



The Howler

Dr. Augustine Ramirez

Intermediate School

May 2013

Volume 2, Issue 7



BOSTON SUSPECTS CAUGHT

By: Karishma Bhakta

Freedom! Boston is free from staying in their houses! On Friday, April 19, 2013, at 8:45 p.m. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was caught in a boat in a Boston native's backyard. The owner of the boat was looking out at his boat and saw a rip in his boat cover. He then went outside to see it to find Tsarnaev. He immediately went inside and called 911. Police hurried and caught him. He was bloody because of the two shots fired in a gunfight earlier that day. He was rushed to the hospital and was not immediately able to talk. He wrote saying his older brother Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, told him to help start this attack using pressure cooker bombs. Since he listened to everything his older brother said, he agreed. They are also suspected to shooting Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer Sean Collier, 26, on April 18. Despite Dzhokhar's confession, his parents say their sons are innocent and are being framed.



Their father said he was going to come to Boston to bury Tamerlan. Recently, police have taken Dzhokhar to Devens Federal Medical Center a prison in Fort Devens, Massachusetts. It is a prison for men who need long-term care, specialized care or mental health care. Tsarnaev is said to have gunshot wounds in his head and neck. His injuries prevented him from speaking. He also has injuries on his leg and hand from the shootout that killed his brother when his brother died. The Federal government says he is now able to talk and also admitted that he and his brother planned to carry-out another attack at Times Square. The whole motive behind this attack was to defend Islam due to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His parents will not be allowed to visit him in prison because they think they have been framed. In conclusion, the terrorist, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has been caught and is now being held in custody. Now Boston can start putting closure to the tragic bombing attack on April 15, 2013.

DRAMA AT SCHOOL

By: Kayla Alvarez and Vanessa Hayes

Have you ever seen drama occur at your school? Now we aren't talking about the drama class, we are talking about fights, gossip, and rumors between students and maybe even teachers at Ramirez. Now most believe that all drama occurs between girls, but drama happens between guys too! Let's take a dive and find out all about drama at school! Girl drama is very different from boy drama. Girls tend to hold grudges for as long as they can, start juicy rumors, get revenge, steal friends, and gossip about girls that they believe aren't as great as them! While on the other hand, boys have a more forward approach to rumors and gossip! THEY FIGHT! Instead of

spreading lies for months on end, they fight it out. This cuts out many of the backstabbing qualities that girls share alike! Here at Ramirez, teachers try their hardest to stop any forms of drama among students. If you ever see a fight going on be sure to find the nearest adult, and when you hear rumors or gossip coming out of your peers mouths try to stop it as quickly as you can! Remember, when dealing with drama at school, keep in mind that drama doesn't always chase people, people tend to chase drama! Try to put a stop to the gossip and rumors that are spread, you can make a difference!

WOLF PACK PRIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Bailey Caras

The end of the year is almost here! We have all worked so hard all year to make it the best it can be. Since this is the last year for our 8th graders, Ramirez is having some special 8th grade activities planned especially for them...

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Editorial	2
Star Speech Meet/Club Live Talent Show	2
Creative	2
Memories	3
Shakira/Ed Sheeran	4
Movie Reviews	4
Divergent Book Review	4
Newspaper Staff	4

PRIDE CALENDAR

- Thursday May 23rd-Skate Night 6:00p.m.- 8:30p.m.
- Friday May 24th - Anastasia 6:00p.m. and 8:00p.m.
- Tuesday May 28th-John's Incredible Pizza Field Trip 9:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.
- Tuesday May 28th- 8th grade Awards Night 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.
- Wednesday, May 29th-8th Grade Masquerade Dance 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.
- Thursday, May 30th: PROMOTION - 8:00a.m.

Tuesday May 28th: 9:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.
John's Incredible Pizza Field Trip

Wednesday, May 29th: 5:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
8th Grade Masquerade Dance

Thursday, May 30th: 8:00a.m. PROMOTION

Enjoy a fun time with all-you-can-eat pizza and games! Make sure to get your permission slip signed by your parents and turn them in. You can bring extra money for more games and prizes.

