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Patriots Share Their Holiday Joy

During the season of giving, Patriots show their generosity by reaching out to others.

By SLATER COPEN

When he returned from Thanksgiving break, sixth-grader Adrian Farren-Means was inspired by the morning announcements about the food drive. When he went home he asked his dad, "Hey, can we go to the store to get canned food for a food drive at my school?" They then traveled to Gelsons and many other stores to get the food.

"I decided to donate because I wanted to help people get food for the holidays," he shared. "I really wanted to help." On the chilly morning of Nov. 28, Adrian dropped off his food at S3. He found out he was the first donor to the can drive. Adrian got black beans, chicken noodle soup and spicy soy noodles. "After I donated the food I got a Jolly Rancher as my sweet treat," he shared.

Though the campus may be getting colder, Patriots warm their hearts with kindness and spirit. Some Patriots are participating in community service. Some are working on projects together. Either way, Revere Patriots and teachers are sharing and



Adrian Farren-Means, with Mr. Slavin, donates cans to the food drive.

helping each other in many ways.

The can drive is an event run by Mr. Slavin and the Community Service lunch club. During the event, Patriots dropped off cans at S3 to be sent to the Los Angeles Regional Food bank. "Thirteen years ago, when there was a food

crisis in Los Angeles, a bunch of Revere moms and the principal came up with the idea to host a can drive," Mr. Slavin explained. "They asked me to supervise the event and the rest is history."

Mr. Slavin said he believes that "community service is a self

motivated activity." He loves giving students ideas for helping everyone. A student in his lunch club named Henry Mauch stated, "I love helping out. I also get to hang out with friends. It's a great place to hang out because it's quiet."

Why did Henry go to the club? "I am a Boy Scout," he explained, "so I am used to helping in the real world already. I thought I should just go."

The toy drive is another annual holiday event. Patriots have been bringing their unopened toys to Mr. Bilek and his leadership students in K1 to be given to children in need.

Ms. Stewart, a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher, loves to support her favorite charity. "I started donating to the L.A. Food Bank years ago, on the holidays with my dad. We wanted to do something to help others and it became an annual tradition. He passed away three years ago from COVID-19. One way I decided to honor him was to continue our tradition to donate to the L.A. Food Bank in his memory," Ms. Stewart expressed.

In Ms. Palcan's math class, Patriots worked on a Thanksgiving project where students put together meal plans for their big dinner. Seventh-grader Siena Sklar explained, "My friend

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Alex Vamvakitis strikes a yoga pose during Wellness Month. Page 3



Danae Love shows thumbs up for a week about clean living. Page 4



Matthew Ojeda can't wait to bite into his international treat. Page 9



Alison Tam serves it up on the way to a big championship title. Page 13



From left: Gabe, Antonio and Angelo organize some groceries before bringing them to Mr. Slavin in S3. Ms. Stewart shares her history with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Siena and Olivia show their project to their class, while Mr. Bilek checks a Toy Drive poster near his homeroom.

Olivia and I did the Thanksgiving project together. I worked on the shopping and poster and Olivia and I did the baking. We ended up making cake pops and we got in the Thanksgiving spirit. We baked and were working hard to find solutions to fix out melted frosting that ended up burning. The math to solve for how much percent each person had to pay out of the total price was a little stressful but we did it. In the end the poster was decorated with a fall theme and we had fun.”

Meanwhile, some classes and friends, like the journalism staff, got the chance to show their holiday spirit by doing a Secret Santa exchange.

Community service is a required activity that all seventh and eighth graders have to do, Patriots have to get 5 hours of community service time for the school year. In order for someone to get community service hours, a Patriot has to work for a non-profit, like a soup kitchen or helping Revere teachers.

No matter what, the organi-

zation a Patriot is helping must be non-profit. After they do the work, they must get the supervisor to fill out the form and take a picture to prove that they were there.

Many Patriots at Revere already have started getting their hours by doing Farm Work Days at Revere or helping out at other non profit organizations.

Farm Work Days are run by Ms. Robertson and help her manage the farm. They usually happen on Saturdays and Patriots can expect them to last for about

three hours. Things like moving mulch and clearing weeds are just some of the tasks Patriots will participate in.

Seventh-grader Wallace Copen shares, “I went to the Farm Work Day multiple times. I wanted community service hours, but I also love seeing the animals at the farm and the farm in general.”

As the days grow colder, Patriots have been warming each other up with their kindness. As the Community Service poster proclaims, “Revere CAN make a difference.”

Outdoor Adventures

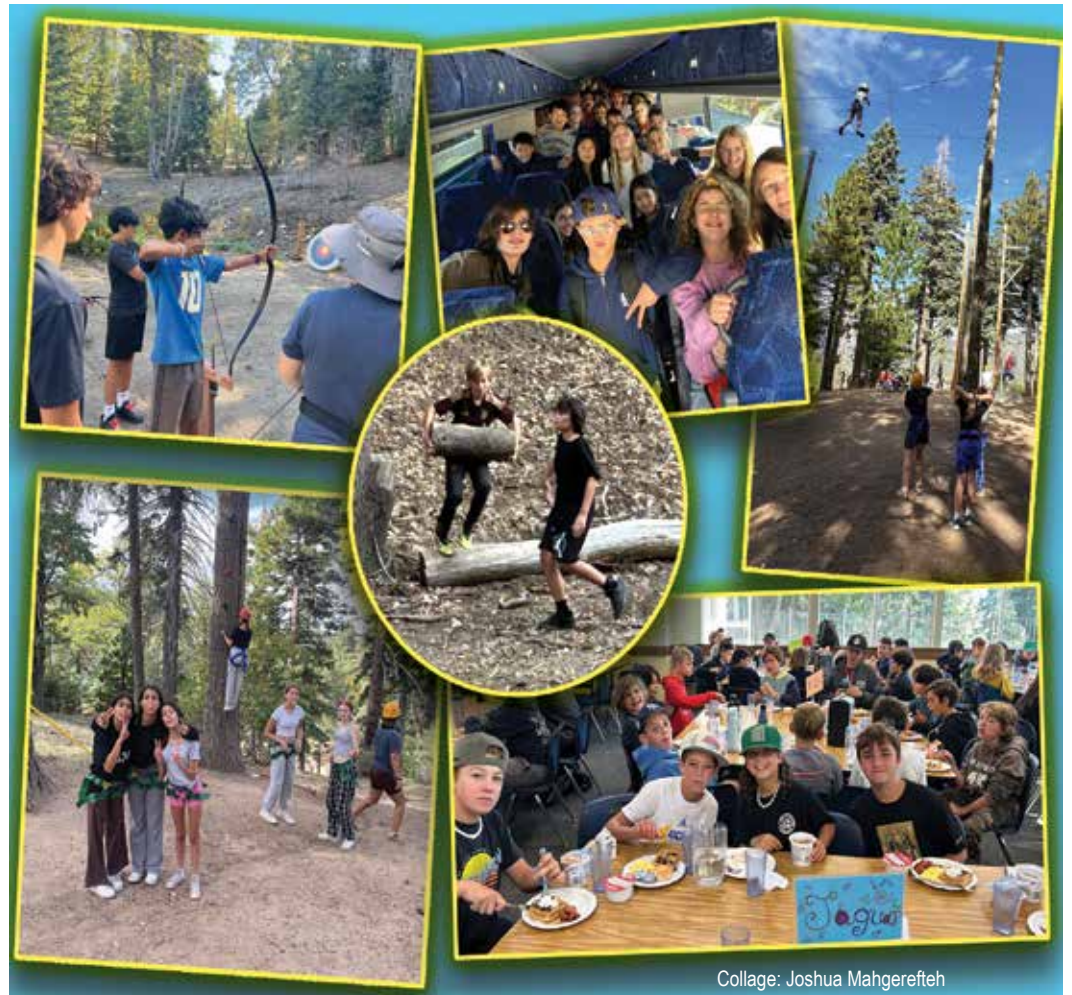
Patriots enjoy three days of remote fun at a mountain retreat.

