Office Goodbyes
By Noah Sterne

Do you like our faculty in the office? Well, sadly two amazing members of our staff are leaving U School. These two people are Dr. Adam Carswell and Mrs. Ana Santiago. Dr. Carswell has been our Lower School Director over the last four years, while Mrs. Santiago has been an administrative assistant for ten.

Dr. Carswell is starting a new chapter in his life. Although he will be staying in South Florida for now, he and his family are in search of their new floating home. Dr. Carswell explains, “We are going to explore the world while we ‘boatschool’ our daughter Lilly.” Dr. Carswell said he will miss the students and faculty the most, but has created many great memories to take with him. “Some of my best memories are watching all the Fifth Grade students grow and learn to be more independent, hugging my daughter Abigail when she graduated, and coaching lacrosse with former Lower School students.”

Mrs. Santiago agrees that she will miss the people, the kids, and the staff the most, but plans on making good use out of her new free-time. “I plan on volunteering at the hospital for babies and seniors.” Both Dr. Carswell and Mrs. Santiago have had a tremendous impact on the Lower School and will be greatly missed. The entire Lower School appreciates all they have done and wishes them great happiness on their new adventures!

Mrs. Ana Santiago

Dr. Carswell hugging his daughter Abigail
Shark Tank Mania  
By Xara Case, Abigail Potter and Nicole Sanchez

Do you like Shark Tank? Well if you do then you would love Shark Tank Junior! This spring, Fourth Grade students formed teams and began to brainstorm ideas on creating their own unique product. Groups created a business plan to accompany their product and presented it to administration. The top five finalists from each Fourth Grade class made it to the Shark Tank Jr! After weeks of preparation, Shark Tank Jr. was held at the AutoNation Center for the Arts on March 15th 2018.

Dr. Carswell, Lower School director, was one of the main judges at the Shark Tank Jr. finals. He explains, "A lot of practice went into the finalists' presentations. I was excited to judge, but super anxious and nervous for the kids!" Dr. Carswell reveals he isn’t much of a fan of the actual T.V. show, but developed this idea for Shark Tank Jr. because of the lessons to be learned. “Many schools focus on the traditional academic curriculum, but not much on things like leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship. I think it’s important that our students are exposed to this for the future.”

This year the Shark Tank winners happened to be a company called PSM Hats. PSM stands for the first letter in each of the creators’ last names. PSM created a hat that converts into a visor. The idea came to one of the creators, Sydney Margolis, one day while playing outside. She explains, “I got so hot playing tennis one day!” The product, called the Vise Hat, can be worn as either a cap or a visor. Dylan Poliakoff, Ethan Scharf, and Sydney Margolis all agree they were nervous and excited, but loved the experience. Dylan reveals, “I was happy for whoever won, but the competitive side in me really wanted us to win this thing!”

It doesn’t take Shark Tank Jr. to show the leadership side of the Lower School. All of our students have great ideas deep down and this was evident during all the product presentations. Congratulations to PSM and all the other finalists. Lower School can’t wait to see you take your great ideas to the next level!
**Missing Mrs. Gill**

By Jane Shanahan, Peyton Eichel, and Avery Eichel

As the school year comes to a close, it is with great sadness that the Lower School has to say goodbye to Mrs. Gill, our beloved music teacher. Mrs. Gill has been a music teacher at the U School for 33 years, and with every note played and every song sung, has touched the lives of countless students.

There are so many things that Mrs. Gill will look back on and smile about. She shares, “The best memories I have are with the friends I became close with, the fun times with the kids, and of course working with my singing groups.

Retiring was not an easy decision for Mrs. Gill, but she does have some things to look forward to. “I plan on spending more time with my family and volunteering at my grandson’s school!” Mrs. Gill explains. Mrs. Gill will also keep her passion for music alive well after she retires, as she will continue playing piano and going to concerts and plays with friends.

Thirty-three years worth of teaching music leaves some tremendous shoes to be filled. The students love her and will miss her beyond words, and she agrees. “The thing I will miss the absolute most is the kids and their love for music!” The entire Lower School wishes her the best of luck and will hold all the memories she has created over the years close to their hearts!

**Watch Guards**

By Ruby Sas and Shayna Snyder

NSU has decided to make some changes concerning public safety. In addition to the wonderful NSU Public Safety officers, NSU has decided to further increase security on campus. Dr. Carswell, Lower School director, explains, “In addition to our regular school guards, we will also have Davie police officers on campus on a consistent basis.” This decision followed the recent increase in school violence.

