# message in a Bottle

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## THE SHIP SPRANG A LEAK!

### WALKER DENNIS

On December 15th, we had been let out for winter break, plumbing for the main house had started and since then we have almost finished. However, we have not finished painting the walls. It was only a matter of time until the school interior needed repair considering how old this house is. The main water pipes have been fixed. We have a new water heater. Along with the pipes, new toilets and sinks have been installed. After all the piping was finished, we had to have the holes in the walls filled. Afterwards, we had to call in a cleaning crew to deal with the remains of what came out of the walls after the piping of the house. With all that done, we can now use the main house again. And that's how the main house spent its break.



The Pinewood Derby was held at Thunder Bunny Racing



# PINEWOOD DERBY: THE Results are in!

### HARRISON MAUGER

The Pinewood Derby was an exciting event for the school. There were a bunch of amazing and very impressing cars that students made. There will be an upcoming match because Will Bouvier's car was forgotten back at the school. It will be a great rematch to see. The Pinewood Derby was wonderful; everyone made unique cars such as pirate ships, pizzas, and weird shapes. The Pinewood Derby was epic and Landon won. Everyone had a lot of fun even if they didn't win. Everyone loved the Pinewood Derby and everyone can't wait for the next one. Personally, I really hope the next Pinewood Derby will come very, very soon. My personal opinion on the Pinewood Derby is that it was a very entertaining event that has been a part of our school for a while now. I also think that the Pinewood Derby is a great way to get students to come together and meet new people.

# sports and Díversíons

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## **BASKETBALL SEASON LEADS TO STREET HOCKEY**

### LUKE OGLESBY

Our basketball team started the basketball season with a devastating loss against the Sandhills Middle School team, leaving our school with one loss and zero wins. The good thing is, as we went into our season, we practiced hard and developed the ability to



learn to work together as a team and dominate the opposing middle schools. Basketball is one of the Chandler School's strongest sports and we will prove that fact in our upcoming games.

Speaking of our strongest sports, another sport the Chandler School is great at is street hockey. Drafting for our street hockey teams is expected to start sometime at the end of February. We won't compete against other schools as one team but instead split into 4, possibly 5 different teams (depending on the amount of players who sign up this year) to battle it out in multiple tournaments, each team with their own unique name. The names of the four teams competing last year were Thunder Ducks, Red Hot Chili Beans, Street Sharks, and Red Wings. I can't wait to see what the hockey season has in store for us as well as for the remainder of basketball season.



## HARRISON KANG'S GEOGRAPHY CORNER

### GUEST COLUMNIST: HARRISON KANG

The United Nations, or the UN, was started in 1945 to keep peace and to solve problems between countries. The UN does many other things, such as humanitarian aid, protecting human rights, and maintaining international law. There were 51 Member States that made up the initial UN. Currently, the organization is made up of 193 Member States/Countries. To be considered a member, a country has to be approved by the General Assembly of the UN. The UN has six official languages that are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Each of these languages has its own official holiday. The headquarters of the UN are in New York City, Geneva, Vienna, and Nairobi. The newest country in the UN is South Sudan.

The UN has done many things to stop conflicts. The UN has had 71 operations since 1945 and there are 12 missions going on today. For example, they are currently helping with the Ukraine/Russian war and the Israel/ Gaza crisis by giving aid. In the past, they helped stop the Korean War, the Cambodian Civil War, the Iran-Iraq War, the Mozambican Civil War, the Angolan Civil War, and many other conflicts.

The UN is currently trying to reduce climate change by encouraging the Member States to uphold the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement of 2015 was to help stop climate changing by keeping the global temperature rise at two or fewer degrees Celsius.

Overall, the United Nations is very important to the world. They have helped stop many conflicts, given aid to help people in need, and the organization will continue to help countries that need assistance.

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## LIFE IN SOUTH AFRICA: AN INTERVIEW WITH MIKE PORTER

### GUEST COLUMNIST: JACKSON DUNNE

### Why did you go to South Africa?

To take care of my grandma and to see how she was doing after my grandpa passed away.

### What was the most fun thing you did in South Africa?

To go visit my dad's old high school in South Africa-it was fun to see what he grew up with.

### What kind of food did you have in South Africa? Boroverst was one of the foods I had in South Africa, which is sausage.

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### What animals did you see in South Africa?

I saw a lot of interesting animals like zebras and very fascinating birds.

### How did you get to South Africa?

I had a plane flight to South Africa and it was very sketchy and horrific because my dad and I had the cheapest seats on the plane.