By ISABEL SHAHMARAM

About 350 Revere sixth and seventh-graders went on a 100 mile trip to the Pali Institute in Running Springs. From Oct. 9–11, the sixth- and seventh-graders went on a Pali Adventure. Teachers and counselors such as Mr. Fulling, Mr. Hyman, Ms. Khoubian, Mr. Koretz, Ms. Mello, Ms. Ruffner, Ms. Stehlin and Ms. Sturtevant came to the Pali Institute to accompany Patriots as they engage and explore different activities.

Sixth-grader Sarina Ywin says, “It was pretty fun. The activities were good and the food was also great.”

Seventh-grader Max Konecke said, “My favorite part of Pali Camp was when my group and I did the ropes course. Even though it was pretty scary, for some reason it was thrilling when I was in the air.”



Collage: Joshua Mahgerefeh



Meditation Workshop in the library



Scavenger Hunt at the farm



Yoga in the rose garden



Bracelet Making in X13



Sound Bath in the library



Painting in X13

Relax, Refresh . . . It's Wellness Month!

Throughout October, students found fun ways to improve their overall mental health.

By SARINA IRANNEJAD

"In my role as a psychiatric social worker, I see many mental health issues, such as anxiety and depression, in students," reports Ms. Riley, who plays a very important role at Revere. "I think practicing wellness can not only prevent mental health issues, but also help decrease the symptoms of these issues," she added. "Practicing wellness techniques is something that has been key to my own happiness, and I want to share that with our students."

Ms. Gutierrez, Revere's new BSAP counselor, said she agrees with Ms. Riley on "the need to take care of the mind, body and spirit." It's no surprise, then, that both Ms. Riley and Ms. Gutierrez would want to sponsor Wellness Month at Revere. Throughout October, they hosted many peaceful and calming events for the students of Revere to enjoy and relax.

Students rushed to the rose garden on Oct. 3 to participate in a peaceful yoga session. It included a peaceful set up with yoga mats and music outside. A trained yoga teacher volunteered to walk students through

a basic yoga sequence. Sixth-grader Nicole Shidmand stated, "The meditation was really fun and calming." She also stated "I think that it should be continued for the years to come, I do think that wellness month and the Wellness Wednesdays help with mental health issues."

Further, there was a mindful scavenger hunt on Oct. 6 that allowed students to use all of their senses to be present in the moment at the farm during lunch as they filled out a worksheet. Jakob Latala says, "It was an engaging activity I would love to participate in it again."

Bracelet making allowed students to have fun while making new friends. With many different color bands Patriots made bracelets with their friends while talking and eating on Oct. 12.

The meditation workshop was held on multiple Monday mornings but started on Oct. 16 to teach students about the history and power of meditation. Students were guided through meditation and positive mantras. Ms. Riley and Ms. Gutierrez both agreed that the meditation workshop was their favorite activity. "It's so hard to choose!! I think my favorite was the mindfulness workshop hosted by one of our Revere parents, Farah Afnan. It was held in the morning in the library on a Monday and got me in a peaceful and relaxed mindset for the week," said Ms. Ri-

ley. Ms. Gutierrez remarked, "I really liked the meditation/mindful workshop! It was super unique and we got great feedback."

Students got to use their creativity on Oct. 19 to paint on rocks or on canvas. Sixth-grader Piper Roughton stated, "It was really calming and soothing. There were canvases and different shaped rocks you could paint on. I also really liked that we could talk and eat with our friends. I do think the activities could help with mental health."

The final event was the sound bath which was held on Nov. 7. A Revere parent, Holly Langridge, brought some special instruments that made soothing and calming noises. Students participating found colorful yoga mats on which they could lie down and listen to the comforting noises.

Overall, Ms. Riley and Ms. Gutierrez thought that they got a good amount of participation. "Most of the events we had to cap around 25-30 kids or else it gets too hectic," Ms. Gutierrez stated. "The mindful scavenger hunt at the farm did not have a cap, and we had about 75 participants. I have noticed an interesting trend that most of our participants are sixth-graders and seventh-graders. I would love to see more eighth-graders participate!"

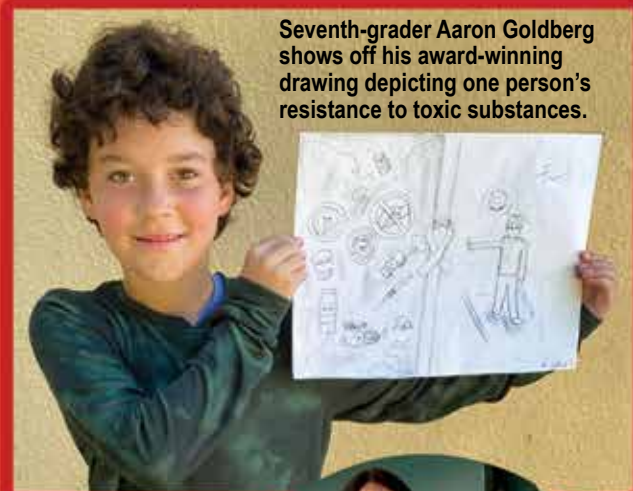
She concluded, "There's something for everyone. I highly encourage everyone to join an activity and bring a friend!"



