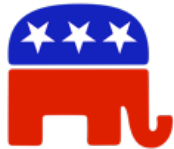




# Griffin Gazette



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## A Divided America

If we as a community don't step up to help each other, then who will?

By Amina Fuller and Shana Cohen

Coming from Democratic families like most others in our San Francisco community, the election was an extreme disappointment and across the nation it has made many of us perturbed and in a state of strong despair. On the other hand, other families may feel differently about our president, Donald Trump, his vice president, their counsel, and their opinions and ideas. Our beautiful America is divided. According to the Associated Press, "Amer-

icans are more divided than ever, gridlocked over social issues, race, gender and the economy."

In our Gateway community we have such a vast diversity of people from all different races, socioeconomic backgrounds, political opinions and much more, so that's why we interviewed a few students who have different opinions about the election. Because we are a school that

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# Help animals!

By Mayzie Dajani, Jasmine Litz, and  
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Hey guys, anyone want a pet? Well if so, you should go to the SPCA!

They have dogs, cats, and bunnies just to name a few. On the other hand, if you want a pet, you need to know what you are getting into. Down below there will be some examples.

## The responsibilities you will take on to have a pet:

- Taking dogs on walks or to the parks
- Feeding them at least two times a day
- Playing with them and getting active!!!!

## The materials you will need for your new pet:

- A warm bed for him/her
- Food
- Toys so they can play
- Leashes and collars/harness

## Are you ready to adopt?

“When adopting, you are making a commitment to care of an animal for the rest of his life—that could mean 10 to 15 years for dogs and up to 20 years for cats. Your animal will remain a permanent part of your life.”-SPCA



## Preparing Your Home for a New Cat or Dog:

Keep unfriendly plants and dangerous household items out of PAW'S reach.

Put a cozy bed in every room because then they are less likely to get on the furniture. If you're getting a cat, put down carpet runners on furniture to discourage them from scratching. When you leave your pet home alone

make sure they're in a crate or behind a gate because they might end up causing trouble unless they are properly trained, and provide things for your pet to play with or chew on.

## Don't know if you want a pet?

- You can try fostering a pet to see if you want one.
- You can donate toys, food, and bowls for water and food.
- Volunteer to help play and care for the pets.
- You can try fundraising.

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## Divided America, cont.

wants to promote a safe community that is open to new ideas, all the students are anonymous:

their mind about political beliefs, no matter their political stance.



**Anonymous student:** What do you hope for our country in the next four years?

I wish for a few things to happen first being that all immigrants to have a better life. Next, for women's rights to

be better. Also less homophobia, xenophobia, and racism from our president and his congress. And please, keep the Affordable Care Act! This would take away from other people.

One worry that I have is the lives of people that rely on the Affordable Care Act, and immigrants that need a better life. People (are) becoming more racist, against women's rights, (and) the wall will take away taxpayer money when it is not necessary to build it at all. In the next four years I hope he (President Trump) will create more jobs in America, treat people equally and fairly- which he has not done yet. My message to America is that people need to stick together and stay strong!

**Anonymous student:** What do you hope for our country in the next four years?

I hope people will learn to accept him (President Trump) and feel more equal and don't feel left out and discriminated against. Stop having protests. (The) president makes sure that everyone is happy.

I am worried if Donald Trump makes a big change and people protest, (then) people are scared and people cannot speak

**Anonymous student:** What do you hope for our country in the next four years?

I hope our country realizes their mistake and they will take two steps forward and not two steps back.

What is one thing you are worried about in the next four years?

I worry that America never does learn ... their horrible mistakes with making Trump our president. I hope they will not be passive and keep their eyes open. My message to America is don't just watch football and eat potato chips. Go out, change the world!

**Anonymous teacher:**

What do you hope for our country in the next four years?

In these next four years I hope there is unity, and community around civil rights issues. Also I think that we must come together nonviolently to create a solution for problems that are going on with this presidency.

What is one think you are worried about our president?

I am worried about the hate speech that's been accepted. Our new president and the majority of his congress have accepted it, and people around the United States have accepted it.

What do you hope for our country in the next four years?

One wish I have is (for a) process in which we agree in law for our country to become more collaborative and communicate with each other.





