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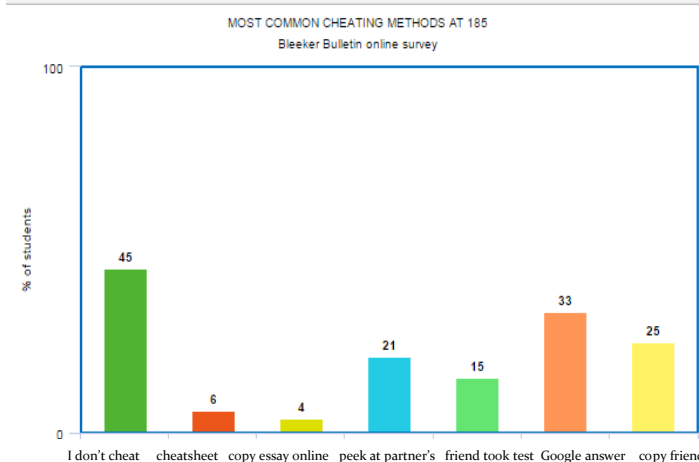
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## Cheating in 2017: DO BLEEKER STUDENTS CHEAT?

by Julia Carpiz

Cheating... almost everyone does it at least once in his or her lifetime. Whether it's writing inside a bottle wrapper, looking up answers, or writing answers on an eraser most people have cheated in some way. About 73% of all students admit they have cheated on school tests at some point in their life. Many believe that cheaters never get caught. Most students cheat because of peer or academic pressure, because the chances of being caught are low, and their workload is heavy. Students also cheat because they are competitive and want to get the best score in class or do better than others.

In our school, 27% said that they try not to cheat. 41% said that their classmates have never been caught cheating. **Over 75% of Bleeker students said they never cheat or rarely do. Only 5% of students who took our survey said that they cheat on a daily basis.** Of the methods for cheating, almost all students admitted to copying answers from classmates, using Google to find answers and sharing completed assignments with friends. Cheating is common all over the world, and most of the time, no teachers see it happen, until it's too late...



## WILDCATS Cheerleading!

By: Kimberly Ortiz,

Natalia Gonzalez (712) and Camila Aguirre (613)

This year the Bleeker Cheer team is back and they are bigger and better! The team is always cheering for the sports we have here at Bleeker. In cheer, teamwork between the cheerleaders is a key component of their success. Cheerleaders will always be seen with a smile on their faces and trying to cheer other people up too. While practicing, they learn and teach each other new cheers for the games they go to. The Bleeker Bulletin got the chance to interview Ms. Tonis (8th grade science teacher/cheer coach) and some of the cheerleaders about how they feel about cheerleading.

**Q: Why did you want to coach Cheer?** A: Ms. Tonis: "I like to get to know students outside of the classroom. I also like to help students try to do what they love."

**Q: How has Cheer affected your life?** A: Alyssa Baez 714: "I learned how to express my Wildcat spirit at the games and I get to socialize with the athletes and the other cheerleaders."

**Q: What do you like about Cheer?** A: Sehada Mrkulic 802: "We have a giant group of friends, and we are all so close. Cheer is very fun to do, we get to cheer and show our Wildcat spirit at all the basketball and soccer games, and I get to have fun times with the girls."

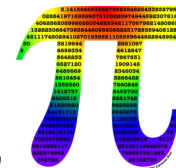
**Everyone should go see the cheerleaders showing their school spirit at the Bleeker games!!! Special thanks to all the people that were interviewed! Make sure you support our amazing Bleeker cheerleaders!**



## Pi Day or Pie Day?

By: Qianhong (Charice) Huang (607), Aries Huang, and Alicia Yu (710)

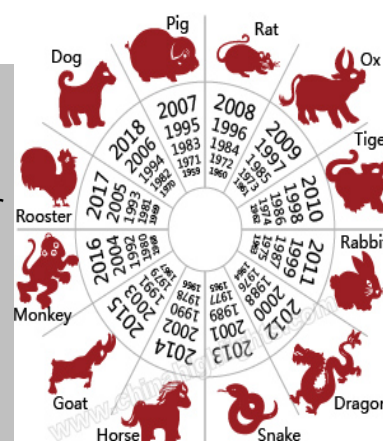
3.141592653589... and the number goes on forever and ever. Pi, the mathematical concept, is represented by the symbol  $\pi$ . Pi is used for solving the circumference, diameter, radius, and area of a circle. March 14th was a snow day for us but was also a day where people are known to celebrate this number by eating forms of pie. Larry Shaw, the creator of Pi Day, ironically was walking around a laboratory eating fruit pies, when he thought of Pi. The most common way of celebrating Pi day is by eating pie, and wearing Pi themed clothing. On March 14, 2015 it was super Pi day since the last two digits of 2015 added up to 3.14 hence getting 3.1415. We surveyed some of the students in Bleeker and only 30% voted that they celebrate this holiday. This was not as surprising because Pi day is not an official holiday like the 4th of July and it isn't as popular. Hope you enjoyed your Snow Day/Pi Day and that you learned something new about it!



