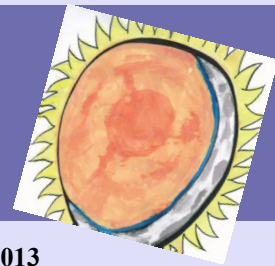


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Illuminating News by East-West Students



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East-West Gets HUNGRY

By Raymond Goss

On Friday, November 30, East-West Student Government sponsored their first event of the 2012-2013 school year: *The East-West Hunger Games*. Modeled after the real *Hunger Games*, each grade at East-West acted as a team. Players to represent the grade were selected at random. Each player participated in five different events.

The first event was a version of flag tag in which five monsters tried to steal tags from opponents' belts. In the end the five monsters only stole five tags. The eleventh grade tributes were eliminated during this event.

The next event was a Nerf Gun Tournament. The objective of this game was to shoot down six cups with a Nerf pistol. The sixth grade tributes were, unfortunately, eliminated.

During the third event, the Hunger Games' hosts or the "Three Wise Women" held a trivia contest. Ms. Marinos chose numbers at random out of a bowl which corresponded to a question. Three answers were provided. Only one answer was the right answer. Contestants were left to figure out who was lying and who was telling the truth.

During the next round, students and teachers tested their abilities to balance items on their bodies. For example, some contestants had to figure out how to balance grapes between their hips.

Two contestants were left standing by the final event: Senior Briann Ricks and Mr. Shibata. Of course only one of them could survive the final event.

First they played a round of *Operation*. Then it was off to spin a bat ten times. Finally they had to run across the gym and spin around a bat ten more times. Senior class representative, Briann Ricks almost won until she crashed into one of the district trainers! In the end, Mr. Shibata claimed victory, as he promised he would during Muster just a week earlier.



Senior Briann Ricks and Science Teacher, Mr. Shibata battle it out to the death!

Videogame Views: A Review of Black OPS 2

By Keanu Jacobs

Ever wonder what a second Cold War would be like? *Playstation and Xbox 360* users are in luck. *Black OPS 2* is an exciting new game that features two new connected storylines, the first set between the years 1986 to 1989 during the final years of the Cold War and the second set in 2025 during a new Cold War. *Black Ops*' "good guy" Alex Mason and Nicaraguan Narco-terrorist Raul Menendez battle to the death in this new game.

Online playing capabilities and the new "nuke town" map make it the best game of its kind. For those that are unfamiliar with video game language, a "map" is a setting for a game that the player chooses. Compared to maps of the past, "nuke town" boasts clearer graphics. It is also the biggest map yet. This setting also takes place in the future which makes it very interesting. *Black OPS 2* also has additional maps also with better graphics than past versions.

No Practice Needed: Unapologetic

By Keana Saunders

On November 19 Rihanna dropped her seventh album, *Unapologetic*, as she embraces yet another number one spot on the billboard charts. This time, she wins crowds with her artistic photographs and cover art. The cover features a topless, glowing Rihanna with graffiti like letters covering her body.



Unlike her persona from albums like *S.O.S.*, Rihanna is getting in touch with her more politically incorrect, racy side. The opening song "Phresh off the Runway" illustrates that Rihanna is feeling fresh and new, ready to show off all that she has become. This album also features many duets and trios, featuring Eminem, Chris

Brown and even Skrillex! The hit song on the album happens to be "Nobody's Business", the duet with Chris Brown. Rihanna brings back the classic melodies of Michael Jackson's "You'll Always Be Mine" in this piece.

Choosing to partner with Chris Brown is also a message to the press, the fans, and the Rihanna haters. Though they may have had a rocky relationship in the past, Rihanna will continue to make music with Brown, as she tells the press she keeps the past behind her, yet another sign of her maturity. We look forward to finding out what she has for us in 2013.

~The Veiled Dragon~

Advice for Students from Students

Q: *I'm socially awkward and don't know how to make friends, what should I do?*

A: First of all, everyone is awkward in some way so don't feel like you are alone. Try thinking about activities you enjoy. For example, if you enjoy art and are willing to learn more about it, then join an art class outside of school. Try easing your way out of your comfort zone, little by little. Soon, you'll notice that humans aren't as scary as they may appear. They have this amazing ability to love you for who you are.