# ISIS: Facts and Opinions

By Warren Wu

This article is about Isis and the threat of terrorism. After talking to many students and doing online research, here are some facts about Isis.

- 1) Less than one in a million Muslims are terrorists.
- 2) Isis was started as an al-Qaeda splinter group.
- 3) Its aim is to create an Islamic State, called a caliphate, in the world.
- 4) Isis is known for killing innocent people to threaten them.

## Here are some Gateway students' opinions on this topic:

**Noa:** "I think they are very bad people and I believe what America does to them causes them to have many, many terrorist attacks."



**Patrick:** "I think it is bad that they are terrorists and that they are killing people and people in other countries are scared."

**Elijah:** "I think that they should not be hurting people and what they are doing is wrong."

A source to check out: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/08/world/isis-fast-facts/>



**Left:** These American Aircrafts were ordered by President Obama to take out Isis with many airstrikes on Isis.



## **Advice From the Griffin: Exhibition Edition**

Feeling stressed about Exhibition projects and exhibition night? Don't feel helpless, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are all going through it. Everyone just remember, you can do it! If you've been overwhelmed, here is some advice to get you through the hard times.

1. Not everyone got the group they may have wanted, and that's okay. Please respect all of our fellow Griffins and show the four core values!
2. Don't stress over due-dates. Plan out what work you will do each day and divide work up among your teammates.
3. If you're not a huge fan of public speaking, write note cards and go over them. You can also imagine yourself in a "calm spot", an example can be your room, a garden, a meadow, etc. when you are speaking.
4. If you run into a conflict within your group, don't make it a big deal. Don't focus on the problem, focus on the solution and getting your work done.
5. If you have any questions, don't be shy! Ask your teacher any clarifying questions to make sure your work is the best it can be.
6. If a group member isn't doing all of their work, you can help them with their work and motivate them to get it done.



**And the winner is...**

**Skyla Frauenheim**

This year we had a art contest open to all grades -- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade since we have so much talent here at Gateway Middle School. After a lot of thinking, we have come to a decision. This piece of art has a lot of creativity and color. We would like to congratulate Skyla Frauenheim in 6B. She will be given a snack shack coupon!





**Above:** At the annual faculty-student basketball game, teachers and students competed for bragging rights.

## Girls' Basketball Team

by  
Karys Johnson-Williams



For the girls team, the star players were “everyone,” according to the team. They all had talent and they all

showed it off. Everything they did on court was their best. How they won the championship shows how important teamwork is in basketball.

**Above & left:** At the girls’ basketball championship, the girls clinched the title in a tight game, pulling away in the last two minutes with key defensive stops. For the girls team, the star players were “everyone,” according to the team. They all had talent and they all showed it off. Everything they did on court was their best. How they won the championship shows how important teamwork is in basketball.







# 6th Grade Outdoor Ed at Nature- Bridge

by Mayzie Dajani,  
Jasmine Litz, &  
Michelle Sanchez

Above: Jimmy and his group explored a cannon.

Right: We all enjoyed the view of the mountains at Naturebridge.

Below left: Jasmine Litz and Jaylin Reader got ready for the trip!



Above: Yna, Ty, Julius, Dylan, Nick W. , and Mirabella are walking towards the bronze statues, the Burghers of Calais by Auguste Rodin, in the quad at Stanford University.



# Gateway Students go on Tour!

by Precious Billops



Amiya, Paulina, Jamie, Dana, Cleo posing on a lion statue at San Francisco State University.



Itzel, Katherine, and Yahzmine posing with a Burgher of Calais in the Stanford Quad.



Patrick, Cole, Desmond, Shyla, Andy, LJ, MJ, Irease, Essence, Ahlaya, Bennett, Naila, Zayria, Michelle, Jennifer, and Patty playing at the fountain at the Gleeson Plaza.

During the month of February, all Gateway students had the opportunity to tour nearby college campuses. Eighth graders went to Stanford University; seventh graders went to San Francisco State University; and sixth graders went to the University of San Francisco.



Olivia, Ryan, Jayoni, Asha, Anna eating lunch at the Cox Stadium, SFSU. During lunchtime students had the opportunity to talk to college students from Metro Access.



Jonah, Magaly, J'den, Samir, Kyan, and Ms. Alsterda walking back to school after the trip.