Leadership reps visit homerooms looking for red.



Gavin Wagner (left) and Felix Aison work on their poster.



Seventh-grader Aaron Goldberg shows off his award-winning drawing depicting one person's resistance to toxic substances.



Mr. Slavin shows off some clever wordplay.

Red Ribbon Week Raises Awareness

By ISABEL SHAHMARAM

Red Ribbon Week is a week full of activities that show people how clean living can build self worth and confidence to say no to drugs.

A door decorating contest gave homeroom classes a chance to go public with their healthy messages. Dalilah Lopez came up with the idea to decorate Mr. Honda's door with the help of Ella Zar, Amadeus Ayanbadejo, Pema Wangmo, Leo Milligan, Cleo Badt and Eli Hakakzadeh. According to Dalilah, "The best drawers did the pictures and we all came up together to do the writing and the ideas." Ms. Barbieri's homeroom came in first for sixth-grade. Mr. Vial's class won for seventh-grade. Mr. Slavin's door—with the slogan "VAPING is NOT pushups for your BRAIN!"—won for eighth-grade.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, Patriots wore red to show their support for a clean life. Eighth-grader Al David went above and beyond in his outfit that day, wearing red head to toe. He even wore a big red nose to complete his look.

Meanwhile, Gabby Flynn in leadership organized an art contest to wrap up the week. "It was a really great way of expressing ourselves," she explained. "A lot of people have different opinions and students had the opportunity to show off their points of view." The winner for the art contest was seventh-grader Aaron Goldberg, who said he always loves participating in the school-wide contests.



Evie Swerdlow's poster offers some simple advice.

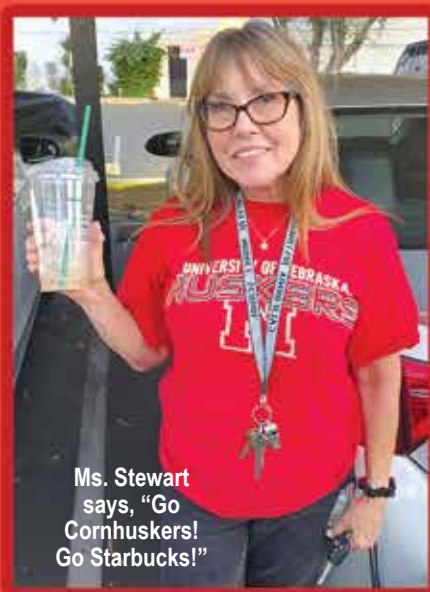


Angela Locke tips her hat for a good cause.

Collage: Austin Roy



Al David "nose" it's important to live cleanly.



Ms. Stewart says, "Go Cornhuskers! Go Starbucks!"



Ms. English's homeroom students line up by their door which warns, "Don't get caught in the web of vaping!"

Tricks and Treats

Mr. Bilek and his leadership team turn Town Hall into a Halloween Carnival with tons of fun.

By KAYLA TANAEIM

According to leadership advisor Mr. Bilek, a lot of work went into making the 2023 Halloween Carnival a success.

“Revere’s leadership members decided on a ticket selling schedule, tested all of our games, and set up Town Hall. It took a total day of effort for everything to be ready!”

Tickets were \$1 per person for those who paid ahead of time and \$2 for those who waited until Oct. 31. Mr. Bilek reported, “We sold about 120 tickets this year. We made about \$150 from the carnival. Most of the money goes to cover the candy, with the rest going to help fund events like Spirit Week and cookie decorating.”

Mr. Bilek also remarked, “This event is yearly. We’ve been doing a Halloween Carnival since before COVID. This was one of the best carnivals we’ve had!”

Students earned candy for doing well in each of the seven games. “Students shared laughter, joy, and so much more. If you hadn’t gotten the chance to go this year, it is annual!” Mr. Bilek added.

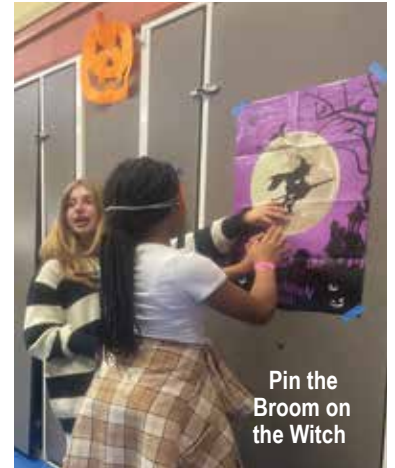
Seventh-grader Olive Boog remarked, “I absolutely LOVED the Halloween Carnival! It is my favorite holiday so this made it SO much better! I am 100% going to go again next year and even though there were only seven games they were all so fun and you get candy for each one!”

Seventh-grader Noah Beroukhim added, “Town Hall was packed with people and everyone was smiling and happy. The games were super creative and engaging. I especially enjoyed playing the bean bag toss, which was quite challenging but fun.”

Finally, seventh-grader Sarina Irannejad shared, “The Halloween Carnival is definitely something I will go to next year, I especially enjoyed the Mystery Grab. There was a great variety of games and I really enjoyed the candy they had there. In all, definitely worth it!”



Cup Pong



Pin the Broom on the Witch



Mystery Grab



Candy Corn Guessing



Bean Bag Toss

From left: Samantha, Peter, Dean and Mackenzie show off the watches that they normally store in their backpacks.



TIME TO CHANGE?

Should Apple Watches be allowed at school?

By KAILEY ZELAYA

Faculty is constantly reminding Patriots to remove Apple Watches and to leave them in their backpacks for the rest of the school day. This requirement has sparked a district-wide debate.

Seventh-grader Noah Beroukhim agrees with this rule. He explains, “Apple Watches are connected to your iPhone and have the same basic features that can be used for cheating: calculator, Photos, iMessage and Siri. If an iPhone is not allowed at school, an Apple Watch shouldn’t be either.”

Eighth-grader William Mcgraw agreed with Noah. “I think that the rule is fair because you could use the calculator on the Apple Watch,” he remarked. “You can also call and text people which is like having a phone on your wrist.”

Sixth-grader Baron Naghdi added, “I don’t think Apple Watches should be allowed because if you needed to check the time or track your fitness you could just get a Fitbit. If they don’t allow iPhones, they shouldn’t allow Apple Watches.”