### How were the people in South Africa?

They were very nice there were people there from all over the country

### How were buildings and houses there in South Africa?

They were very small, but they were in great shape. They look a lot different here in America.

### How are the cars there in South Africa?

Most cars were very small and ran on diesel gas but are in good condition. The traffic was very similar to Greenville. and the roads were very rough.

How was the weather when you visited South Africa? It was the dry season meaning it was dry and cold.





# meet the pets

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#### LOULOU KITCHENS

#### **Buttons**

Buttons is Mikayla, Connor, and Tyler's 6 year old Pitbull mix. They got her by surprise when their parents said "they were going out for a date night and came back with her!" Mikayla and Buttons share the same birthday, November 15. Buttons loves running and playing with her brother, Peanut! Some fun facts about Buttons is she is practically scared of everything: vacuums, balloons, pillows, their dad, the pool, weird noises, and charge attacks.

#### Blue

Blue is Walker's 5 year Dachshund! Walker has another dog named Honey who got lonely so they got her a friend. Blue is practically fearless; he's scared of nothing and will bark at the doorbell when it rings.

#### Joey

Joey is Lou's 4 year old black tabby cat. Joey is about 18 pounds, and that's giant for a cat! Joey enjoys napping and hunting for birds, snakes, and other rodents. He is also afraid of his younger sister, Eloise. Fun fact about Joey is when they first got him they thought he was a girl and they named him Phoebe!

#### Lucky

Lucky is Chloe's 4 year old gray tabby cat! Lucky spends his days outside hunting for snakes and sleeping on Chloe's bed. He enjoys surprising Chloe and her mom with giant snakes! He is very clingy and will sleep on your face, but he will also attack you! Lucky is besties with Chloe's dog, Luna, since they got them the same day when shopping for food and toys for Luna. Also, when it rains outside, Lucky doesn't want to go outside so he goes in the shower!

### Manila

Manila is Miss Marie's 4 year old retriever mix! She's Marie's service animal. Marie got Manila during the summer of 2020 after Marie did a PowerPoint to convince her dad to get a dog! She's afraid of thunder and herself. Fun fact: Manila's alter ego is a fallen Russian czarina who is constantly lamenting her time in Siberia and being separated from her lost love.



## meet the

## crew

### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MISS MARY**

CHLOE SELLERS

### Chloe - How did you end up at Chandler?

Mary - I used to teach when I first graduated from college, but then I took a break from teaching and became an academic adviser at USC Upstate. Then I ended up missing teaching so much and then started looking at schools in Greenville and now I'm here.

### Chloe - Why did you choose to teach the little kids?

Mary - Well I didn't necessarily choose. Dana just kind of put me with Hartlee, but I do love working with little kids because they are so fun and creative.

Chloe - Where did you go to school?

Mary - I went to the University of Connecticut. UCONN GO HUSKIES!

Chloe - What was your major in school?

Mary - Psychology

Chloe - What is your favorite subject you teach?

Mary - My favorite subject to teach is math

Chloe - Do you have a favorite group that you teach?

Mary - I can't say...

### Chloe - Who is your favorite faculty member at Chandler?

Mary - I have to think about this. It's are hard question but I would have to say Ms. Haley. She is so sweet and fun to be around, and she is also really helpful.

### Chloe - Why did you become a teacher?

Mary - Kids are fun to be around and your day will never be the same. You get to do really fun things when at work.

Chloe - What is the most bizarre thing you have heard while teaching?

Mary - Well, today a student said that their parent got a police ticket.

Chloe - When you were younger, what was your dream job?

Mary - To be a doctor.

Chloe - When did you decide to become a teacher?

Mary - Some time in high school.

Chloe - If you had the chance to change something,

what would you change

Mary - I would want to travel more.

Chloe - What is something that you enjoy doing

in you free time?

Mary - Hiking

### INTERESTING FACT: Miss Mary has run a half marathon!







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### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BENJAMIN MAUGER**

MIKAYLA RUTKOWSKI What group are you in? Е How old are you? 7 How long have you been at Chandler? 1 year Favorite thing to do at school? Math Favorite thing to do outside of school? Play video games on Roblox or play outside What's your dream job? The best soccer player in the world Is Pluto a planet? ....no What's your favorite subject? Math Least favorite subject? Social studies What's it like having a sibling at school? A little annoying but okay What did you do over break? We had a sleepover at Mema's house When is your birthday? Christmas Eve **Favorite color**? Teal, purple, black, red **Favorite sport?** Soccer, tennis, and pickleball **Favorite food?** Pizza Does pineapple belong on pizza? Ew. No. What is your favorite dessert? Hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream, milky ways, bluebell ice cream, tootsie rolls, tootsie pops, rock candy What's your favorite movie? Home Alone 1, 2, and Tom and Jerry What is your favorite place to be? My family's beach house **Favorite season?** Summer because you can wear short-sleeved shirts

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### INTERESTING FACT: Benjamin has a pet ball python!

