



Rogers Students' Inaugural Experience

The Roosevelt Times editors, Alex R., Jose C. and Steven G, interview some of the Inaugural Scholars from Rogers Middle School

Fifty seven students and nine staff members from Rogers Middle School attended the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. The *Roosevelt Times* asked some of the students what they thought about the inauguration.

Roosevelt Times: What was it like being at the inauguration?

Christopher Lindsay: The inauguration was unbelievable. There were so many people that we could barely keep up with each other. The way everyone cheered when Obama said his speech was amazing. I'm so glad I could go.

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Rogers Middle School Inaugural Scholars

Upcoming Events

- APRIL 13-17—SPRING BREAK
- APRIL 25—LAWDALE YOUTH PARADE
- APRIL 30—RAP EL CAPITAN TRIP
- APRIL 30—OPEN HOUSE
- MAY 25—NO SCHOOL

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RAP's New Captain

Roosevelt Times editor Brenda C. interviews RAP Director Steve Richardson



Roosevelt Times editor, Brenda C., with RAP Director, Steve Richardson

The District RAP Director, Steve Richardson, previously was Assistant Principal of FDR-Carson Elementary School.

Roosevelt Times: When did you come up with the idea of changing job?

Mr. Richardson: I was asked by our Superintendent, Dr. Condon, to consider replacing the former director. After a lot of thought, I realized this would be a way for me to help more kids (1700 students!). That is my goal in life, to help as many people as possible in building their future and achieving their dreams.

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Prehistoric Field Trip for RAP Students

By Alex R., Travel Editor

RAP students got a chance to see what life was like in Los Angeles 10,000 to 40,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age, when they visited the Page Museum and the La Brea Tar Pits.

The Roosevelt Times interviewed second grader, Reggie C., to find out what he learned at La Brea Tar Pits and to find out what was part was his favorite.

Reggie said there were many prehistoric animals in the museum. "In the museum," Reggie said, "there are pictures of elephants dy-

ing in the pool of a tar pit. The museum has bones of elephants that were preserved in the tar pits."

Reggie said that there are also a lot of bug fossils and mosquitoes and dragonflies. And there were giant cats and giant mammoths that got stuck in the tar pits when the volcano erupted.

The museum also has giant vultures, ground sloth, giant



turtles and even the dire wolf. Reggie's favorite part in the museum was looking at the mammoths.

Reggie enjoyed himself at the field trip with RAP as did all the other RAP students. ❖



Steve Richardson

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Roosevelt Times: Do you like being part of a team with the RAP staff?

Mr. Richardson: Working with a team is one of my favorite parts of working with RAP. I work in groups everyday, and I know that the intelligence of the group as a whole will always be smarter than me alone.

Roosevelt Times: Do you have any friends that work in an after school program?

Mr. Richardson: I am developing new friendships and meeting a lot of new people

through the after school network.

Roosevelt Times: Do you like being the R.A.P. director?

Mr. Richardson: I love it. I look forward to coming to work everyday. Each morning I think about how our group will help someone realize their amazing potential.

Roosevelt Times: How long do you plan to stay in R.A.P.?

Mr. Richardson: I don't plan on leaving anytime soon. I would one day like to be a superintendent.

Roosevelt Times: What is more important for you—money or your work?

Mr. Richardson: My parents taught me to love the work and one day the money will follow. I believe in this lesson.

Roosevelt Times: Are you going to be helping kids in activities?

Mr. Richardson: I've always loved working with kids. I hope to have the opportunity soon to take part in some of the fun activities that you do everyday at RAP. ❖





History of Video Games

By Anthony S., Community Editor

Did you know video games have been around for more than twenty years? One of the first video games was called Space Invaders and it was for computers.

Handhelds

There are many games available now, some are called handhelds. Especially the



new one released in April 2009 called Nintendo DSi, which has a camera to take pictures of your friends and has internet access.

The other popular handheld is the Playstation Portable (PSP), which also has internet access and a camera.

TV Plug-in Systems

Also you can find others more advanced video systems to plug in your TV, like the new Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and the Nintendo Wii.

Educational video games

The police, NASA and some schools use video games to help them learn



what they have to do and to improve their skills.

Next time when you are finished with your homework at school or home ask your parents if you can play video games to find out how amazing they are. When you earn student of the month at RAP, you get to play RAP's Wii! ❖

How to Connect Your Wi-Fi

By Anthony D., Technology Editor



Do you have a computer, Wii, Playstation 3, or Xbox 360? There are so many devices that use the wireless internet that it's useful to know how to set up a wireless system.