It seems as if adding more security has eased the minds of many students, faculty and staff. Mrs. Armada, who teaches Bridges, said, “I now feel safer, not only for me but for my students.” In addition to adding security, NSU also decided to close the front circle between the hours of 8:30 to 2:30pm. Dr. Carswell shares, “We closed it between those hours because it will keep the school safer.”

Word around campus is that everyone overall feels much safer. Mrs. Tabatchnick, a First Grade teacher, agrees, “It’s wonderful to see more security present.” NSU is certainly taking the necessary steps to protect its campus and students!
March for Our Lives

By Emma Leffin

On March 24th, 2018, thousands of people gathered in Parkland, Florida to march in support of gun control in our schools. At the same exact time, thousands of teenagers rallied in the nation's capital and all across the United States as well. According to Everytown for Gun Safety, a non-profit organization, on an average day, 96 Americans are killed with guns. Seven children and teens are among that number. Now does it make sense why hundreds of thousands of people marched together on March 24th to demand for better gun control laws?

During the marches many people who want new gun laws told their story. Emma Gonzalez, a student at MSD, stood in silence in Washington D.C. for most of the six minutes and 20 seconds to demonstrate how fast a gun can kill 17 students, injure 15, and change many lives forever. Naomi Wadler, an 11-year old girl, spoke at the march to represent all the African American girls who are killed by guns. She believes even children as young as her can have a voice about this problem. She quoted Toni Morrison, “If there is a book you want read that hasn’t been written yet, then you have to be the one to write it.”

Martin Luther King Jr.’s granddaughter Yolanda Renee King chanted to the crowd to say what her dream is for our country:

“Spread the Word
Have you heard?
All across the nation
We are going to be
A great generation.”

All the organizers had one goal in mind- to make our schools safe. The strong voices were heard and will march forward to stop the silence, take action, and urge others to vote for leaders that want to end gun violence for good!
Why Everyone Loves The Ice Cream Museum
By Rubi Katz, Rachel Shapiro, and Emma Leffin

Have you ever heard of the Ice Cream Museum? It is located in Miami, Florida and is one of the most popular museums in Florida right now. As with any museum, it has many entertaining rooms, but something in particular makes the Museum of Ice Cream such a great hit!

The reason why people love it so much is because every room is unique and holds a different sweet surprise! Some of the rooms are the sprinkle room, the swing room, the sand room, the building room, the milkshake room, the vanilla room, and many more. There even is a sprinkle pool, where you can dive into a pool of rainbow colored sprinkles. Jayden Slingbaum, a Third Grade student, is a big fan. "My favorite part of The Ice Cream Museum was the sprinkle pool because it was really fun, and it had a diving board."

By now you know that each room is full of sweet surprises! Chloe Sacher, Randi LaRocca, and Shayna Snyder, Fourth Grade students, all agree, "It was so much fun visiting the different and unique rooms!" Avery Eichel, another Fourth Grade student, shares, "The sandcastle was my favorite part because it was colorful and fun to play with!" The verdict is in and kids are in favor of the Ice Cream Museum. So take our advice and go have a "sweet" time!

What Would the World Be Like if School Mascots Didn’t Exist?
By Antonia Velosa

What's white, grey and lives on our school campus? Our wonderful mascot, Fin the Shark. Fin is the mascot for NSU, and most recently the Lower School. Prior to Fin, the Lower, Middle and Upper school’s mascot was the Sun.

School mascots add a great deal of excitement to school related events. They sit on the sidelines of a game and bring luck, they pump up the crowd at a pep rally, and mascots are used to publicly identify a school.

When the Lower School had the Sun as a mascot, our school colors were green and gold. Now that we have Fin as a mascot, our school colors are blue and grey. Fin has added great fun and enthusiasm to the University School campus!
A Trip to Remember!
By Lucy Crawford and Charlotte Reitman

On Tuesday, April 24th, the Fifth Grade students went to the Florida Keys on their annual overnight trip. The point of the trip was to build leadership and foster teamwork among classmates. The trip was a great success and according to Mrs. Chavez, a Fifth Grade teacher, “It was one of the best trips yet!”

Over the course of the three day trip, students participated in many team building activities from swimming with the dolphins to snorkeling. Kristen Newell, a Fifth Grade student shares, “The dolphins were amazing. They did tricks and we were constantly amused by them.” Alexia Lara, another Fifth Grade student, reveals, “Snorkeling was the most fun because I got to see tiny creatures.” Throughout the trip, students demonstrated leadership in the day to day activities planned. Mrs. Chavez explains, “There were little incidents here and there, but overall the trip was a success!”