All three boys make a great point. With the Apple Watch you can use certain apps that are either connected to the phone or some apps that are used to cheat.

However, many Patriots think that Apple Watches should be allowed during school hours, and their position is worth listening to. After all, the watches can be used not just to check time and track fitness but also to stay in contact with parents. As sixth-grader Taylor Williams put it, “If that Apple Watch is really becoming a distraction, the teacher could have the student put it on school mode, or just give a warning. It’s unfair the way they just take it away and not give you a warning.” Taylor added that the rule doesn’t give students a chance to demonstrate their responsibility.

What about Taylor’s solution to the aggravating “No Apple Watch” rule—the solution being that an Apple Watch can be placed on school mode? He makes a great point. Kids wouldn’t be able to do things like take or make calls, send messages or use the photos. Students wearing Apple Watches really could learn without distractions. Those Apples can really be sweet, not sour.

Maybe eighth-grader Dara Danesh sums it up best: “The watch can be a distraction to certain people, but it depends on what you use it for,” he argues. “All Patriots just have to be responsible and respectful. I would use it for tracking my fitness and health, along with keeping track of the time. Patriots can also put their watches on school mode to block off certain apps and still stay focused.”

Opinion

TALKING HEADS

What do you think about the dress code? Is it fair?

Patriots of different genders share their thoughts about one of our school’s most debated policies.



“I personally don’t feel restricted. Sometimes I forget to put my Crocs in sports mode, but at least I can wear Crocs. I would like to be able to wear open-toe shoes at school, however. Overall, I think that the rules are fair.”

—Jordan Weingroff, Grade 7

“I think the dress code can sometimes be fair, but rules like the no beanies is unfair because people use clothing to express themselves. I believe there should be a dress code however it should be a little bit less strict.”

—Caitlyn Shamoeil, Grade 7



“I do not think that the dress code is fair, I think it focuses more on women’s clothing fines. Also different teachers seem to have different interpretations of the rules. So to wrap this up, our dress code is targeted to women and it’s vague.”

—Olivia Smeeton, Grade 8



“No, the dress code isn’t fair for both genders. It’s targeted at girls because of the shorts rule, it’s not fair due to the different length of girls arms and legs. If one girl has short arms she can get away with anything but if another girl has long arms she can’t wear anything.”

—Stella Godfred, Grade 6



“I don’t think the rule is fair because I want to wear my hats, beanies and hoodies. You should be able to wear other brands and show your style and interest based off of what logos you wear. Other than that its fair for boys, not as much for girls.”

—Christian Demertini, Grade 6

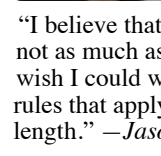
“No, I don’t think the dress code is fair because some kids who may be cold can’t even wear a hoodie or a beanie. Because they are so cold they can get distracted and won’t be able to focus in class.”

—Jeevun Sandhu, Grade 7



“I think that the dress code is not fair because I need to wear my hats and beanies. Of course, most rules are not convenient, but some are not that strict and even make sense. I just wish the rules about hats were different.”

—Gabe Golub, Grade 8



“I believe that the rules are mostly fair for boys but not as much as girls. For boys its pretty fair but I wish I could wear hats. For girls, there are a lot more rules that apply to them and not boys, like the shorts length.”

—Jason Shayestefar, Grade 7



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Entertainment

Rapper Revs Up Revere Ragers

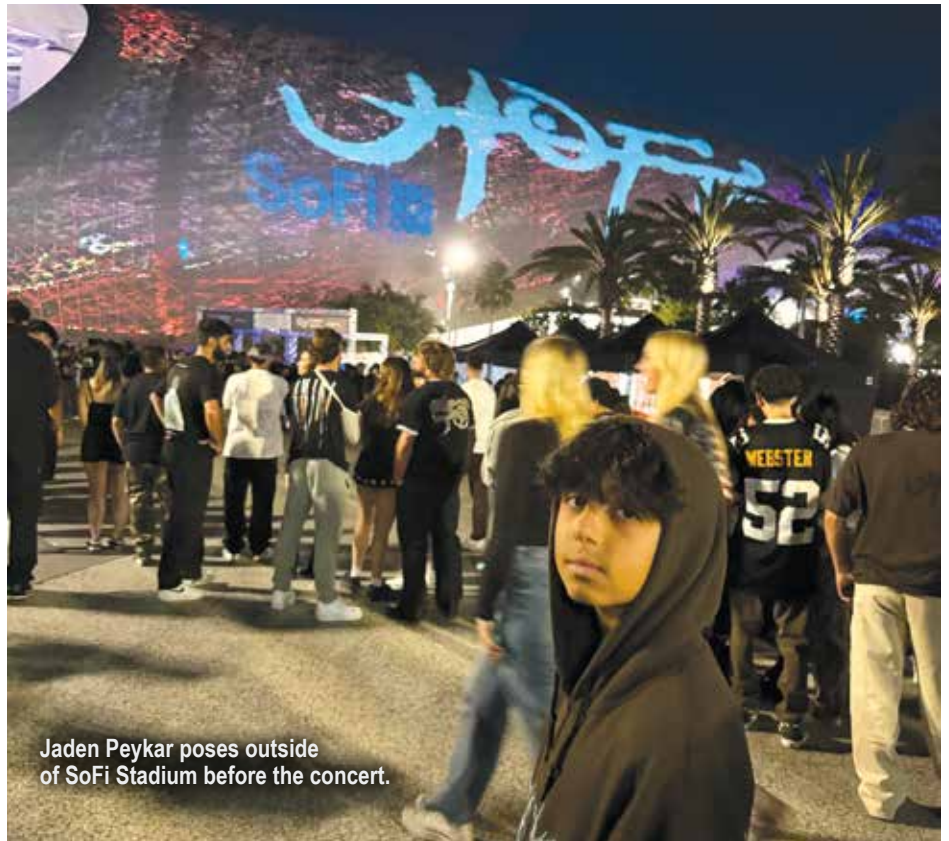
Patriots attend Travis Scott's concert at SoFi Stadium to see him perform his recent album.

By LUCAS MALK

After bouncing back from the tragic Astroworld crowd crush that happened in 2020, Travis Scott released his new album, "Utopia," which was five years in the making. This was his third album that hit number one on the charts. The rapper came to L.A. on Nov. 5 as part of his "Utopia—Circus Maximus" tour before a crowd of 70,000 fans, which included a number of Revere students.