Tuesday May 28th: 6:00pm to 8:00p.m
8th Grade Awards Night

After a fun time at John's Incredible Pizza, students that will be given an award will be invited to come and celebrate their achievements with their family. The awards assembly will be held in the MPR and any parents of the award winners will be notified so they can come and support their kids. You must have a ticket to attend.

All 8th grade students making grade requirements will be invited to celebrate at an 8TH GRADE ONLY, semi-formal Masquerade Dance. The event costs \$15 per person which includes dinner, drinks, desert, and an amazing time! Masks on strings are allowed (Tickets will go on sale soon, so be on the lookout.)

All graduating students must check in at Roosevelt High by 8:00a.m. However, the ceremony will not start until promptly 9:00am. Be sure to follow the dress code for the event. Failure to do so will result in the student not being to participate. In order to not disrupt the assembly, all personal electronic devices (cell phones, cameras, iPods, ect.) will not be allowed. Please leave them at home, or with your family members in the stands. Additionally, there will be no food, drinks, or gum allowed on the field. Balloons, noise makers, confetti, silly string and any other distracting items are also not permitted.



Avid Presents

Tickets sold at both lunches starting Friday

Ramirez First Annual Skate Night

@Skate Express
Thursday, May 23, 6:00 PM-8:30 PM



STUDENT VOICES



SEAT BELT SAFETY

Jordyn Cox

Seatbelts have kept people safe throughout the years, but still, many people neglect the fact that seatbelts can and will save lives. Seatbelts have been proven by auto experts to save children and adults. I think that car manufacturers should start creating cars that will not start without the driver's and passenger's seatbelt on. Same with the "back seat drivers". Some people may say that people should have common sense and put their seatbelts on. This solution will also stop car thieves, because if a robber jumps into a get away car they won't be able to start the car. Seatbelts are probably one of the best inventions ever made. People need to start making the right decision by wearing their seatbelts. They should stop being so lazy and just take 5 seconds out of their lives and put on their seatbelts.

SLIPPERY SAFETY

Ashley Wilson

Is it really the janitor's job to prevent accidents due to slippery surfaces? Custodian can't always find every spill; they need our help. Keeping the school environment safe takes the efforts of everyone. For example, when there are water, juice, or even food spills in the hallways we should do something. Recently a teacher at our school was exiting the faculty area and stepping onto the hard hallway surface when she slipped on a puddle of water. I'm sure whoever made the spill thought little of it and could never have predicted this teacher would go through hours of pain and doctor appointments and face months of not being able to teach. Not only this teacher and her family, but all of her students and other teachers have now suffered for this one little spill. This all could have been prevented by a few simple things: the spiller reporting the spill to a janitor or faculty member, and the spiller or anyone else taking quick action to put a few paper towels down before someone could get hurt. Next, kids have been eating

their lunches in the Commons. If this goes on it is quite likely that a spill will happen. If a student slips and gets hurt, this could cause parents to get mad at the school or the school district. This could be solved by enforcing a rule of "no eating in the commons." Finally, the school district could put mats in a few key areas of transition from carpet to slippery surfaces and maybe even down the hallways and in the commons. This would do a great deal to help with accident safety. The district may argue that mats cost too much money, or that mats may ruin the surface of the nice, hard floor over time. But these small problems can be overcome. They are much easier to deal with than losing teachers for months at a time, or students and parents having to work with the district once an accident happens. Certainly it's not only the Custodians job to keep the school clean and safe; it is everyone's job to help prevent accidents. It may take extra effort, but we can do it, one "step" at a time.

SHOULD STUDENTS HAVE AN ALLOWANCE

Kaitly Williams and Kaelyn Gordon

Do you get an allowance at home? I think children should get a reasonable allowance, that is if they work hard for it, or have a reason to get it. For example, some kids have to practice earning an income, money, savings, and financial responsibilities. The allowance may be used as compensation for doing their weekly chores around the house. Next, the money is usually put aside for something - a television, roller skates, and eventually a car. Many adults today save at least 10% of every paycheck. Allowance can be treated the same- children should also save 10% of their allowance to help them prepare for their future. Allowance gives children independence. It also gives them the chance to have responsibilities like being able to have the ability to budget and count money, and learn to spend their money wisely. Clearly, having an allowance is a lot of responsibility but at the same time, it also teaches kids to save and spend their money wisely.