Steps

In order to set up a wireless network, first turn off or unplug all network equipment, including any wireless access points, voice-over modems, and broadband modems for two minutes.

Make sure your that your internet connection is en-



abled, go to your settings and press internet connection and select "Enabled."

Next, scroll down and press the "X" button.

After that, select "yes" if you want to continue .

Press "scan" and then press X.

A list will pop up; pick your SSID from the list and press X.

The system will check your network configuration, and information will pop up on your screen

Test your connection and if it works, then play! ❖

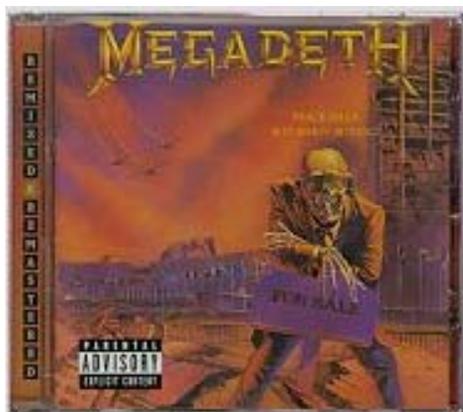


Shirt Style

By Cristian M., Fashion Editor

There are shirts that have style and people wear these clothes. If you go to public places they will sometimes be people with those kinds of shirts. Some of these shirts are from bands. Also they are the best in style for skaters and

other kinds of people with different hobbies that people have these days. The shirts are bands well some of them and they are my favorite bands that I listen to. They are usually seen at stores. Some people like skateboarding and skate stuff like skateboard shirts, skateboards, and more. The skaters like a lot of skating stuff and some people like band shirts and more band stuff. One of the stores they sell these band and skateboard stuff is hottopic.com or you can go to tillys.com.



Bella Blu

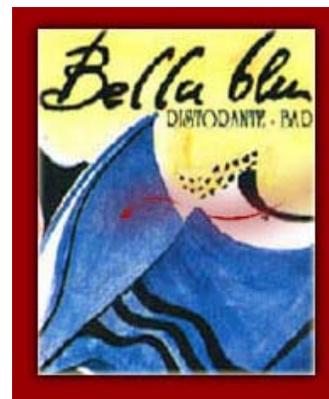
By Steven G., Restaurant Editor

One of the greatest restaurants is located in New York City, NY. It is an Italian restaurant, but you can

enjoy delicious seafood there. I also liked the Mezzelune agli Spinach.

It is my number one recommendation. The restaurant is an amazing sight to see. It is very colorful.

If you ever happen to visit New York be sure to visit Bella Blu. It is located at 967 Lexington Avenue, between 70th and 71st Street. The telephone number is (212-988-4624, and their email is



info@bellabluny.com. Their website has their menus and is at www.bellabluny.com. They are open for lunch and dinner Monday through Sunday. ❖



Career Center: FBI Special Agents

By Jazmin A., Careers Editor

If you want to become a Federal Special Agent you have come to the right place to get some facts on a really interesting job.

Did you know that it is a primary unit in the United States Department of Justice? Did you know that there are 30,847 employees?

Qualifications

You have to be at least 23 years old to become an FBI special agent, and if you are 37 years old, you're too old.

You have to have a college degree and three years of work experience. You also need a driver's license, and you have to pass a physical fitness test.

There are five Special Agent Entry Programs: Accounting, Computer Science, Language, Law, and Diversified. There also is a tactical team called the Hostage Rescue Team, and to get on the team, all the requirements apply plus you need to be in excellent physical condition.

Average Work Day

The FBI website says, "There is no such thing as a typical day for an FBI Special Agent. Every day is different. One day you could be testifying in federal court, and the next you could be executing a search warrant and gathering evidence. One day you could be meeting with a source to

gather intelligence on illegal activities, the next you could be making an arrest, and the next you could be back in the office meeting with your squad and catching up on paperwork. FBI Special Agents are always on call to protect their country; this is definitely not a nine-to-five career. Although the work is challenging and exciting, Special Agents still have the opportunity to spend quality time with their families."

FBI special agents work on enforcing over 300 federal statutes. In my opinion I think if you are good at solving problems you could be a good FBI Special Agent. For more info, see www.fbijobs.gov. ❖



Cristiano Ronaldo

By Jose C., Sports Editor

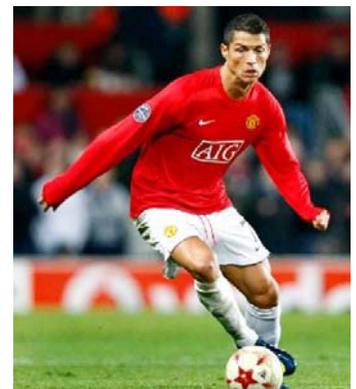
Cristiano Ronaldo may be the best soccer player today. He was born in Portugal and named after late president, Ronald Reagan. When he was 10, he joined Madeira's CD Nacional Youth

Football Club. Two seasons later, he was transferred to Sporting Lisbon.

