New science buildings under construction

By Jessica Te

Every year, Piedmont Hills’ halls are decorated, the Homecoming Dance is rejuvenated and Homecoming King and Queen are announced. Continuing with tradition, the Associated Student Body (ASB) worked together to assemble another successful homecoming event. Piedmont Hills students set up the homecoming halls from 8am to 5pm on Sun., Oct. 1, but the preparation didn’t start there. In fact, the Senior class started working on their class themes as early as June. The Senior class President Natalie Yeh. “All the officers helped, and we would invite friends here and there to help with the murals,” affirmed Natalie.

However, the homecoming halls are not the only thing that have been in preparation for a long time. The City of Stars Dance took place in the L-Building from 7pm to 10pm on Oct. 1, but the planning started two months before it took place. With about 500 students attending this year, compared to the 400 attendees from last year, the dance was considered a smashing success. As with the halls, the class officers and ASB spent a lot of time making sure the dance was engaging and inclusive.

“We decided to decorate the Homecoming Dance the day before, but because we don’t have enough space and everybody knows that,” said Mr. Dries. If all goes as planned, teachers will be moved into their new rooms by the end of the week this year.

In Loving Memory of Dan Luong

By Bryan Xu

The Piedmont Hills pirate ship lost a crew member, Dan Luong, on Oct. 3. The sophomore was a very generous pirate, known for his goofy personality and funny nature. Nature biking was one of his favorite hobbies, as well as gaming. His friends dearly miss his presence as he was always lightening up the room and making everyone smile. Here’s some words and memories his closest friends shared:

“He was very very generous and he was grateful for what he had. He valued friendships and put others before himself. When you see him, you’d end up smiling. So, thank you for being there, when I needed you the most. Thank you for being there for other people, when they needed you the most. You were too generous, to the point where it’s unbelievable, and thank you for making me smile,” shared sophomore Matthew Vo.

“He’s just a funny guy. Well, he could be serious when he wanted to, and he’s overall a goofy guy, he made the room light up. He liked to tease his friends, but only the friends that he knew could take it. He never did anything to people who didn’t want him to. Sorry for all the times I didn’t do something good for you,” muttered sophomore Quang Truong. “I would tell you how much you impacted everyone around you.”

Because sometimes, there’s people who are popular right? And everyone knows they’re popular. But there’s some people who are undercover popular people, where students don’t talk about them necessarily all the time, but everybody knows that person. That was Dan,” stated sophomore Jack Wong.

“I remember this one time you just bought me lunch out of nowhere, even though I didn’t even ask, and you’re a lovely guy: I love and miss you,” remembers sophomore Andy Ho.

Services for Dan were held this Monday from 9am to 11:30am.
Alumni strives to qualify for Olympic Trials

By Jesse Flaris

Piedmont Hills alumni Joanna Reyes competed in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Sun. Oct. 8, in Chicago, Ill. for a chance to qualify for the 2020 Olympic trials. With support from family and friends, good nutrition, and extreme running talent, she looked to make history. As stated in her blog, things were lining up pretty nicely in the weeks approaching the race. However, in the week prior to the race, Ms. Reyes started to deal with pain in her right leg. Determined, she lined up anyway and began the run. Ms. Reyes ran as well as she could, finishing half the marathon in 01:21:16. After two hours elapsed, she felt even more pain. Not wanting to risk serious injury, she made her way to the medical tent and dropped out of the race. “As the race went on, the muscle strain became worse and the smart thing to do was slow down to prevent muscle tear,” wrote Ms. Reyes, within her personal blog. “Even running slower was painful, so I had to make a decision that a runner hopes she never has to make — whether to go to the medical tent and drop out of the race, or continue and risk more serious injury. I feel horrible about dropping out, but I believe going to the medical tent was the right choice.”

In preparation for the race, Ms. Reyes went to Mammoth for seven weeks to train with current and former Olympians. Despite the setback at the Chicago Marathon, Ms. Reyes still has a chance to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Trials. She has until 2019 to run another marathon under 2:45. “The important thing now is to stay positive and have a smooth recovery,” wrote Ms. Reyes.

Ms. Reyes graduated from Piedmont Hills in 2009, and ran long distance under the instruction of her Cross Country coach Ian Tippetts. “Joanna has always been an extremely hard-working young woman in all aspects of life,” praised Mr. Tippetts. “She is the type of runner that coaches dream of training: great attitude, amazing work ethic and above all a great down to earth person. She was a joy to coach.”

While at Piedmont Hills, Ms. Reyes ran her personal bests as a senior in the 2:05.3 mile race (21:16) and the 5,000 meter event (23:16). She also finished in the top five at CCS (Coast Coast Section) twice in 2006 and 2009.