## The Basics of Lunar New Year

By Qianhong (Charice) Huang 607 and Alicia Yu 710

Lunar New Year is celebrated between late January to early February based on the dates of the lunar calendar in many Asian countries. The Chinese zodiac features 12 animals that form a cycle every year. This year we were up to the 10th animal, the rooster, which represents our 6th graders who are turning 12 this year. During this holiday, red envelopes famously containing money are given out to the unmarried and elders by the married as a sign of good luck. A superstitious tip is to always avoid the number 4 when giving out the envelopes because the pronunciation of '4' sounds like the word 'death' in Chinese. Different cultures celebrate this holiday in their own way. From festivals to gifts, people have a unique way of showing off their culture. According to the survey, 62.3% of students at Bleeker celebrated the Lunar New Year. Some traditions they had include receiving money from elders and having a feast. A popular food eaten during the festival is oranges, because the pronunciations between "good fortune" and "oranges" are similar. They also eat rice cakes, fish, dumplings, carrot cake, and spring rolls. The Chinese culture is an alluring topic, which is why you should learn the many traditions and research the topic further! We hope everyone had a great Lunar New Year and enjoys the year of the Rooster!



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Happy birthday Ms. Constantine!



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## Rugby Tips!!

By: Mia Graybow and Valeria Lopez (709)

Rugby is a popular sport in our school, but not everyone knows a lot about it. Mr. Mace and Ms. Constantine are the coaches, and since we interviewed Ms. Constantine last edition, we wanted to interview Mr. Mace this time. We asked Mr. Mace some questions to help you understand the game a little better.



**A:** "When you pass, you pass backwards, to someone that's supporting you, behind you."

**Q: What are the rules when your flag is taken?** **A:** "You get 3 steps or 3 seconds to pass the ball. Your goal is to get to the try line."

**Q: How do you score points?** **A:** "You want to pass to the try line. However, the ball has to touch the ground while under control. We hope these tips helped! Keep following the team & learning about the sport and maybe you can try out for Rugby!"

### MORE RUGBY AND CHEER PICS!



## The Water Challenge!!!

By: Michelle Wang, Amanda Zheng, and Erica Zhou 709

February was a month of showing affection for others and that's why our school displayed an act of kindness of our own and worked hard to help the people of Kenya by raising over \$6,000 for them to feel the love too! Unlike many in the U.S., the people of Africa have an inadequate water supply and as a result, poorer hygiene and health.

Many kids are forced to walk hours and hours everyday under the scorching sun to get a mere bucket of muddy and dirty water that, if offered to us, we probably would have taken for granted. This obstacle has taken away their childhood and innocence- all for the survival of their family. So we asked you, the students of Bleeker, to help by participating in the water challenge! The Bleeker community devoted two weeks of their time and many drank nothing but clean, fresh water. This allowed them to save money by not drinking juices or soda and potentially gathering up a total of \$23 to donate. Many people were kind enough to donate more than this but no matter how much you donated, it contributed greatly in helping the people of Africa obtain clean water. Students who donated also received a special wristband to show their support for the charity.

Last year, the school raised an astonishing total of \$1,163. However, this year we beat that record with a staggering \$6,000 all with the help of the Bleeker family! This incredible is nearly 6 times as much as last year's donations. The money was used to build a rainwater harvesting device in western Kenya, and will help the citizens be able to get clean, clear water.