In 2003, Sporting played a friendly game against Manchester United, and Ronaldo's talent caught the attention of Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Sir Alex signed the 18-year-old for 12.24 million dollars in 2003.

Ronaldo plays as a left or right winger, and also plays for the Portuguese National Team. He just

won the 2009 FIFA Player of the Year. ❖



Book Review: Ramona the Pest

By Brenda C., RAP Editor

Would you like to here a story about *Ramona the Pest*? The author of the story is Beverly Cleary. This story is about a girl called Ramona. Ramona is really a pest, because she always does something wrong, but she never takes responsibility. That's why I think she is a pest. If that is not being a pest I don't know what is.



This story takes place in Ramona's house and also in her kindergarten class. Also my favorite character is Ramona because she reminds me of one of my cousins because my cousin is also a pest. That's why she is my favorite character in this story.

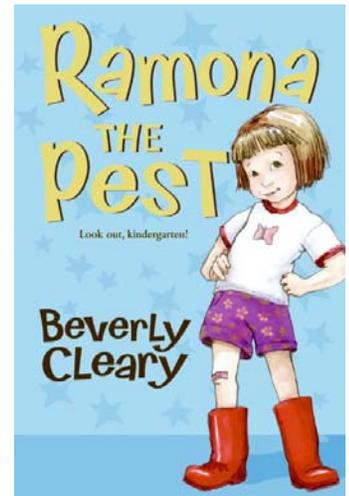
Ramona has character

I like to read but when I am entertained in a story I just can't stop reading. I also like this story because I like to read about girls being pests. Ramona is sometimes funny and that I like.

I think this story is really good because it has many funny parts. It is also very

interesting and I know it is because I read the story already. It is also good because it will make your reading skills better at reading.

I think that both boys and girls enjoy this story. ❖



Movie Review: Bolt

By Carlota R., Entertainment Editor

Bolt is a dog that thinks he is a superhero. He was raised on the set of a television show, and believes that he really is his superhero television character.

The other characters in this fun movie are Rhino, a hamster who is a huge fan of Bolt; Mittens, a cat who is forced to go with Bolt on his cross-country adventure; and Penny, who is Bolt's owner on the TV show.

The adventure starts when Bolt thought the evil people caught Penny. So because he

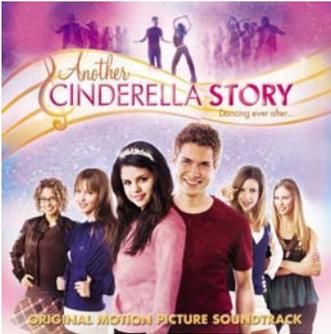
is a dog he thinks it is happening in real life and that is when it all begins. Bolt starts to run. He's off on his journey to find Penny, and when



he tried his super jump over a hole in the ground he ends up in the hole. BUT he wonders why he couldn't do his super jump. When he is off on a journey to find Penny and release her from the "evil people" he spots new friends and people who object his ability of being a superhero.

If you like action and comedy, Bolt is the movie for you! John Travolta plays the voice of Bolt, and Miley Cyrus plays the voice of Penny. ❖





Power of Pop

By Reyna O. Music Editor

One of the most consistent elements of pop music since the 1950's is pop music. Sometimes it's called *power pop* and sometimes it's called *pure pop*, but it really means popular music.

Selena Gomez and Drew Seeley recently did a movie on TV and DVD called *Another Cinderella Story*, which

has a lot of great pop songs.

The songs they sang included, "Tell me something I don't know," "New Classic," "Just that Girl," "Xplain it to my Hear," "1st Class Girl," "Bang A Drum," "Hold 4 You," "Valentine's Dance Tango," and "Baby Got Bacne."

Now you've heard the music story. ❖



Movie Review: Monsters vs. Aliens

By PressFriends

The new animated, 3-D, movie, *Monsters vs. Aliens*, is fun for the whole family to see. It's got great graphics and a fun story.

The main character is Susan, who get hit by a meteorite on her wedding day.



Susan (aka Ginormica)

Quantonium in the meteorite causes her to grow to an enormous size, and the government hauls her away to a jail for monsters.

At the secret jail, she meets other monsters, Cockroach, who was a scientist experimenting on a cockroach; the Missing Link, a half reptile, half man that was frozen for millions of years; Bob, which is a blob of goo and slime; and Insectosaurus, a giant insect.

