



The Falcon Flash

AVMS STUDENT COUNCIL | MARCH 2022 | BY STUDENTS, FOR STUDENTS

DAYS OF MARCH

By Kirsten Reeves, 8th

March is the third month of the year according to the Georgian and Julian calendars. It's seen as the beginning of spring and is known as Literacy Month. So what occurs during this month and what is its historical importance?

The most commonly known event in March is Saint Patrick's Day occurring on March 17th. This is a holiday which celebrates the birth and death of Saint Patrick who is the patron saint of Ireland.

However, St. Patrick's Day isn't the only important day in March as there are days such as International Women's Day on March 8th. This important day celebrates what has been achieved on the topics of women's rights and gender equality. Aside from the two we also have Ghana Independence Day on March 6th, National Girl Scout day on March 12th, Spring Equinox on March 20th, World Poetry Day on March 21st, and so many more

March has the history of some different important days. One of these days is March 1, 1781 when the Articles of Confederation were ratified. Another day is March 10, 1876 when the first thing said over the telephone was "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you" by Alexander Graham Bell. On March 13, 1773 Joseph Priestly was born who would go on to discover oxygen. While these are only three historically important days in March there are and will continue to be more.

MEANING OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By Ariana Williams, 8th

Many of us associate St. Patrick's Day with leprechauns and green clothes, but is that really only what this holiday is about? Every year, on the 17th of March, millions celebrate Irish culture and heritage through a typically religious feast. Although you need not be religious to celebrate this day, it is established as a Christian holiday. St. Patrick's Day is named after and celebrates St. Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, on the date of his death. Created in the 18th century, over time it has turned into not only celebrating that man who shaped Ireland in such a big way and the rise of Christianity in Ireland, but also into a celebration of Irish culture and customs.

JOKE TIME!

What type of bow can't be tied?

Answer: A rainbow!



SOCCER SEASON

CLOSURE

By Bailey de Tierra, 8th

As third quarter comes to an end, so does the soccer season. The girls' team placed 3rd in City, their third and last tournament game ending with a score of 0-6 against Dodge. The boys played their first and last tournament game against C.E. Rose, leaving the field with the score 0-1. On **Tuesday, March 8th**, there will be an end-of-season soccer party for the girls' team held in the cafeteria after school. A massive thank you to the coaches and the students who assisted and participated throughout the season! Great work on the field Falcons and see you next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8th: Jazz Fest

March 10th: Star Party

March 10th: ABODA Concert Band Festival-
Sahuaro HS

March 21st-April 15th: AZ Science Assessment

March 24th: TUSD Advanced Band Festival-
Sabino HS

March 29th: TUSD Advanced Orchestra Festival-
Catalina HS

April 4th-April 29th: AASA-Arizona Academic
Standards Assessments

May 12th: Choir, Orchestra and Guitar Spring
Concert

May 18 and 19: Year End Band Concerts

ALICE VAIL PRIDE: FINE ARTS

By Jenny Tran, 8th

Recently, Vail's Band and Orchestra programs have had the honor to be featured in several of TUSD's YouTube videos. They will be linked below if you are interested in watching. Thank you teachers for leading future musicians, and thank you students for your commitment and diligence to your instruments!

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UPCOMING

TRACK SEASON

By Bailey de Tierra, 8th

With the soccer season finished, we would like to introduce track and field as the fourth quarter sport. This year, there will be a total of ten events. This includes: 100 M, 200 M, 400 M, 800 M, 1600 M, 4X100 Relay, 4X400 Relay, Long Jump, High Jump, and Shot Put. There has been a change to the previous system of weight/height class (A, B, C, D), and the events are now divided between 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.



In order to participate, the following is required: Parent Permission Slip, Emergency Contact Form, and a Current Sports Physical. These can be picked up and turned in to the office. It is also important to note that you must have passing grades, and as always good sportsmanship.

Practice every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Every day immediately after school, athletes must report to the locker rooms to change. Head to the basketball courts for calisthenics after changing, then we will disperse to practice individual events. The first practice will be held on **Tuesday, March 8th**. Once the track meets begin, they will be held as 2-day events. The first day will consist of field events, the second day being the running events. Locations and dates will be announced in advance.



We are in need of runners, especially 6th and 7th grade. If you are thinking about joining, please consider attending! There are no tryouts, all you need is a love of running. If you would like to participate, please contact Mr. Greer in room 206 for girls, and Mr. MacIntyre in room C-1 for boys for additional information. Emails will be attached below. As always, good luck and go Falcons!