STAR SPEECH MEET COMPETITION

By: Mrs. Scott

On Saturday May 11th Ramirez Intermediate hosted the first STAR Meet speech competition. STAR stands for Speech, Theatre and Arts. The competition was between Ramirez Intermediate and Norco Immediate schools. The four categories that students competed in were: The Famous Speech, Inspirational Speech, Informative Speech, and a Dramatic Skit. Every student that competed worked incredibly hard on their speeches. They should all be proud of their accomplishments. Ramirez took home seven of the twelve awards. Congratulations to Maddie Burns, Madhumita Kolluri, Annalise Yates, Arya Anand, Joanna Rivers, Briana Velasquez, and Jenna Hanson. We look forward to seeing even more students get involved next year. Remember public speaking is one the greatest skills you can ever possess. Congratulations Ramirez students for show-

Hey Wolves! It's that time! Time for the Club Live Talent Show! On May 9th, 2013, Club Live sponsored an awesome school talent show. Club Live got amazing talent from all

over the school to perform in the talent show. The lineup for the show was: Alex Hove & Briana Velasquez, Andrea Ontiveros, Angie Hamilton, Serena Jibikilay, Diamond Cofer, Marina Caamal, Leslie Batista, Jayden Calhoun, Yue Yin, Willmarie Sale & Jamie Chung, Joan Moreto & Isabella San, Seth Curry, Andrew "Cornelalius" Palma, Davis Barry, Megan Fernandez,

CLUB LIVE TALENT SHOW

By: Mrs. Scott



Kaitlin Coy, Justice Donoto, Jamie, Daphne, & Michelle, Regan Crosson, and special guest Sabrina Mohammadi. The afternoon was led by the fabulous hosts: Lauren Whitehurst, Haley Gomez, Ryan Weaver, and Karen. Congratulations to all the performers. You did an outstanding job. We appreciate

your dedication and hard work. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Walker for organizing the Talent Show. In addition, Mr. Walker would like to thank Mr. Williams and Mr. Carter for all of their help during the show. If you missed out on the talent show, you missed out on some of the most spectacular talent this school has ever seen!

CREATIVE

THE PRINCE AND THE PRINCESS

By: Joyce Zhong

'O Prince Charming, art thou still here?
Art thou seeking my path yet?
I have waited above my tower,
I have been trapped in endless sleep.
My hair is grey in the moonlight,
my bones are sticks.
I have grown bald from my tears.
Cometh to me, my darling prince.
I wish our love is mutual.
Do not give up, my knight
They may be tough,
but they do not know.
Henceforth, we shall live and be reunited again,
because our love is immortal.

Dear Princess of the mighty king,
I cannot bear to tell thee my story.
Thy father has whipped,
thy father has torn,
thy father has burned all there is to me.

Together, alas, we shall be,
holding hands in the afterlife.
Where I first caught your eye,
and you caught mine,
along the banks of the river,
is where we shalt live.
Our bodies are separated,
yours trapped in the tower,
and mine on the noose,
but our final breath will mean
the beginning,
our beginning of a new life.

Forever are our souls,
shalt be next to each other.
In heaven,
in hell,
we shan't part again.

RIDDLE

By: Josh Tolley

I can be as small as a grain of sand,
But I can be bigger than the palm of
your hand.

Without me you would be dead,
But I am full of life.

I can fly, I can sink, I can float,
And I can also sit perfectly still for years.
I taste terrible, but people want me for
food

I am fuzzy, but I am smooth.
I am a solid
What am I?

A seed grows into a plant and the plant
makes air- without air we would die. You
could not build without wood and the
human race would die because the
cavemen would not have had fire to progress.
A seed is full of life, some seeds
can fly, some seeds can sink, some
seeds can float, and others just sit.
Seeds don't taste good, but they are
wanted for food. They are fuzzy and can
be a smooth kind of seed.

SUMMER

By: Jillian Cantu

Summer is a time of joy and fun.

Play all day and relax all night.

Swim in the pool and lay in the sun.

Summer is a season that has just begun.

Summer has many ups and downs.