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Wiley's Corner: *The Tiger Eye*

Artistic Renderings by Wiley Gao



Williams and Lopez Bring the Nets to Victory

By Rahul Shrivani and Carlos Gaona

On November 26, the Brooklyn Nets played the New York Knicks at Barclay Center in Brooklyn.

Basketball fans agree that both teams played good offense and defense. Both teams also sported new plays. It was obvious they both worked very hard. A home game for the Nets, there was at least ten lead changes as the players went into single overtime. Deron Williams really shined; the point guard made 14 assists and 6 rebounds totaling 16 points for the Nets. This game was by far one of his best games this season. And we can't forget Brook Lopez. Despite his recent foot injury his amazing rebounding skills and his 7-foot stature brought the Nets to victory. Though the game was very close, in the end, the Brooklyn Nets came out with the victory. The game ended with a score of 96 to 89.



NO. The City of New York has not done enough to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The damages due to the storm totaled over

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1.5 billion dollars. This is one of the most expensive hurricanes in history. Many waited over 10 days to get their heat, light, and cable back. The hardest hit areas including Far Rockaway, parts of Staten Island, and lower Manhattan are still trying to piece their lives back together without the help of FEMA.

Subway systems were flooded with water. Weeks later, there are still delays, service changes and closed lines. The MTA is not the only culprit. The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) has not done a great job with their customers either. No wonder the CEO resigned recently.

Sanitation services, especially those responsible for cleaning out collapsed homes and sewage spills, also need to provide greater support to victims.

The icing on the cake is the Department of Education has taken away days during students' spring break! We have emergency days for a reason. Many planned vacations well ahead of time and now have to cancel or alter

Q: Did the City of New York handle Hurricane Sandy well?

YES. As we all know, Hurricane Sandy hit us as we entered the month of November. City residents could not avoid at least witnessing some kind of



Zobia Jamal

destruction. Houses and buildings were torn apart, many coastal areas were flooded, and most significantly people were hurt and displaced from their homes. NYC public workers as well as volunteers continue to work hard to piece NYC back together again.

Even before Sandy hit, various news stations and other forms of media informed the public to evacuate the most dangerous areas. Those that did not tune into the news or listen to the warnings unfortunately may have suffered the consequences. After the storm, many were left without power. On top of that residents from flooded areas could not travel to their work destinations. The NYC Board of Education closed all public schools for one week, a smart decision that kept student safety in mind. The employees of Con-Edison went from home to home to make sure everyone had power. Some worked without having a chance to return home for rest. Though the process of recovering is slow we cannot discount all the hard work that the public employees and volunteers have already done. I am grateful for their help. Unfortunately sometimes bad things happen that we cannot control. NYC has proven again that we can handle anything.

A Spoonful of Reviews

Iris Bakery

By Dolly Pao and Xin Lin

Location: 39-07 Prince Street, Queens NY 11354

Atmosphere: 8.0/10 Food: 8.5/10 Service: 8.0/10

Iris Bakery opened to the public late in 2011. A new bakery to the area, though not the largest of its kind, it is still well worth checking out. Iris is, for lack of a better phrase, a wonderful place. This charming little bakery has unique buns and pastries that can only be found there. The owners even got creative on the names of their one-of-a-kind treats, the *Cheese Boat* and the *Earthquake Bun*. Such names are what set the pastries from this bakery apart from all other bakeries. The novelty of these names is amusing and very appealing for people that are searching for a small snack, a good dessert, lunch, or just something to fill their stomachs.

Our personal favorite is the *Cheese Boat*: A small cylindrical bun with melted cheese on the top and a creamy filling inside. This bun, like a lot of good cheese, has a very pungent aroma. Dolly states, "The name itself is already captivating because it makes me think of an actual boat with multiple cheese dishes on it". She highly recommends the bun (and the bakery) to cheese-lovers everywhere.