Eighth-grader Issac Lopez, who considers himself an extreme Rager (Travis Scott fan), was very happy to share his excitement after the concert. "I love Scott's beats and how he samples other people's songs," he exclaimed. "Plus he features big artists in his music such as Drake, Playboi Carti and 21 Savage."

Another happy concertgoer, seventh-grader Lilia Dowlatshahi, added, "The open-



Jaden Peykar poses outside of SoFi Stadium before the concert.

ing songs he sang to stimulate the extreme Ragers' energy indubitably threw in a plug for the whole performance. To further satisfy his guests he managed to bring Playboi Carti on stage." Travis concluded his show with some older songs like "GOOSEBUMPS" and "SICKO MODE." Lilia said she liked all of the decorative fireworks and thought the show was very cool. Her favorite song that he played was "I KNOW?" which was one of the biggest songs on "Utopia."

Another seventh-grader, Jaden Peykar, also went to Travis's concert and thought that it was a "great experience." He said it was a bit confusing to find their seats. He also was very excited about how he brought two of his old songs back, "SICKO MODE" and "GOOSEBUMPS" which are some of his most popular songs.

However, Jaden points out that the SoFi event was not perfect. "The concert lasted only about an hour and forty minutes. He started late and ended early. He wasn't even able to perform all of his songs. I was pretty disappointed about that."

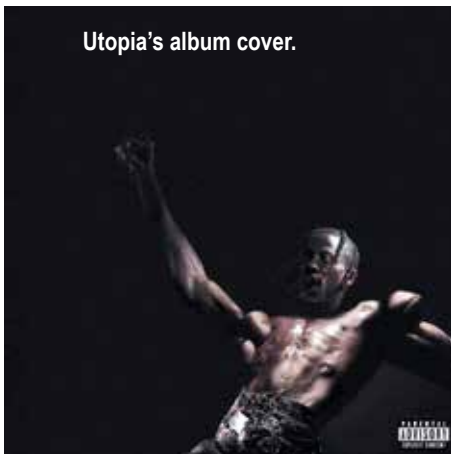
Fellow seventh-grader Sipora Hoorizadeh also had some mixed reactions. "At the beginning of the concert Teezo Touchdown came and preformed, but when he left no one came out for about an hour and a half and made us wait until Travis came out and started his performance," she shared. "The first half of the songs I did not know so it was

kind of boring but when the songs from the album that most people (including me) know it became very fun. He made the experience much more cool by set of fireworks and very cool lights which made the concert really entertaining. I really liked how the crowd was engaging with each other and how he brought Playboi Carti for a little so L.A. fans could see him on the tour. I also liked how he included songs that were not from the album which were really popular. Overall I had a really fun time and would definitely go again if he was in L.A."

Aiden Danialifar, another seventh-grader who went to the concert, agreed that the show was a lot of fun. "He really put on a good show," Aiden remarked. His favorite song that he played there was "FE!N," which was one of his biggest songs on his new album. After the concert he said it made him a bigger fan than he was before the concert.

Travis's new album was a huge hit and every single song hit the Billboard Top 100. While there are many other artists out there, Travis Scott is definitely one of the favorites here at Revere. With his lyrics, beats, features and legendary concert performances, Travis continues to be one of the most popular and well liked rappers to exist. Ultimately, many Patriots believe that the rapping icon has proved multiple times that he can put on a show that leaves an unforgettable experience for all his guests.

Utopia's album cover.



Revere's T.V. gurus discuss . . .

SPEESH SERIES

By NOAH BEROUKHIM

The *Town Crier* staff gets together to debate the quality of a handful of television series they have watched over the years, from mature horror, to reality shows, to Nickelodeon favorites. Some are more recent than others, but all are memorable childhood favorites.



Cobra Kai

"Cobra Kai was an okay show. There was nothing particular that stuck out to me. The background music was good and the acting was mediocre.



I would recommend this show if you are a big fan of *Karate Kid*. The fights in the show were nothing interesting and they felt repetitive." –Slater Copen

"Cobra Kai should not be titled as just 'okay.' The poignant and exhilarating events combined with the indubitably incredible balance of humor and diverting script yields a gratifying watch experience. It brings back fan-favorite characters from *Karate Kid*. Although, I concur with Slater's opinion that the fights are vastly repetitive, the fight's purpose is to fulfill the time between the electrifying climactic events." –Lilia Dowlatshahi

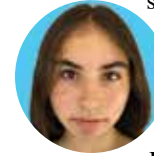
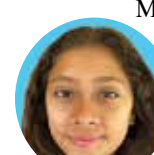


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Dance Moms

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Paw Patrol

"I really like *Paw Patrol* for their exciting scenes where they save the day and the phenomenal graphics. Even though it's considered a show for little kids, I still watch it everyday before dinner on my computer. My favorite character would have to be Chase because he is the leader of the dog group, he is really brave, and he's always there to save the day from the bad guys." –Philipp Suslov



"Like Philipp, I love *Paw Patrol*. Seeing my favorite characters get picked to save the day with teamwork teaches me important lessons and makes me happy. One of my favorite characters is Rocky. I also enjoy the rhymes that almost every character has. For example Chase says, 'Chase is on the case!'" –Conner Candee



"I agree with Kayla. I always found *Sofia the First* to be a kind, humble and generous person. Even though she became a princess she didn't leave her friends in the village even though they were in a lower class. Like Kayla, I think *Sofia the First* is also educational and motivates children to appreciate friends and family and learn the importance of teamwork." –Sarina Irannejad



Sofia the First

"I have always enjoyed *Sofia the First*. I loved how she was kind and loyal to everybody. It influences kids to have these great qualities. I dressed up as her four times in a row for Halloween and it was my favorite show that I would re-watch the seasons over and over again. It is also educational." –Kayla Tanaeim



"Throughout the seasons, I agree with Lucas and also felt that the jump scares in *Stranger Things* became boring and repetitive. Though the soundtrack was good, the episodes were unnecessarily lengthy, and quite uneventful after season one. I predict season five will not be worth the watch." –Olive Boog



"From the first episode I was hooked on *Stranger Things*. It kept me on the edge of my seat, and I love the jump scares, although after season one I thought that they had too many and it became too predictable. My favorite character was Joyce Byers. I loved the first season where everyone thought she was crazy even though she wasn't." –Lucas Malk



Stranger Things

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The Town Crier Lifestyle



“**Pinta Azul** is a Mexican lollipop that’s very sweet and tangy and makes my mouth blue.”—*Isaac Lopez*. (Another Mexican lollipop, **Paleta Payaso**, is seen being held by *Matthew Ojeda* on page 1.)