With heat that burns and water that feels
good.

In the summer there is fun.

With playtime in the cool hot breeze.

Summer is the best season that all enjoy.

With many happy seasons it is hard to choose.

But summer is the most fun season

That you will just love.

Summer is a time of fun that you will just enjoy.

For summer is the season that you can't ignore.

Summer is a time of relaxation.

Summer is a time of a vacation.

Summer is fun, exciting, and cool.

You can't miss this new up coming season.





MEMORIES



Favorite Part of Ramirez:

Ramirez is one of the most thriving Intermediate schools because it is filled with technology that many schools don't have. Also, this brand new school has students flocking to the school because of their favorite people places, and activities.

Some of the most loved portions of this school are the insane amount of technology. The iPads create a very interesting atmosphere to work in, balancing fun and education. The technology classes are full, and many students believe that the layout of this school is the best they could have asked for. The more athletic people on campus say that the field is the most beloved area for them. With the wide and healthy nature of the field, the students are able to enjoy talking and hanging out on a regular basis. The weight room is always an option too. Students seem to enjoy the equipment available at the gym. When it comes to the chill peers, the commons is the place for them. The benches are shaped in a unique wave design, and along the Commons walls are the vending machines! Students adore snacking in there with their friends and sitting down for a simple talk.

Overall the school is new, sanitized, and safe. The majority of students believe that friends are the reason why they love attending school. The friendly environment from teachers, staff, and their fellow pupils create a warm feeling that makes them feel secure and welcomed. Everyone is included and is never left out! There are just too many amazing reasons why students love Ramirez.

Something You Will Miss:

- Friends
- Nice Teachers
- Cool Classes
- Hanging out at Lunch
- Lunch (meals)
- Dances
- The technology
- P.E.
- Electives

Favorite "Inside" Jokes/ Lines:

- "Your mom"
- "Ain't nobody got time for that!"
- "Rude!"
- "La chancas"

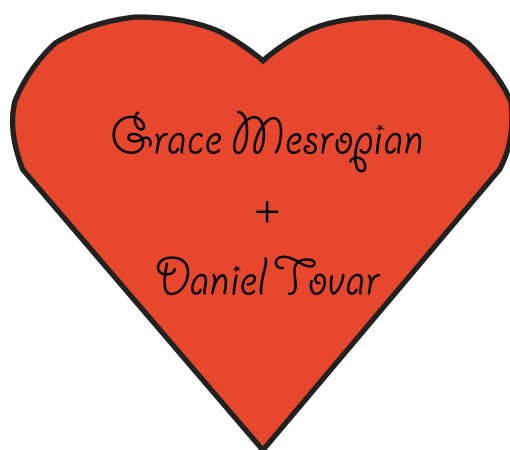
Best 8th Grade Couple



Best Song:

"When I Was Your Man"
By Bruno Mars

Best Overall Couple



Favorite School Dance:

ASB Christmas Dance

Best 7th Grade Couple



Worst Song:

"Gangnam Style"
By PSY

Top 10 Songs:

1. "Can't Hold Us"- Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Featuring Ray Dalton
2. "Just Give Me A Reason"- P!nk Featuring Nate Ruess
3. "Get Lucky"- Daft Punk Featuring Pharrell Williams
4. "Mirrors"- Justin Timberlake
5. "When I Was Your Man" - Bruno Mars
6. "Radioactive" - Imagine Dragons
7. "Stay" - Rihanna Featuring Mikky Ekko
8. "Battle Scars"- Lupe Fiasco and Guy Sebastian
9. "Thrift Shop" - Macklemore & Ryan Lewis Featuring Wanz
10. "#thatPOWER" - Will.i.am Featuring Justin Bieber

Favorite Teachers:

Mr. Martinez is cool and fun, he lets us do fun stuff, he is funny, and he we play a lot of games.

Mrs. Villicana is fun, she knows how to make science enjoyable.

Mr. Walker is an awesome teacher. He is cool.

Mr. Benor is funny.

Mrs. Holland is cool and makes science fun.

Mrs. Sexton is nice, fun and understanding. Her teaching methods are easy to follow and fun.