This is especially helpful since Kenya and all of east Africa is undergoing a terrible drought right now. The construction is expected to be completed by September 15th. Thank you to all those who donated this month and helped spread happiness to the less fortunate. Thanks to you, someone's life has been transformed forever! \*Thanks to classes 709 and 710 and the CLP teachers for making this special charity event possible and for making the incredible water project PSA. Please contact Mr. Jozkowski or Mrs. Fursa for more information on this event. Feel free to visit [Water.org](http://Water.org)

### Secret Admirer Scenarios Generator

First Letter of Last Name	Day of Birth
A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5
F	6
G	7
H	8
I	9
J	10
K	11
L	12
M	13
N	14
O	15
P	16
Q	17
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S	19
T	20
U	21
V	22
W	23
X	24
Y	25
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## Vacation Ideas

By: Nicole Ocampo, class 613

Are you one of those kids who sits around bored on the couch eating chips while watching TV? Or, do you lay around in your bed roaming your house in your pajamas because you are too lazy to take a shower? Well, then you might want to keep reading because here are 10 ideas of what to do over school vacations when you are bored. Many Bleeker students complain their vacations are boring. Here is your chance to make our upcoming Spring vacation the best one ever!



- 1. Plan a trip-** Why not?! Plan a trip with your family to a near or far location!
- 2. Meet up with friends-** Kids often say they are bored at home. Why not play with your friends?
- 3. Go to the gym/exercise-** Getting exercise is not only healthy, but you can make a habit! It can be as simple as doing 10 push ups each day!
- 4. Go to the mall-** You don't even have to buy clothes! Look for some clothes or games and put them on your wish list! Maybe you may get some of it for your birthday!
- 5. Learn a new language-** Learning a new language may be hard at first, but if you practice each day, you might just learn it! Organize your closet- It might sound boring to organize your closet on your day off school, but if you do, you can sort out the clothes you don't wear often and donate them to people in need.
- 7. Decorate your room-** You may get bored of seeing your room look the same, so why not change it up a bit?
- 8. Draw or color-** Test your drawing skills by drawing something simple!
- 9. Take a walk or go to the park—** Get some fresh air!
- 10. Make up a silly game or scavenger hunt with your friends—** You're a kid, you can be silly!

Wishing you a great vacation from the Bleeker Bulletin!

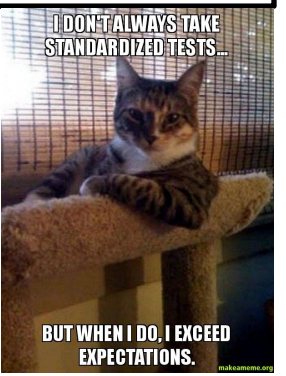


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## State Tests Coming to 185

By: Nicole Ocampo and Camila Aguirre (class 613)

It's that time of the year again...the one that everyone "loves"... The STATE TESTS! This year the ELA exam will be taken late in March and the Math exam will be taken in early May. Each 3-day exam is untimed (meaning students can take as much time as they need) and is meant to see how much progress students, teachers, and schools are making in ELA and Math. Even though it can be very frustrating with all the reviewing and studying, most people try to stay confident in order to not freak out and make silly mistakes. We had the opportunity to ask Mrs. Maire, an ELA teacher, and Mr. Hamilton, a Math teacher, some questions about the upcoming exams this year. Special thanks to the teachers who were interviewed. To all students, GOOD LUCK on the state exams! P.S. Remember if you're stressed out blow on your thumb! The vagus nerve is there, so blowing on your thumb will help to control your breathing, slow down your heart rate and send the message to your brain to calm down! Be confident, stay strong, and show what you can do!



### Interview with Ms. Maire (ELA Teacher)

Q: "What day are we taking the (ELA) exam this year?" A: "March 28th-30th"

Q: "What are some good tips to get prepared for the test?" A: "Have a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast, read and reread each passage and last, but not least, stay calm. Take deep breaths and believe in yourself."

Q: "How do you think this year's test will be different this year?" A: "I think that it will be quite similar to last year's exam."

### Interview with Mr. Hamilton (Math Teacher)

Q: "When are we taking the (Math) exam this year?" A: "The first week of May"

Q: "Do you think the test will be hard this year?" A: "The test is going to be difficult, but, it won't be any harder. The difficulty level should be the same"

Q: "What are some things you suggest we do to study/prepare?" A: "Students should study all notes from class, complete ANY review packets given by teachers, and go online and find sample state questions to complete and then go over them with your teacher."

**BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE AT BLEEKER!! TAKE YOUR TIME AND DO YOUR BEST!!!**

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!!!

By: Nicole Ocampo and Camila Aguirre

This month, we are proud to announce our 6th grade Student of the Month! Carla Perez from class 602 and



Alessio Donofrio from class 615 were recommended by the 6th grade Dean, Ms. Debiec, for being strong role models! We got to ask these marvelous students some about how they felt about getting chosen. Congratulations to the winning students!