“**Chung-podo** (bottom) is a popular candy in Korea. It tastes like grape with a hint of wine. **Bak-ha-man** (top) is a classic sweet peppermint candy, found around my house.” —*Jeanette Hong*



“The **Marzipan Chocolate** is a nut covered in a rich chocolate. It’s similar to a Reese’s cup, just less salty. When you bite in, you can really taste the nut. They make a version of this in Peru, too.”—*Angelo Palacios*



“**Lavashak** is an Iranian staple. It tastes like the real fruit. Sour Cherry is my favorite because it lasts the longest. The other flavors are apricot, apple and the classic- cherry.” —*Dara Danesh*



Global Goodies

By OLIVE BOOG

Patriots share special treats from across six continents.



“**Tim-Tams** are an Australian classic. They are also very popular in New Zealand, with plenty of flavors. It is a wafer covered in chocolate with a filling. The wafer is quite dry, but still good.” —*Harrison Fair*



“This Ethiopian nut mix is called **Colo**. It’s a mix of barley and peanuts. It’s salty, crunchy and savory. It’s a delicious quick snack.” —*Iman Rashed, with Hiyab Dunham*



“**Roshen Chocolate** is a Ukrainian chocolate with wafers or nuts in the middle. It is very rich and looks like a mountain because of its white chocolate top.” —*Gabe Golub*



“A **Garoto** box has 16 different popular Brazilian treats in it. My favorites are **Baton**, a crunchy chocolate and **Coco**, a coconut candy.” —*Marco Sampaio*

Revere's Hottest Costumes

Patriots exhibit 3 great qualities in their Halloween outfits.

By LILIA DOWLATSHAHI

"Halloween is a rare opportunity for you to become anything you please," seventh-grader Noah Beroukhim remarks. Patriot costumes left Halloween neighborhoods dumbstruck this year. From traditional witches and wizards to Ice Spice and coordinating outfits, Halloween costumes continue to have an indelible place in people's hearts. Patriots' presence on this page is hinged on their exhibition of immense creativity, coordination and originality. Noah Beroukhim assisted me in the judging process to evaluate the preeminent contestants.



CREATIVITY

Seventh-grader Caitlyn Shamoeil was a zealous participant and the ingenuity in her attire is utterly astonishing. Her accessory use conveyed the iconic rapper's persona. With its snazziness and style, Ice Spice is a terrific costume choice.



Eve Ames dresses up as Taylor Swift from her Speak Now era and both the grandeur and grace in her costume are unreservedly stunning. With fashion and flair, sixth-grader Eve has transparently shown that she has not failed to represent the Swifties.



ORIGINALITY

Sixth-grader Tyler Canceko's hat and rugged leather jacket truly express Indiana Jones's adventurous and clever side. The book and bag show his practical side. His eye-catching accessories candidly brought our favorite archaeologist to life.

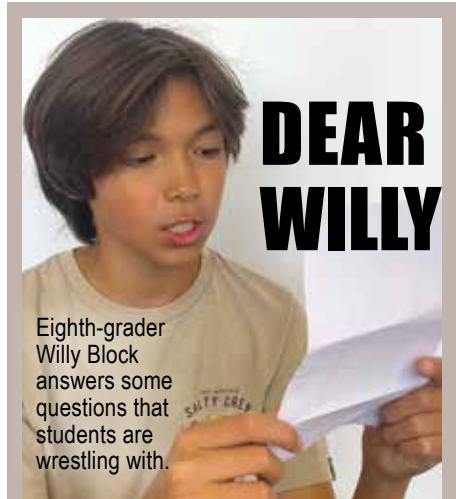


Eighth-grader Gabe Golub dressed up as the iconic American rapper Tupac Shakur which unquestionably radiates incredible originality. The overalls and bandana represent Tupac's unique street style and character.



Coordination

Isabel Shahmaram, Swara Amare, Aixa Montanez and Aryana Mousavi dressed up as Cinderella, Tiana, Belle and Merida. The pulchritudinous colors and accessories these four seventh-graders wore complement each other. These contestants harmonize in their beautiful costumes and authentically show sublime



Eighth-grader Willy Block answers some questions that students are wrestling with.

Dear Willy,

My friends have been making fun of me for only being Platinum One in Fortnite. Can you give me any tips to get better at Fortnite and get to a better rank? Like where to land?

From,

Fatigued Fortnite Fan

Dear Fatigued Fortnite Fan,

I used to be in Platinum One, and I found out how to move up the ranks quickly. My best advice to you is to land at any place that has a gold name in that game. When you land at these gold places, there are drones that drop really good loot you can use to eliminate other players and try and win the game. — *Willy*

Dear Willy,

I am part of a friend group and lately I feel like they have been leaving me out. They keep ignoring me in the halls and haven't sat with me in a few days. What can I do?

Sincerely,

Forgotten Friend

Dear Forgotten Friend,

I'm sorry you are being left out. I think that you should try talking to your friends and figuring out the situation with them. But if they still leave you out or things get worse, I think that they probably weren't your friends in the first place. — *Willy*

Dear Willy,

Some of my teachers are really strict. They are really hard to manage and I feel really stressed out. I can't switch classes and I am struggling.

Sincerely,

Stressed Student

Dear Stressed Student,

At the beginning of the year I thought that some of my teachers were super strict as well, but I learned to pay attention closely. That way I learned all the material and understood it well, so I could manage out my classes well. — *Willy*

Bring your questions for Willy to E-5.

Mr. Foxson checks his stopwatch as Val Ward crosses the finish line.

Revere's 5K Race 'Wrestles' Up Over \$2K

By NOAH BEROUKHIM

Early on a Sunday morning, Patriot families and friends rushed to Revere's P.E. field to participate in the eighth annual 5K race. On Nov. 9, about 100 participants ran and raised \$2,130.69. Parent Raha Akhavan and coach Paul Foxson organized the event to socialize, exercise and make memories. Raha said she was inspired to host the 5K run by her children, Atousa and Arya, who were involved in P.E.P.'s cross country program. Mr. Foxson was pumped after the cross country season, and thought the 5K was a great way to continue to stay active. Everyone was able to stretch, drill, and then run to their limit.

