station (ISS). Though it wasn't manned on this mission, the capsule was one of the first capable to take humans to space since the shuttle program ended. This capsule could carry a max of four people all the way to the ISS. This launch was manned by an AI that was measuring how a human would react to the Dragon 2 atmosphere. Measuring vitals and heart rate were a few examples of what the AI was measuring.

SpaceX has been on a roll with amazing feats of their constantly moving forward technology. This recent string of successes was started on February 6, 2018. On that day in Fort Myers, Florida, the infamous Falcon Heavy launched. This 3.1 million ton rocket launched carrying a 6 ton satellite for Saudi Arabia. While it was an important launch for Saudi Arabia, the rest of the world was also invested in this launch.

People from all around the world tuned in for what would be known as an historic launch. At 3:45, the rocket launched and history was made. After the the two secondary burners came off, they landed perfectly in two designated landing areas. The world was shocked.



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Fast forward a year later to February 2019, where Elon Musk announces the Raptor, the spaceship that will supposedly take us to Mars. This glistening rocket will take the 2 year 45 day trip possibly with humans aboard to accomplish Elon Musk's childhood dream of colonizing Mars.

Many people have shown a recent interest in SpaceX, especially in the younger generations. When asked about SpaceX, Kate Velez, a fourth grade student, had a very positive opinion on the company. In Kate's opinion, she thinks that SpaceX is a great company that is changing space travel in a positive way. She is very happy that we now have the ability to send people into space without the help of the Russian space agencies. Kate is a supporter of Elon Musk's ideas and would like it if he could use efficient power for his rockets. Kate would also like to be the person to step on the planet Pluto when she grows up.



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Cole Jankowitz, a sixth grade student, is very happy about what SpaceX is doing. He loves that they test their rockets frequently and would like to colonize Mars. Cole is also very interested in the Falcon Heavy and believes that it is very cool and futuristic. Cole did see the Falcon 9 launch carrying the Dragon and was very impressed. He is a huge fan of Elon Musk and thinks that he is great at what he does and trusts his company more than any other space company.

Mrs. Hassan, a tech specialist, had a very interesting opinion. Mrs Hassan said that she thinks that SpaceX is accomplishing their goals and more. She also believes that SpaceX is setting a high standard for any other rocket companies. "This competition is a good thing because it creates innovation," said Mrs. Hassan. Mrs. Hassan also brought up an interesting issue involving Elon Musk. Recently Elon has been under fire for making some rude Tweets on the social media platform, Twitter. Mrs. Hassan believes that some of the greatest minds can be misrepresented because of social media, and hopefully Mr. Musk can find a team that can help him get his focus away from social media.



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SpaceX is truly changing space travel in an amazing way. They are revolutionizing the distance we can travel and how we can travel there. They are changing the way that we use rockets, and have started a new way of reusing rockets. They are also the company that will someday take us to Mars and possibly someday colonize the red planet. This company will also send humans back to space, which may seem small, but will actually be a huge accomplishment. SpaceX truly is soaring ahead of the competition.





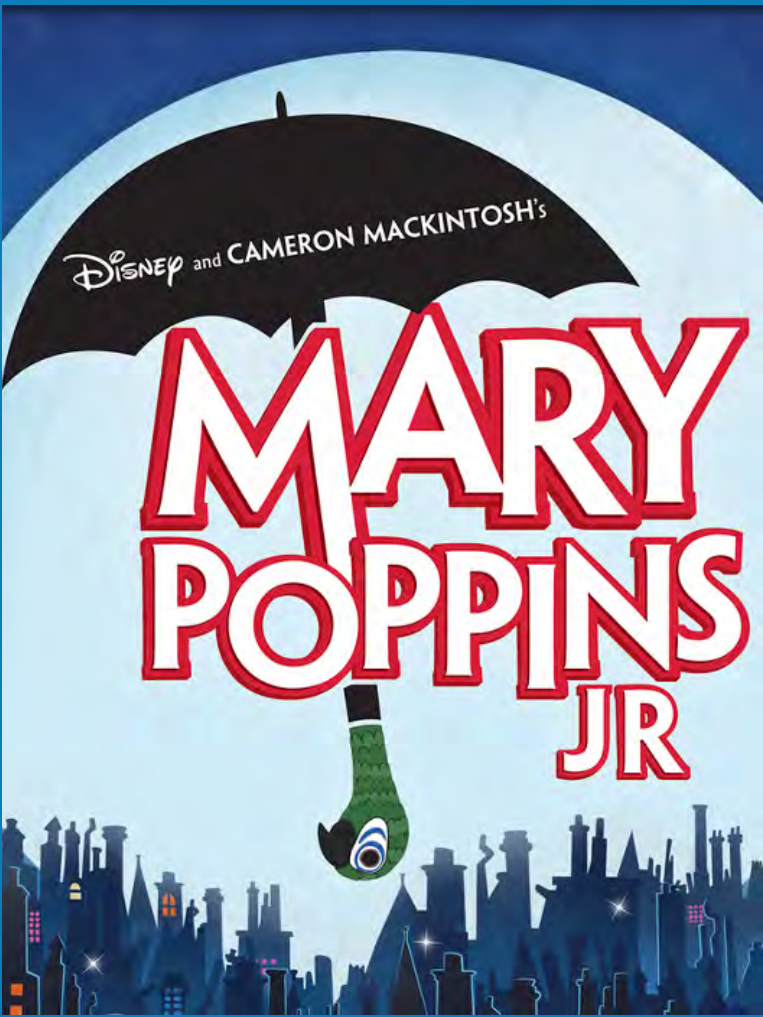
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