The military lets the monsters out of their jail to fit an evil alien, named Gallaxhar. He is trying to recover the Quantonium that is now in Susan to help him set up his own kind on Earth—while subsequently getting rid of humans.

Along the way, Susan comes to realize that she can do more than she ever expected of herself. She also learned that she might have to

give up something she wanted to make the world a better place.



The Alien, Gallaxhar

Monsters vs. Aliens is a fun movie, but before you go, make sure you check with the theater, since they show both 3-D and 2-D shows. Also, ask the theater what the ticket price is for the 3-D show. Sometimes, it is a lot more expensive than the ticket for the 2-D show. ❖

Britney Spears

By Luz F., Music Editor

Britney Jeans Spears was born on December 2, 1981. She is a Grammy award-winning pop singer and entertainer.

She was raised in Kentwood, Louisiana. She first appeared on television in 1992 on the television show, "Star Search." She then became a member of the New *Mickey Mouse Club* with Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera as fellow Musketees.

Britney has a brother, Bryan Spears, and a sister, Jamie Lynn Spears, who



starred on Nickelodeon's *Zoe 101*. She is good at

singing, and you should be a fan of Britney Spears! ❖



Demi Lovato

By Ogechi H., Editor

Actress singer Demi Lovato came to the public's attention after starring alongside the Jonas Brothers in the 2008 Disney channel original movie *Camp Rock*.

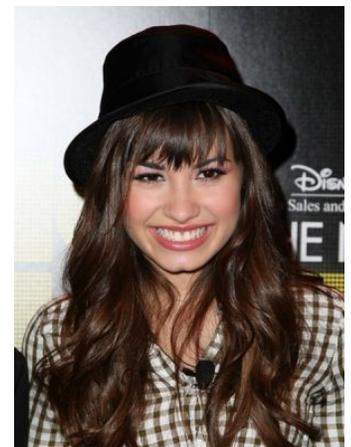
Demi Lovato was, born in Dallas, Texas, on August 20, 1992. Her mother is a former Dallas Cowboy cheerleader and a singer, and she has two sisters.

Lovato is currently starring in the Disney Channel show, *Sonny With a*



Chance. She will soon be seen in a Disney Channel Original Movie, *Princess Protection Program*, with Selena Gomez and is going to be in *Camp Rock 2*.

Lovato's song "La La Land" has sold thousands of CD's to her fans. This is in her debut album that is called, "Don't Forget." The other singles on the album are "Get Back" and "Don't Forget." Lovato wrote the songs on her album. ❖





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Jessica Diaz: Seeing the inauguration was unbelievable! It was a once in a lifetime thing and I get to tell my kids that I got to see Obama become inaugurated. There were millions of people and a never ending sea of people chanting Obama's name and I was one of them. I never will forget seeing that. Just watching everyone that believed in our president was very outstanding!

Josef Cervantes: It was crowded and exciting because we got closer to President Obama than some other kids could.

Luz Garcia: The inauguration was really amazing and it was extremely cold. I really enjoyed witnessing the inauguration of President Obama and how he said, "Yes we can." That is my most favorite saying from him. and I thought the saying, "actions speak louder than words," when he made that speech. I



think President Obama made that saying sound the opposite. I really enjoyed it.

Russell Campbell: Seeing the inauguration was like nothing else I've ever done before. Many people take it for granted when they watch it on television but if you ever experience it you'll know why millions go to watch it in person. It is like seeing something that is so important so precious that you want to hold on to it for your whole life.

Roosevelt Times: What did you think of the President's inaugural speech?

Josef Cervantes: I thought that it was good and that the President is willing to help us in our time of need.

Roosevelt Times: What was the weather like in Washington D.C. in January?

Jose Garcia: The weather was freezing cold. At the inauguration I had to wear a scarf over my mouth to be able to breath without my



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throat hurting every time I inhaled. Even with gloves, boots, and hand and toe warmers my hands and feet were freezing cold.

Jessica Diaz: The weather in Washington D.C was very cold. My nose was runny and it felt like it was going to fall off at any point. Luckily it stayed on. But the cold was like nothing you can imagine the only things keeping me alive were the Toe and hand warmers. But I didn't mind the cold, because I was in Washington D.C!

Christopher Lindsay: The whole place was freezing! I had to wear 3 layers of clothes and I was still freezing. It's so cold some of my roommates got sick.

Roosevelt Times: Did you get to see President Obama?

Josef Cervantes: I did get to see President Obama, but we were so far back, that we had to look at the giant televisions.

Roosevelt Times: Did you meet anyone special at the inauguration?