Barb from Stranger Things
Trees from Across the Country!
An Editorial
By Tara Parikh

What has leaves and a trunk? A tree! Trees come in all different, colors shapes, and sizes. Coming from California, I know a lot about the trees there, and am learning about the native trees in Florida. So today, I am going to be telling you about the native trees in California and Florida and comparing them. Now, let’s climb up this treerific article.

In Florida there are over 300 native trees including, the live oak, pond cypress, and red maple. The 12 species of palm trees in Florida include, the silver palm and the royal palm. Now, you might think the Banyan tree is native to Florida, but, it is actually native to India. The silver palm is native to the rock soil pinelands of southernmost Florida, usually in reach of salt spray from the ocean. The cabbage palm grows all across Florida. Now that you learned about some of the native trees in Florida, it’s time to climb up to the native trees of California.

There are so many native trees in California. Some of the native trees in California include the coast redwood, the Joshua tree, the California oak, the bishop pine, the coulter pine, gray pine, and the giant sequoia. The giant sequoia grows near the Sierra Nevada. One interesting fact about the coast redwood is that it is the tallest living tree on Earth, and they grow in family circles. I love camping under the redwood trees in the Santa Cruz mountains. One interesting fact about the California oak is that it grows acorns. Personally, my favorite climbing tree in my yard at home turns out to be a Florida native tree, the southern magnolia. Now it is time to climb up to similarities and differences.

One similarity is that the native trees in both states include an oak tree. Both California and Florida have native trees such as pines, oaks, and maples, but they’re different varieties that grow better in the different climates and soils. One difference is that there are a lot of palm trees in California, especially Southern California, but they’re not native. The landscape and climate in California is diverse and supports many different types of trees. Florida has a large diversity of trees and plants too, in fact, these two states have the most diversity of trees and plants in the U.S. Now it’s time to climb back down this tree and head to the conclusion.

I hoped you learned a lot about the native trees in California and Florida. The native trees in Florida and California have some interesting facts about them both. So whether living in Florida or vacationing in California over the summer, make sure to get out there and explore nature. It’s sure to be a treerific experience!
MSD: The Details & Aftermath
By Kate Litman and Jack Steinman

On February 14, 2018; a day for love, peace and kindness, tragedy struck. Parkland, Florida will never forget this tragedy that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. This event was quoted by a CNN news source as, “Rippling the nation.” A former student from the school was the culprit who devastated the lives of many students, families and teachers. He entered the school armed and set off the fire alarm, causing students to flee the building. The criminal escaped with them, blending in with the crowd until he was arrested over an hour later. The school went straight to lock down and remained that way for hours. Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) remained closed for over an entire week after this horrific incident. Surviving students knew they had to put an end to gun violence, and since lawmakers didn’t deem it necessary, they took matters into their own hands.

Schools all over Broward County mourned for MSD. Less than a week after the mass shooting, students and chaperones traveled to Tallahassee to protest for gun control. They wanted Governor Rick Scott and other lawmakers in their building to hear their plea. Nobody answered them, so the students then went to Tallahassee again in order to change the laws that they are so passionate about. This time, they succeeded in getting a law passed that puts more control on guns in Florida. This impact also caused the March for Our Lives Movement. All across America, people walked and protested across the streets all day. On Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Washington D.C, students spoke out onstage and had guest stars sing about hope and peace. People from all over the world traveled to the U.S for this march. Youth activism started to change, kids got stronger and spoke for their rights.

Locally, here at the Aventura Mall, students from MSD that weren’t attending the march came to speak to other adults, and kids about the shooting. They shared their opinions, and spoke the truth and discussed how this could have been prevented.

After this tragedy, teachers have become very nervous and school personnel are beyond worried. Students at MSD are now using clear backpacks, so police and security can see what is inside to prevent bringing anything dangerous to school. Students around the world are speaking up and taking action. This strong movement won’t stop until guns are fully under control!
Potter’s on Broadway!
By Maddie Gannon, Kate Litman, and Rafi Niemtschik

Attention all Harry Potter and Broadway lovers: Harry Potter and the Cursed Child has officially opened in the United States! On April 22, 2018, at the Lyric Theatre in New York City, fans got to witness the first performance in the US. Although the Harry Potter play has already been seen by citizens of the United Kingdom, this is the first time the Potterheads from America have been able to experience the magical show.