That Sunday was even more exciting for the fastest runners. Eighth-grader Justin Funk took first place with a time of 17:36.29 (less than 5:41 minutes per mile). Justin explains the work he has put in to become such a fast runner. He states, "I began running at about six. Ever since, I've loved it. I wake up early for morning jogs and participate in marathons which help me build up stamina. My family and I, being strong runners, encourage each other to push our limits every day." Eighth-graders Mitchell Majors and Ethan

Funk battled it out for the second place title, with a difference in time by merely 0.58 seconds. Ultimately, Mitchell placed second with 18:16.93 minutes, whilst Ethan's was 18:17.51 minutes. Mitchell remarks, "In previous cross country races we've both come across the finish line at the same time, but we are al-

ways swapping who gets a faster time." Ethan adds, "Mitchell and I are such close runners that it becomes an alternating pattern of who wins."

The top three girls were Atousa Akhavan with a time of 24:56.35, Amelia Halpin with a time of 24:57.23, and Lilou Hashemi with a time of 25:05.73.

They encouraged one another to do the best they could. The top three overall runners received a \$6 Starbucks gift card. Additionally, a raffle was held at the event with a prize three hoodies donated by PRIDE.

The money that was generated by this event is going to buy new wrestling mats in the gym.



Posing after the Sunday morning 5K are, from left: Gabriella Chamberlin, Atousa Akhavan (the fastest girl), Lilou Hashemi, Justin Funk (the overall winner), Sebastian Funk, Sung LeGrande and Jack Plotkowski.

FALL P.E.P. TEAMS TRIUMPH

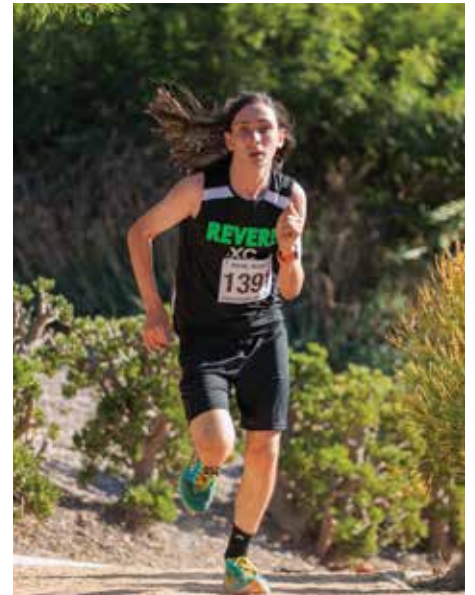
The first season ends with big wins for the cross country, tennis, football and volleyball teams.



Maya Hively sprints past Brentwood for first.



Val Ward celebrates Revere's XC big victory.



Justin Funk sprints on his way to first place.

Revere Runners Rise

By PHILIPP SUSLOV

Cross Country has been a good way to exercise and compete here at Paul Revere for many years now, and having Mr. Foxson as the inspiring coach is another bonus. Kids all over campus sign up on the team and work together during meet ups to race against other schools. There are two teams, one for the girls and one for the boys. They go against other schools and whoever gets the lowest score in the race wins. This is definitely not the case for the prodigy eighth-grader Justin Funk who just got a Silver Bullet shirts recently, which means he ran a mile under five minutes. His boys' team completely swept through the whole season, going undefeated and destroying other teams like Harvard

Westlake and Brentwood. He explains that he and his brothers benefited the team a lot with their great speed. His team got seventeen points on the fifth meet, which is only 2 points off of the minimum amount of points you can get, which is noteworthy, because in cross country, the fewer points you get the better. The girls' team did great too. They won more than half of their meets, dominating in most of them by many points. Eighth grader Maya Hively, the fastest runner on the girls' team, bested her team in every meet. She explains that her secret to running fast is to "get good sleep, stay hydrated and eat a good dinner before the day of the run." Both of the teams finished first in the finals, winning and taking yet another win back home to Paul Revere.



Helena Barnett (left), Maya Hively and Paloma Alpert celebrate Revere's championship title.

Game, Set, Match!

By PHILIPP SUSLOV

Another recent sport that was offered here is tennis, which has been around here at Paul Revere ever since the tennis courts were built. During games, students play either one versus one or two versus two with a partner to score and win different matches against other schools.

Seventh-grader Mila Humby, a huge tennis fan, played on the girls' tennis team this season. She explains that her team made the playoffs with a couple of good and rough games, but sadly lost to Brentwood.

Despite the disappointing loss, Mila vowed, "I will definitely consider doing the after school program again."



Mila Humby rallies with her teammates at a practice, getting ready for their upcoming tournament.

Flag Football Flies

By CONNER CANDEE



Myles Moss tries to reach the end zone.



Quarterback Cal Foxson searches for an open receiver.



Wide receiver Nate Rothman practices his catching skills.

One of the fastest growing sport flag football came to Revere just last year and is already a popular sport choice, with over a hundred kids trying out. The Olympics even made it popular by announcing that they are going to add flag football in 2028. This year, Revere's JV flag football team won the Delphic League championship, while Revere's varsity team fell short to Campbell Hall and the sixth-grade league teams did not have playoffs this season.

Revere's sixth-grade football team did amazing this season winning five games out of the six. Their only loss came to Brentwood 18-16. The sixth grade teams do not have playoffs so their team did not have a chance to show off their skills in the playoffs. Myles Moss, a sixth grader explains, "even though we did not have playoffs we played every game like a playoff game." One of the reasons why they did so well this season is because of their coach. The coach's job is crucial for a team to win games. Cameron Mackay explains, "Our coach is tough, but I like that because it pushes us to be better and this is why our team is so successful. Now he hopes that next year they will have an amazing season and win a title!"

Max Goldsmith is a seventh grade charter student and is an outstanding player on our flag football team here at Revere. Max plays wide receiver for our flag team. He explained that, "Nate Rothman and Dennis Hunn are also other great receivers on our team." Max also tried out for our P.E.P JV basketball team and made it on the Junior Varsity team. The Junior Varsity team made it all the way to the championship and beat Oakwood 14-12 to win the Delphic League championship, but their most impressive game was against Oaks Christian, winning 36-0. The JV team won all of their away games and only lost two home games. In the championship game, Nico Berger had two



Gabe Golub attempts to block his coach.

touchdowns and one with only three minutes to go in the game when Revere was down just two points. Nico had an outstanding season and a great performance in the championship game and was awarded MVP for the whole season by their coach.

Gabe Golub is an eighth grade magnet student here at Revere that is a star player on the flag football team. Gabe says, "Our team did great, he continues, I think one reason why our team did great this season is because we had lots of talent in every position on the field." Gabe also explained, "our offense is our strong side because we had great receivers, such as Jesse Wolfson. Along with flag football, Gabe also plays for Revere's wrestling team in the fall and the volleyball team in the winter. Many say that Gabe is very athletic with all of the sports he plays. The Varsity team made it to the playoffs, but fell short to Chaminade 21-0. Their best game of the season came to Crossroads 28-0. Antonio Knight, also a player on the varsity flag team explains, "Our season went great, but when it came to our semi final game we were not as focused as we should have been. But overall, we did great and I hope our seventh and sixth-grade teams can go all the way next year!"