Luz Garcia: I met a famous singer Colby O'Donis . Everybody was amazed that we would meet a famous person.

Roosevelt Times: What did you like best about the trip to Washington, D.C.?

Luz Garcia: What I liked best about the inauguration was that I believed that not many people would be there,

but there was so many people that I thought we would be lost.

Jose Garcia: My favorite part of Washington D.C was the Inaugural Ball. I liked it because I got to be with my friends and teachers and just have fun and I got to see my teachers dance. I also liked it because when we were over there we didn't see our teachers as teachers but as our friends.



Josef Cervantes: I like that we got to experience a once in a life time experience and that we got to spend time with our friends and teachers.

Roosevelt Times: Would you like to go to Washington, D.C. again?

Luz Garcia: It was my first time ever to be in Washington D.C, I would go to D.C again. I really loved the Mall, there is so many history there. I want to go there again and again until I see every historical part of D.C.

Kayla Phillips: I would like to visit Washington D.C. again. I would like to see the Washington Monument and the White House. I would

also like to see the Capitol building and the Pentagon.

Roosevelt Times: What was your favorite site that you visited in Washington D.C.?

Russell Campbell: My favorite place in Washington D.C. is Arlington National Cemetery. When you're there you straighten your back and you feel like you need to whisper and be more respectful than you've ever been.

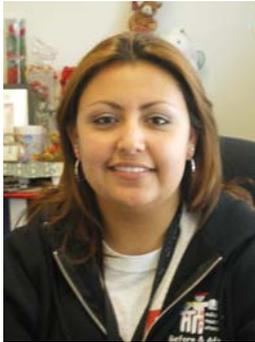
That place holds some of the nations heroes that can't speak for themselves but you feel like you want to speak for them.

Christopher Lindsay: My favorite place was the Capitol Building on Inauguration Day. Being there was great. It is way better than watching it on TV.

Luz Garcia: My favorite part of the field trip was when we went to the Lincoln Memorial. When I went to that memorial I couldn't believe there were so many people. I learned that Lincoln had two sons and one died very young and was buried in the grounds of the White House. Lincoln would sometimes dig him out and was so sad. When his other son saw that the government built a memorial for his father, he never came back.

Kayla Phillips: My favorite part of the trip to Washington D.C. was the inauguration and the inaugural ball. They were both fun, exciting, and awesome. The inauguration was historical, and I was there! ❖





RAP is Going Green!

Hi Boys and Girls,

In April, RAP is Going Green! We will be learning about Global Warming, Arbor Day, and celebrating Earth Day. We plan on going on a field trip to El Capitan Theater at the end of the month to watch "Planet Earth", this day we will also be wearing our Green T-shirts to represent EARTH! Did you know that by engaging you (students) in environmental education both in and out of the classroom,

we empower you with the skills, knowledge and resources necessary to ensure a healthy future for all of you and our planet?

At RAP this month, we want all children to learn about how important our Planet Earth is for us and why we need to take care of it. We want every child to Realize their Amazing Potential and we do this by providing educational but also enrichment activities that will

help build your personal skills.

Remember, if you would like to include an article in the *Roosevelt Times* you may submit an article to one of our Press Students or bring it by the RAP office after school. I hope you enjoy this 2nd issue and Do Not Forget to take care of our Planet Earth and especially to celebrate Earth on April 22nd!

Sincerely,

Ms. Maggie



Student Council Promotes School Spirit

Have you ever wondered who thinks of and organizes all the fun events that have been going on at your school? It's your very own FDR/Carson Student Council! The Student Council meets every Thursday before school to think of activities to help promote school spirit. They were involved in com-

ing up with the "Celebrating Change!" event in January, "Loved Ones Day" and "Love Your Heart Day" in February, and the most recent door decorating contest in March.

The Student Council is open only to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Representatives must demonstrate great

leadership and must be a student of great character. Student Council Representatives are either picked by their teacher or voted on by their peers in their classrooms.

Stay tuned for more fun events in the next few months!

Ms. Chai

Student Council Advisor



Letter from Our Principal

Dear Boys and Girls,

Did you know that Roosevelt is named after a famous president, Franklin D. Roosevelt? He was the president when people were losing their jobs and very few people had any money. President Roosevelt helped us through that difficult time,

and people loved him so much for making so many jobs for people and getting them back to work.

You may have heard that President Obama is compared to both Abraham Lincoln, but also to President Franklin Roosevelt because just like Roosevelt, President

Obama is trying to get jobs for people so that they can get back to work. If you hear President Roosevelt's name on the television, you can be extra proud because you come from a school that carries his name.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dayla Sims