Fans around the world are ecstatic about the news of The Cursed Child’s debut on Broadway, including students and teachers at U School. Perhaps the most exciting part is that U School alumni, Alex Weisman (class of 2006), is performing in this production! Ms. Leffin, a 3rd grade teacher, is a huge fan of the Harry Potter series and has read the script of The Cursed Child. “I would want to watch the show once it comes to Florida, or when I go to New York,” she explained. Ms. Bolasini, another 3rd grade teacher and fan, agrees. “I would definitely see the show!” she revealed.

Many fans at U School are immensely supportive of the diverse cast that was selected to play the iconic Harry Potter characters. When asked if he was content with the actors chosen for the roles, Mr. Gingrich, a 5th grade teacher, said, “Absolutely, I believe that diversity is extremely important.” Ms. Leffin agrees, “The actors portray the characters very well.” It seems that most people think that it is more important for the actors to be talented than to look similar to the characters in the books and movie. Isabella Morales, 5th grade student, says, “As long as the plot is captivating, I’d consider watching and reading the script for The Cursed Child.”

Make sure to cherish this performance because J.K. Rowling, the famous author of Harry Potter, revealed in an interview with Time Magazine, that Harry Potter and the Cursed Child would be the last edition to the popular series. “He goes on a very big journey during these two plays and then, yeah, I think we’re done,” she told the magazine company. “This is the next generation, you know. So, I’m thrilled to see it realized so beautifully but, no, Harry is done now.”
Nothin’ But Net
By Maya Berkman and Krisalynn Fleches

Do you like basketball? If so this is a perfect article for you! The Upper School Varsity Basketball team made it to the finals on April 1, 2018! They did their very best to get to this high point as a team, advancing to the finals with an 80-65 win over Oak Hill Academy.

As individuals, each player puts their heart, sweat, and tears into basketball. As a team, they practice four days a week for about three hours—THAT’S DEDICATION! Also, one thing the team really enjoys about basketball is being together and doing what they love at the same time. Scott Barnes is one of the versatile players on the team. He shares, “When we go through hard times, we always remind ourselves, we win and lose as a team. Plus, we always stick together like glue. We never give up and always look at the good instead of the bad.”

During one of the final games, the team really needed to put these words into action. Unfortunately they lost the tournament finals, but made the best out of the worst. Scott Barnes explains, “When we found out that we made it to the finals it was the best feeling of life, and even though we didn’t win finals we still had a blast.” There you have it, your inside scoop on the Varsity team and how they worked together to make the best out of any situation.
Yankees vs. Red Sox: The Rivalry of a Lifetime
By Alanna Frier

The Yankees and Red Sox rivalry is by far the longest and the worst rivalry in MLB history. It has been going on for 90 years and USA Today has called it, “the fiercest rivalry in sports.” How did this start? Why is this happening? Will it ever end? All of these questions will be answered in this article.

Why it Started
The Yankee and Red Sox rivalry started in 1920 and is still going today. It started in 1919 when Red Sox owner (at the time) Harry Frazee sold star player Babe Ruth to the Yankees, which resulted to an 86-year period when the Red Sox did not win a World Series. (YES!!) This led to the very popular superstition known as the “Curse of the Bambino,” which was one of the most well-known events of the rivalry.

Newest Fight
The Yankees and Red Sox’s newest fight was on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. It started when Tyler Austin slid into second base and the spikes on his cleat made contact with Red Sox second baseman Brock Holt’s leg. It was not harmful enough to start the brawl. Although the benches were emptied, there was no fighting. In the seventh inning, the second time Austin came to bat, Joe Kelly hit him with the ball. Austin slammed the bat down and headed over to Kelly. They started wrestling each other and everybody came to join. Austin got pushed back to the Yankees dugout and it was over.

Will it Ever End?
Will it ever end? Nobody knows but it isn’t ending anytime soon. Whether you are on the Red Sox or Yankees side, this rivalry is the biggest in history and makes for some great entertainment.
“Leadership is not about the next election, it’s about the next generation.” Author Simon Sinek said this most powerful statement in light of all the recent current events. Immediately upon reading it I thought of my Fifth Grade writers, who have contributed to our newspaper over the last two years. Their noteworthy articles, diligent work, and strong work ethic have not only added life to the Great White Gazette, but have inspired the “freshman” staff writers to be the best they can be. Congratulations to ALL my “leaders” on producing a compelling newspaper. Your hard work is evident and I thank you for all your dedication! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
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