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Mr. MacIntyre: robert.macintyre@tusd1.org

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

By Kirsten Reeves, 8th



Are you someone who loves to read? Well, this month on the 12th and 13th is Tucson's annual Festival of Books. Located at the University of Arizona, the Festival of Books is a free activity where you get the chance to buy new books, meet authors, and find other enjoyable things.

On March 12th and 13th, the Festival of Books will be held giving you the chance to experience this event for yourself. At the festival you will have the chance to meet people such as Jake Skeets who is an award-winning poet or Marie Lu a bestselling author who wrote the Legend book Series along with many more authors. This festival was first established in 2009 by Bill Viner, Frank Farias, John M. Humenik, Bruce Beach, and Brenda Vine and has become both a way to help the community and an event for readers of all ages to enjoy. You may also want to take a visit to the University of Arizona's museums and galleries while you're there. So, if you enjoy reading, make sure to follow COVID-19 precautions and enjoy your time at Tucson's Festival of Books.

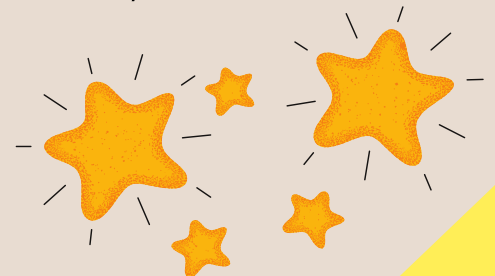
SPACE TRIANGLE

By Kirsten Reeves, 8th

Recently there was an image captured by the Hubble Space Telescope of an odd triangle shape in space. This triangle is caused by the two galaxies NGC 2445 and NGC 2444 crashing together which is now called Arp 143. The collision was head-on meaning that a ring of new stars was created. According to Astronomer Julianne Dalcanton, new rings of stars aren't uncommon; the way that Arp 143 is shaped is unusual. A theory as to why Arp 143 is shaped like a triangle is as said by Dalcanton, "NGC 2444 may also have an invisible hot halo of gas that could help to pull NGC 2445's gas away from its nucleus.



Therefore, they're not completely free of each other yet, and their unusual interaction is distorting the ring into this triangle." The two galaxies are pulling apart from each other and within them hold both newer stars that are a few million years old and stars that are much older ranging near 100 million years old.



SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

By Amaya Williams, 6th

Spirit week is yet again coming up, so remember to participate to show school spirit! March 7th through 10th is the week before Spring Break, so try to participate before leaving your friends for a week. Participating in Spirit Week is both fun for you and others, these memories of being with your friends will likely stay with you. Make sure you participate so as to not regret it later when everyone is rejoicing about the day, and you're left out.



Monday, March 7th: Pajama Day - Take this opportunity to wear your pajamas to school! Do you not have enough time in the morning to get ready? Well today, you don't have to worry about getting dressed, just roll out of bed and go to school! Remember: Your clothing must still be appropriate for school.

Tuesday, March 8th: Sports Day - Wear merchandise and team gear of your favorite sports team, a jersey from a team you play on, or anything sports related!



Wednesday, March 9th: "We Wear Pink" Day - Wear pink today, a reference to *Mean Girl's* "We wear pink on Wednesdays."



Thursday, March 10th: Dress Your Best Day - Take the opportunity to dress up today! Wear all your fancy clothes you usually can't wear to school and show them off to your friends! Make sure your clothes allow you to move as you need to during the day, and dress codes still must be followed.



Friday, March 11th: No school due to Grading Day! Have a wonderful Spring Break, Falcons!



CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS OF MARCH

By Beatriz Griffith, 6th

March has plenty of Birthdays to celebrate with the Pisces and Aries Signs. Notable ones include Kesha (35) and Justin Bieber (28) on March 1st, Dr. Seuss and John Bon Jovi (62) on March 2nd, Camila Cabello (25) and Alexander Graham Bell on March 3rd, Garret Morgan and Catherine O'Hara (To be 68) on March 4th, and Madison Beer (To be 23) on March 5th.



FUN FACT!

Porcupines can float due to the structure of their quills.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH REPRESENTATION AT VAIL

By Anthony Barker, 7th

A big shout-out to the AVMS Choir, for their excellent performance on 2/28/2022. Their poetic, and glorious songs were motivating, and honored Black History Month. Also, a mention to Mrs. Valdez Rogers' 6th Period for their marvelous rendition of the classic poem by Langston Hughes. A job well done for Mr. Warner, our Choir Teacher, and our Guest Pianist.