Mrs. Pavek is nice and cares about our grades. She cares about how well we are doing in school. She is understanding and looks at different student perspectives.

Mrs. Christensen is nice and makes science fun.

Mrs. Wilson makes P.E. fun.

Mrs. O'Kelley makes learning fun.

Favorite Elective Teachers:

Mrs. Scott is really fun, we get to write about things that interest us. She is the best drama teacher ever. She is nice, cool, awesome, and isn't afraid of acting, speaking, or debating. She helps us speak our mind and let our emotions out when we act. She also always helps us improve our grades.

Mrs. Geist is awesome. We get to play music all period, she teaches us how to play music, and it is really fun. She teaches guitar and she helps us improve everyday. Finally, she teaches us to have fun, to be yourself, and encourages us to try our hardest.

Mrs. Meza is really funny, awesome, nice, fun, creative, and is the best at being supportive.

Ms. Cuicchi is really funny. She allows us to work on programs and robots and we have fun in her class.

Mr. G is cool, fun, nice, interacts with us, awesome, funny, makes the best of things, is my favorite teacher, prepares us, and helps us get ready for college.

Mr. Stacks is awesome. We have good projects, cool art, we get to use cameras, take pictures, and create a lot of fun projects.

Mrs. Robinson gives really fun creative writing projects.

Mr. Williams is really fun, his class is exciting, engaging, and a learning experience.

Mrs. Eckenrod teaches us responsibility and we get to learn new things. She encourages us. We get to go to the dances. We love helping out around the school. Everyone gets along. She knows how to handle the class.

Sports are fun and easy, and we our get our work done.





Shakira

By: Jocelyn Figueroa and Krystell Ceballos



"Do your hips lie?" Shakira Isabel Ripoll is a Colombian singer/songwriter, dancer, and record producer. She was born in Baranquilla, Colombia and is 36 years young. In her early years, she began performing in school and demonstrating Latin, Arabic, and Rock & Roll influences and belly dancing abilities. In the early 90's, Shakira flourished in the music industry. In 1995 she released her official debut studio album 'Pies Descalzos'. Afterwards, her second album came out and sold over seven million copies! In 2001, Shakira's Hispanic vibe traveled all the way to the English market. Her English album 'Laundry Service' sold over 15 million records! One of her biggest hits was "Hips Don't Lie", which was the best-selling song of the decade! In addition, she released "Waka Waka" as the theme song of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.



It was one of the most popular FIFA themes in history! She has won many awards, including, five MTV Music Video Awards, two Grammy Awards, eight Latin Grammy Awards, and 28 Billboard Latin Music Awards! In addition to her success, she had also been nominated in a Golden Globe Award! In her spare time, she likes to put on benefit concerts for different types of charities. Currently, she is a wonderful mother to a gorgeous baby boy, Milan, and is judging this season's 'The Voice'. What a career! Overall, Shakira is just an amazing person, singer, artist, and dancer! She will always be an idol to us! Even though she is somewhat old, her hips still don't lie.

MOVIE REVIEWS

THE AVENGERS

By: Haley Gomez and Atira Nopenkam

In this action packed movie, the villain doesn't stand a chance against The Avengers! "The Avengers, also known as Marvel's The Avengers," was released on May 4, 2012 and was directed by Joss Whedon. In the movie The Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury (Samuel Jackson) calls on Marvel's superheroes: Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), and Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), forming The Avengers, to take down the outer-world villain and brother of Thor, Loki. After Loki steals the powerful Tesseract, it's up to the Avengers to save the world from Loki's evil plans. Despite The Avengers' different individual personalities, wanting to save the world is the one thing they have in common. This movie is a crossover between all of Thor, Captain America, and Iron Man movies. I definitely recommend watching this movie. This is rated PG-13 so parent guidance under age 13 is recommended. I just know that The Avengers will have you on the edge of your seat throughout the whole movie!