Fun family traditions? Leaving cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve Favorite gift that you got from Santa? A nerf gun

# the campus voíce

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## WHERE'S DANA?

BRYSON TOLBERT



Dana was last seen at Palmetto Bluff, and reports of his whereabouts seem too be few and far between. As for other things that may concern the occupants of this school, the people say that he has gone on vacation and will not be coming back until February. This is one of the new reports, yet we still don't know if it is true because of the few spots of information on his disappearance. We still have more messages to decipher that will be given to the public in future articles. The search seems to have recruited more people, because of the reward of no notes for a week. This is a surprise because I think Dana is the person who gives lots of notes and the people want to get that pass so I will keep an eye out for him. Also a new piece of information is: A person has found glasses on the ground that look like Dana's; and I think we might have a lead on this one case. This report will be updated in the future when more information is available. (Stay Safe Out There)

## **OPINION: NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS**

### JOHN WHITNEY

For New Year's, many people make resolutions. Some people feel very strongly about them, and others don't. For instance, some care deeply about their resolutions, some of the most popular resolutions are things like eating less, or finishing something they need to get done. A few people keep up with them all year long; on the other hand, some forget about their resolutions after a few days or weeks. They think that it is not necessary either because of their religion or personality. If you do not make a resolution, you might be thinking you don't need one because you are able to do what you think without making one. Overall, there are so many views on resolutions and the New Year.



# oana jones's locker

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## **ARTS FEATURE**

## **MY THEATRE LIFE**

GUEST COLUMNIST: LILY WEST Oh Boy, I still remember the first time I stepped onto a stage, heart racing and palms sweating. My journey started in the summertime of 2023. I have always loved singing and dancing so being part of these productions has really released my confidence.



High School Musical Jr was my first ever play, and I remember feeling extremely nervous during auditions. I had never acted before, so I wasn't sure if I would get a role. But to my surprise, I got the role of a Rebel and I was beyond thrilled. Being a Rebel was so much fun, and I loved every minute of it. From practicing songs with my castmates, to creating fun and energetic choreography, it was a great learning experience for me, and when the show finally came around, the feeling of performing in front of an audience was exhilarating. Seeing their smiles and hearing their applause made all the nerves and hard work worth it. But my journey wasn't over yet.

When auditions for Finding Nemo Jr came around, I knew I wanted to give it my all. I had loved being a part of High School Musical Jr so much that I couldn't wait to try out for another production. After my callback, I anxiously waited for a phone call to see if I got a role, and when I found out I was cast as Coral, I was over the moon. This time, I had the opportunity to not only act, sing, a dance. I got my first ever speaking lines because last time I didn't have any. Rehearsals after Christmas break were intense but so much fun. We worked on perfecting our songs and learned dance numbers--and I am also going to play a sea turtle and a jellyfish in some of the group scenes.

Being part of this production has been teaching me about teamwork and dedication, as we all work together to put on the best show possible. As we get closer to our performance in March, the excitement and anticipation only continue to grow. I cannot wait to see all of our hard work come together on stage, and to share the story of Finding Nemo with our audience.

Being part of these productions has not only allowed me to develop my skills in singing, dancing, and acting, but it also allowed me to make new friends and create unforgettable memories. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of something so special, and I know that these experiences will stay with me for a lifetime. I can't wait to see what future productions have in store for me but for now I am focused on putting on the best show possible and making my mark on stage.

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## **SHOUTOUTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

SHOUT OUT TO JAYDEN DONOVAN WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD AND IS NOW USING CURSIVE IN ALL HIS CLASSES!

SHOUT OUT TO MR JESS. IN HOMEROOM, WHENEVER HE SINGS A SONG OR READS A BOOK, HE WORKS In every student's name and says something about each individual

SHOUT OUT TO LANDON AND WALKER B AS THEY ARE NOW WRITING IN CURSIVE IN ALL CLASSES!

SHOUT OUT TO THE BASKETBALL TEAM FOR PLAYING A HARD FOUGHT GAME AGAINST CAMPERDOWN. Great improvement on rebounding that game.

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