STAR PARTY

By Kirsten Reeves, 8th

Want a chance to observe the stars? Well, on **Thursday, March 10**, Alice Vail Middle School's PTSA is hosting a Star Party! From 6-8 P.M, you and your family will have the chance to observe the night sky and participate in other STEM exploration opportunities. Not only will astronomers be bringing telescopes to help the AVMS community witness the night sky, but there are also other activities. Additionally, there will be a snack provided by the PTSA. So come join us March 10 on the AVMS campus to learn more about what exists beyond our sky.



INTERVIEW WITH AVMS STUCO PRESIDENT

By Ariana Williams, 8th

Jenny Tran, Grade 8, Student Council President

What makes you a great president?

"I think the fact that I'm very open to others' opinions and my ability to seek ways to improve is what helps me in the leadership position I obtain. I value how other people feel, and I want them to know that I'm here to listen and validate their opinions! My position as StuCo president is to represent the student body and make decisions that are best for the school and the opinions of its students."

*StuCo is the abbreviation for student council

You're a straight-A student, right? Do you have any advice for dealing with anxiety and being successful?

"I am a straight A student, yes! I do have several tips as someone who has experienced a tremendous amount of stress. I think that while it's important to plan ahead, you can never forget about the current moment. A lot of my stress comes from me thinking about my future or worrying about something far ahead when in reality, learning to focus on my current surroundings helped me get over it. Your worth is never determined by the "success" you achieve, and the moment you realize that mistakes are the only way to learn, you'll become a more successful person in ways you've never realized! Take a break, take a deep breath, and think about what's around you. Think about why you're stressed and what you can do. Plan ahead, but don't worry yourself! Success comes with learning so open yourself up to all the worlds of change :)"

What are your goals for this year?

"My goals for this year are to become a better leader, create new relationships, and to reach new lengths through growth! I want to learn and develop new ways to become a person who people can always rely on. I want to grow my skills such as my public speaking, decision making, and overall energy when around people, so I look forward to this year."

What is your opinion on sugar cookies?

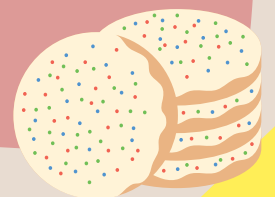
"The frosted sugar cookies you find in stores are the worst food known to humankind. They're dry, overly sweet, and intolerable. They have no redeeming qualities as cookies. Save yourself the heartbreak and just eat a chocolate chip cookie."

Jenny Tran is our wonderful president and leader of the student council who works diligently to plan and complete events to help the students at our school's well being, as well as learning environment. She, although an idol to many, is also just a person like everyone else. That's perhaps why we appreciate her so much, her capacity for empathy is so high. Remember, President Jenny's goal is to help improve the school, so if you have any suggestions, please let her know so she can do her best to fulfill your request.

Question of the Month

What is your opinion on frosted sugar cookies?
Use the form below to answer the question!

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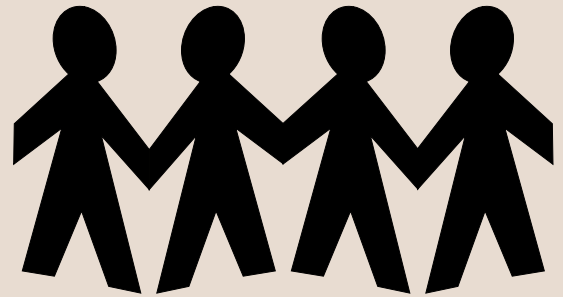


JOINING STUDENT COUNCIL

By Mark "Anthony" Barker, 7th

Interested in making an impact at AVMS and spreading the voices of our student body? If so, Student Council is the club for you! Please join us in Mrs. Gowin's (or Mrs. G) room 104, (Formerly Mrs. Jacquez's room) on Wednesday mornings at around 8:15 A.M. We'd love to have you. For more information, please ask one of our officers, or representatives listed.

Jenny Tran, (Grade 8) Piper Gibson, (Grade 8) Austin Leming, (Grade 8) Ghazaul Dickson, (Grade 8) Mark "Anthony" Barker, (Grade 7) Kirsten Reeves, (Grade 8) Ariana Williams, (Grade 8) Abby Philips, (Grade 8) Amaya Williams, (Grade 6) or Max Pro-Leon, (Grade 6).



STUDENT COUNCIL SUGGESTION FORUM

By Jenny Tran, 8th

Do you have ideas you'd like to share with our Student Council to create a better school environment? Submit them using the link below, or fill out a form in the cafeteria and drop it in the box!

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