THE HOST

By: Kaelyn Gordon and Megan Gallucci

This is it. You're saying your last goodbye as your body is about to be taken over. You're preparing yourself for your last moment. The world you've known your whole life is gone. Breathe in and release, it's the last one you'll be able to take. "The Host" was brilliantly adapted from a the book by Stephanie Meyer and directed by Andrew Niccol. Earth has been invaded by aliens who takeover almost everyone's body. Melanie promised no matter what she would protect her family against them which costs her life. Melanie's family is torn to pieces without her. It's her love that keeps her alive or is it? Does Melanie live? Does she die? This movie is so many genres that you just need to take a leap of faith. This movie kept me on the edge of my seat: laughter, hysteria, and happiness. This movie is definitely perfect for a night out with friends.



THE HOWLER NEWSPAPER STAFF



Kayla Alvarez
Kaylee Amkhong
Karishma Bhakta
Jaydon Calhoun
Jillian Cantu
Bailey Caras
Krystell Ceballos
Andrew Contla
Jordyn Cox

Adam Danh
Jocelyn Figueroa
Megan Gallucci
Haley Gomez
Cassandra Gonzales
Kaelyn Gordon
Skylar Harris
Vanessa Hayes
Kenneth Javier

Rami Madani
Atira Nopenkam
Brianna Oropeza
Vickey Rodriguez
Jason Tesoro
Josh Tolley
Ayleen Valenzuela
Kaity Williams
Ashley Wilson
Joyce Zhong

Ed Sheeran

By: Haley Gomez and Atira Nopenkam



"Do what you love, work as hard as you can, and make people happy" ~ Ed Sheeran. Edward Christopher Sheeran, famously known as Ed Sheeran is an awesome singer and songwriter. Ed was born on February 17, 1991 in Halifax, England. He is currently 22 years old. His parents are Imogen and John Sheeran. Ed's brother is Matthew Sheeran. Ed Sheeran can play the guitar and the piano. His passion for music grew 2005. In 2008, he moved to London to pursue a musical career. Ed then signed to Asylum Records and released his debut album with his singles "The A Team" and "Lego House." In 2012, Ed Sheeran's fame began to rise in the USA. He has won many awards for his amazing singing. Ed also made an appearance in Taylor Swift's album "Red". This year he will spend a lot of his time opening for Taylor Swift on her "Red" tour. One thing that you might not know about Ed Sheeran is that he wrote some songs for One Direction such as "Little Things." Clearly, Ed Sheeran is an amazing and talented singer who has won the hearts of many individuals. If you haven't listened to Ed Sheeran, you don't know what you are missing!

NOTES FROM AN ACCIDENTAL BAND GEEK

By: Ashley Wilson

What if you had your whole life planned, when it suddenly changes. The book "Notes From An Accidental Band Geek" was written by Erin Dionne. She had the inspiration to write this book from her past marching band experience. She played flute for two years and was an assistant drum major and a drum major. Elsie Wyatt is trying to follow the path of her father and grandfather. She is trying to get into Shining Birches, a very important music school. In order to get in, she has to join the high school marching band so she can "expand her musical horizons". When she joins the marching band, she ends up having to learn a whole new instrument. She then tries to decide if marching band is really for her. Throughout this book many emotions are shown. If you enjoy bands or books with surprising twists and turns then this book is definitely for you. I encourage you to read this book. You will not be able to put it down.

DIVERGENT

By: Haley Gomez and Atira Nopenkam

"I have a theory that selflessness and bravery aren't all that different." The Divergent trilogy currently has two novels; "Divergent" and "Insurgent", the third and final book; Allegiant, is soon to release this year. Authored by Veronica Roth, the first book; "Divergent", is in the making to become movie with the release date in spring of 2014. "Divergent" was published on April 25, 2011. "Insurgent" was released on May 1, 2012. "Allegiant" will be released on October 22, 2013. In a futuristic society, people are divided into groups called factions which are based on personality and a way of living. Sixteen year old Beatrice Prior, later just Tris, is of age to choose which faction she belongs in. Her result was Divergent, something she was told to never share. She chooses to leave her faction Amnity, a peaceful faction, to join the rival faction, Dauntless, the brave. Being in Dauntless, Tris learns how to be brave and survive, and what it means to be Divergent. I definitely recommend reading this series. It has been compared to other books, but it is definitely way better than any book that it is compared to. Overall, "Divergent" is an amazing, action-packed book that will have you on the edge of your seat. You don't know what you're missing out on if you haven't read this book!