Q: "How do you feel about getting chosen as student of the month?"

Karla: "I feel very excited to have accomplished such an achievement in my first school year." Alessio: "I can relate... I also feel very excited because when I was chosen for student of the month I knew I met a goal and that I improved"

Q: "How do you think that students can follow PBIS?"

Karla: " Try your best. Follow the rules and remember no one is perfect"

Alessio: " Look around the classroom, you will find posters that remind you of give me 5 at 185. These help you remember the appropriate behavior to maintain throughout the school day"

Q: "Why do you think you were chosen Student of the Month?"

Karla: "I remain positive and participate constantly in all of my classes. Also I am very responsible"

Alessio: " I am always focused and always participate"

Q: "What are some academic goals you have for the rest of the year?"

Karla: " I want to improve in Math" Alessio: " I want to improve in ELA"

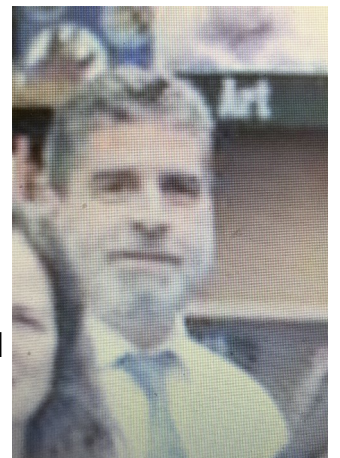
Q: "What are some tips that you would like to give other students?"

Karla: "Try your best in all you do, and set goals for yourself to see your improvement" Alessio: " Always participate and be responsible during class" Be sure to keep a look-out to see who will be the next student of the month in Bleeker Bulletin! The key to being successful in school is to never give up and to always do your best in everything you try to accomplish. Always be the best role model that you can be!

### Teacher Of The Month: Mr. Badillo

By Natalia Gonzalez

Our Mr. Badillo has been a member of the Bleeker community for 14 years now and has seen great improvement in our school throughout those years. He helps Bleeker in many different ways. Most of us know him directing traffic and standing outside each morning to make sure all the kids get into the building safely. He is also teaches 7th and 8th grade science and represents the teachers of 185 as their Union representative.



Q: What made you choose to teach middle school science?

A: "I've always liked science and I like middle school because it's a difficult time (for kids), and I feel that I can help them".

Q: What do you enjoy about teaching 7 and 8th grade science?

A: "I like the 7th grade science topics, I like the age group, they are very interested in Science".

Q: How had Bleeker affected your life?

A: "I enjoy coming to work everyday because of the people I work with and the students I teach and those I don't teach. Bleeker is like an extended family. Everyday is a different day."

Q: Why are you so funny with your students?

A: Since i was a kid my family always laughed. I feel that life should be enjoyed as well having time for working and learning. Having fun makes learning easier. Laughing at ourselves makes us realize none of us is perfect".



## THE WOMEN'S MARCH AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By: Stephanie Illera and Ashley Mera

Following President Donald Trump's inauguration on Friday, January 20th, all across America, people of all genders, races and sexualities were marching for women's rights.

**What was the purpose of the Women's March?** The women's march was organized by Palestinian-American Activist, Linda Sarsour and many others to shed even more light on women's rights issues. It took place on January 21st- January 22nd in cities such as Washington D.C., New York City, Los Angeles, Pennsylvania and other locations. The women marched in the name of equality for all!

Although the march was also to show Donald Trump that his election as the 45th President of the United States would not weaken or scare people of all races, genders and sexualities. The march was organized by women to defend the idea of gender equality and to fight against income inequality but also became a march in favor of immigration, healthcare, and other issues. People feel these rights may be under threat with a new government in Washington. There were many determined women and men gathered and peace and love were being spread everywhere. People of many different races, members of the LGBTQ+ community and people of all genders marched with funny signs, flags, shirts and more to lighten the mood. **The Women's March connects to our current month, March, which is Women's History Month, celebrating the accomplishments of Women in American history and their fight for equality that is still ongoing.**

**Who attended the Women's March?** Many of your favorite celebrities attended this event to support each other. There were many heart-warming and inspiring speeches given by celebrities, activists and socialists.