Order on the Court

By CONNER CANDEE and PHILIPP SUSLOV

P.E.P.'s volleyball season ended on a high note as the JV girls' team captured the victory against Chaminade.

Since the first game of the season, the team kept a streak of being undefeated, winning every game 2-0 sets up to the finals, where they met Chaminade. In their final competition of the season, the girls won the first set and Chaminade won the second. After a pep talk with their coach, Josh Tam, they pulled through and won the third set 15-

7. Star player Serena Stokols explains how they won. "We worked together as a team," the seventh-grader said, "and that is what ultimately led us the victory."

Another seventh-grader, Emma Otero, added, "Our coach's enthusiasm and encouragement really helped throughout the game."

This is Revere's first ever girls JV volleyball championship ever since being a part of the Delphic league.

Seventh-grader Eva Schlesinger wrapped up the season by saying, "This volleyball team was a great experience and I will definitely do it again!"



Alison Tam rallies to hit the ball over the net.

Dip, Duck and Dodge!

Patriots participate in a lunchtime dodgeball tournament hosted by Ms. Chen and Ms. Johnson.

By NOAH BEROUKHIM

Let the games begin! Ms. Johnson and Ms. Chen decided to host a dodgeball tournament this year. Ms. Chen explained that the goal of the intramural program is to “get students to be more active and excited about

physical activity.” The dodgeball tournament was organized by grade level, mixed gender. It was a double elimination bracket, so each team could play at least twice before being eliminated. Approximately 150 students signed up for this enticing event, mainly composed of sixth-graders. Tuesday,

Nov. 15, Patriots eagerly awaited until lunch, where tickets were purchased for \$1 to watch the final teams battle it off for the win in the gym. Admission money made went toward the pizza party (prize) that was awarded to the winning team of each grade level and for the team with the best uniform.



Fun Zone

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Can you find all 10 changes made to a photo taken at a recent XC practice? Photoshopping: Dylan Moran



From left: Ethan Funk, Sung LeGrande, Val Ward, Sebastian Funk, Julio Aguilar and Zachary Mason run a warm-up lap around the grassy P.E. area.



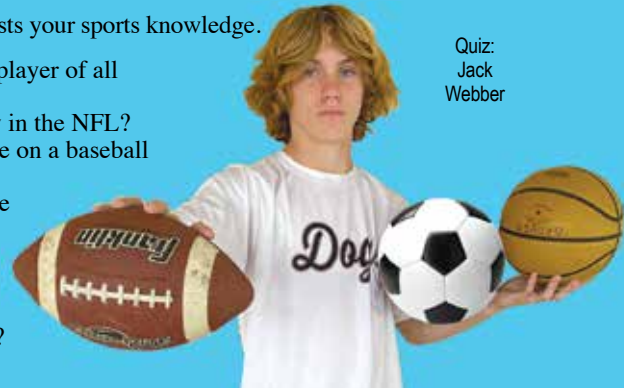
ULTIMATE SPORTS QUIZ

One of Revere's most versatile athletes tests your sports knowledge.

1. The Olympics are held every how many years?
2. How tall is a basketball hoop?
3. How long is a marathon?
4. How many points does a touchdown hold?
5. How many lacrosse championships has Paul Revere won?
6. Who has the most points of all time in the NBA?
7. Which country has won the most World Cups?
8. What is the fastest pitch in baseball?
9. Which NBA team has made the most appearances in the finals?

10. Who's the greatest NBA player of all time?
11. What is the longest throw in the NFL?
12. How many bases are there on a baseball field?
13. Which NFL player has the most touchdowns ever?
14. How many yards are there on a football field?
15. Who scored the most points in one NBA game?

Quiz:
Jack
Webber



ANSWERS: ULTIMATE SPORTS QUIZ—1. 4 Years. 2. 10 feet. 3. 26.2 miles. 4. 6 points. 5. 1 championship. 6. LeBron James. 7. Brazil. 8. 105.8 m.p.h. 9. Lakers. 10. Larry Bird. 11. 71 Yards. 12. 4 bases. 13. Jerry Rice. 14. 120 yards. 15. Will Chamberlain. SPOT THE DIFFERENCES—1. Ethan's tongue is longer. 2. The C on Sung's shirt is upside down. 3. Sung's shadow is gone. 4. Val's muscles are enlarged. 5. Val's C on his shirt is to the left of the X. 6. There is a trash can in the background. 7. Julio's arm muscles are bigger. 8. Zach's sock is partially gone. 9. There is a white opium bird in the background. 10. Val's red bracelet is gone.



Kailey (left) and Katherine work on "finding deals" with Ms. Stewart in B3.

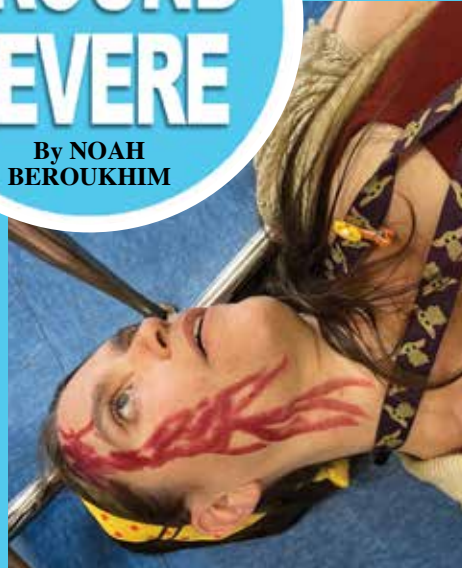


Ms. Ruffner's students act out the story of "Buddha Walks."

AROUND REVERE
By NOAH BEROUKHIM



Aiden (left), Alex and Noah measure how many calories are in a marshmallow in Mr. Honda's lab.



Uh-oh! Ms. Wright is bleeding, but only for a disaster simulation for LAUSD's Shake Out 2023.



Shyla Shayefar shows off her Iranian roots on Revere's annual Cultural Day.



Ms. English demonstrates the proper way to launch a rocket.



Oliver Balatbat shakes heavy cream to make some butter.



As Ms. Gutierrez (right) takes the role of Revere's BSAP counselor, she welcomes the new school climate advocate, Ms. Rivas.