**1. Bernie Sanders:** He marched and gave a speech for the Women's March in Vermont.

**2. Alicia Keys and Cher:** Both went to the Washington Rally and marched together.

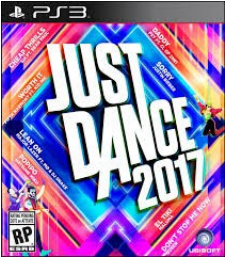
**3. Miley Cyrus:** Miley Cyrus supported the event with her campaign Happy Hippy. **4. Halsey and Troye Sivan:** The two singers marched with their friends for LGBTQ+ and Women's rights.



## GAME ON! Year 2: The Ultimate Party Starter by Daniil Akhobadze

**Party games. They make events more fun, and/or can end friendships. (Seriously, don't play Mario Party with others. They get salty)** One of the greatest party games I've experienced is Just Dance, a rhythm game from Ubisoft.

Recently, they released Just Dance 2017, following every car company's trend of making something released one year as if it was the next. [I'm so funny.] This game features 50 songs that were popular in 2016, as well as some older ones. Each dance gives you Mojo, the in-game currency, which can be used to unlock icons for your Dancer Card. The coolest thing about it is the World Dance Floor. You can dance with other people online in-game. [FACT: Only on eighth-generation consoles like the PS4, Xbox One, and Wii U can you dance with other people who own other consoles. The seventh-gen versions are only limited to those with the same console.] With Challengers, you can challenge random people and even Ubisoft developers! (Look for JD on the challenger's name. That shows that it's a developer.) With all these features, Just Dance 2017 will surely be something to bring next time you have a party! Just Dance 2017 is now available on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Wii, Wii U, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, Steam, and is also going to be a launch title on Nintendo Switch! **That's all for this month! Keep on playing!**



## 185's FAVORITE YOUTUBERS by Steven Lamy

YouTube is a part of many of our daily lives here in the 21st century. So many people try to make their own videos everyday. However, only a few can actually be successful. We surveyed the students of Bleeker for the best YouTubers around right now and here are the results! Check them out if you want but be warned, some of them may be inappropriate or not for you! Watch with a parent if you are not sure!

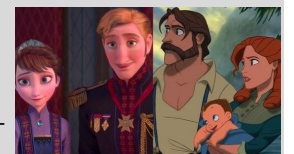
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#1	Miranda Sings	Jakesep ticeye	Cinema Sins	Epic Rap Battles (ERC)	Grav3ya rdgirl (bunny)
#2	Shane Dawson	Peanutbutter	Captain des des		Gigi gorgeous
#3	NigaHiga	Markip-lier	How it should have ended		patrick-starr
#4	Dan and Phil	Pewdie pie			
#5	Smosh	dantdm			
#6	Ricky Dhillon				
	Rachel Ballinger				

## CONSPIRACY CORNER by Ellma Radonicic, Ashley Mera, and Stephanie Illera

This will be a new feature with some of the wildest ideas out there. Fact or fiction? You decide?

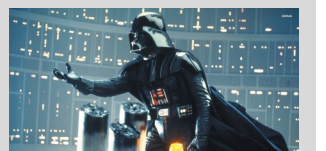
### 1) The Pixar Theory: There is one huge conspiracy going around that all the Disney movies are connected somehow.

Well one conspiracy theory is that the parents from "Frozen" didn't really die on the ship as told in the movie. Some believe they were going to Rapunzel's wedding and washed up on shore and had a baby boy. The parents were later eaten by leopards and the baby was raised by gorillas. You may think what then happened to the baby boy. Well, it is believed that the boy is Tarzan. Also if you look closely in the movie "The Little Mermaid" Ariel is underwater and in the background is a boat where the parents from Frozen were on that led them to be washed up on shore.



### 2) Darth Vader doesn't say, "Luke, I am your father." "Luke, I am your father" is one of the most iconic scenes from the Star Wars franchise and in movies in general.

People are discovering today that this never happened though. The actual quote is "No, I am your father." If you go back to the old films, it never says "Luke, I am your father." Why would so many people remember something that never happened? There are shirts, coffee mugs, sweaters and a lot more merchandise with this saying. It's hard to believe that people would make mistakes about such a memorable moment!



### 3) Aircraft Chemical Trails. Have you ever looked up in the sky and seen a few white lines showing up from planes?

The theory is that those planes are actually spreading chemicals to control our health and population. Some theorists believe that the government is the one in control of this and there have been protests on what these aircraft lines are doing to us. What effect could these trails have? Are they just plane exhaust? What do you think?