After high school, Ms. Reyes went on to run for SJSU (San Jose State University) from 2012 to 2013, where she competed in eight races.

Ms. Reyes continued to compete after graduating SJSU, running in marathons all across California. She ran in the 39th San Francisco Marathon, where she finished second with a time of 2:51:03.

Her best race was in the 2017 LA Marathon in March where she placed fourth among 24,000 participants, smashing her previous personal record by 13 minutes with a time of 2:37:55. She received a prize of $4500 and was the first American woman to finish.

Earthquakes Shake Mexico

By Andre Nghiem

The ground shook violently in Mexico, causing massive damage to major population centers and spurring aid from several sources, including Piedmont Hill’s very own LASO (Latin American Student Organization).

On the night of Sept. 7, residents of the Mexican states of Chiapas and Oaxaca were shaken awake by a magnitude 8.1 earthquake that surged through southern Mexico, according to CNN. The earthquake was followed by 3381 aftershocks that read up to a magnitude of 6.1 and a tsunami with waves reaching 3 feet in Chiapas and 4 feet in Salinas Cruz. Casualties rose quickly, the final tally counted 98 dead and more than 300 people injured, as reported by Reuter journalist.

Residents say that the shaking was powerful enough to be felt nearly 100 miles away in Mexico City. The quake originated in the Gulf of Tehuantepec, 85 miles south of Chiapas when the Cocos Plate subducted below the North American Plate.

Central Mexico experienced a second large earthquake on Sept. 19, with the damage centralized around the Central Mexican states of Puebla and Morelos. The magnitude 7.1 earthquake was weaker than the earthquake in southern Mexico ten days earlier, but caused much more structural damage and loss of life due to the soft soil foundation Mexico City was built on, with 101 confirmed deaths and 6,011 injured. Thirty-nine aftershocks were recorded after the initial earthquake.

Students at the Piedmont Hills LASO began an independent donation drive for clothing to help those in need.

“We thought it was a good idea to gather donations of clothes and shoes for the people who lost these items in the rubble,” said LASO President Melina Morales.

Students interested in donating clothes still find the donation box in F-19.

Artery continues to beautify school

By Trina Nguyen

After two years of working on the murals in the science hallways, the Artery is taking a break to work on the art building projects. According to Artery advisor Van Nguyen, the science murals project started as a commission from the Science Department in 2015.

For former Artery Co-President Rebecca Rossini, the murals were a way to have fun and do what she enjoyed with her friends. “It made me feel good that we were doing something nice for the school and students,” recalled Rebeca.

For regular students, the mural was a lively art piece to walk through as they made their way to their science classes. “I think they’re very creative, and it seems like many people were involved in the process of combining the aspects of science and art,” commented senior Kevin Ky.

Currently, the Artery is hoping to finish the main mural, which depicts a galaxy next to the physics classroom, before they pause their activities in the science hallways.

“In the upcoming weeks, we will be finishing up the formulas on the main mural,” stated Artery President Diego Papa.

Once that is done, the club will move on to painting the art building walls facing the cooking classrooms. “Our goal is to make the barren wall look more interesting,” added Diego.

While plans for the art building are still up in the air, the club already has thought on the future of the science hallways, upon returning to them. Artery plans to keep the main mural the way it is, while adding more portraits of famous and influential scientists in the future. “We really want to paint like a huge picture of Neil Degrasse Tyson on one wall,” explained Artery Vice President Rachel Nguyen excitedly.

The Artery uses the funds from their commissions to buy more and better quality art supplies, as well as purchase food for the members staying after school to work on club projects.

“We aren’t currently taking commissions, as we’re trying to work on our own stuff. But other school beautification projects aren’t off the table,” mentioned Rachel.

TRAPPED Crushed car by a collapsed building in San Luis Potosi and Medellín, Colonia Roma.

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By Daniel Kokoski and Elizabeth Trinh

New Year, New Staff

Samantha Aochi

PE teacher Samantha Aochi has begun teaching at our campus this year. Ms. Aochi was a softball coach for other schools before coming to Piedmont Hills. During that time, she realized that she wanted to become a PE teacher.

“I knew at that time I wanted to work with teenagers,” expressed Ms. Aochi. “I fell in love with the idea of helping people and pushing them past their limits. Since I love sports, I decided to teach PE, and I hope to create a culture with positivity, teamwork and fun.”

Being a PE teacher at Piedmont Hills has been a worthwhile experience for Ms. Aochi.

Kelly Daugherty

APIED (Associate Principal of Educational Development) Kelly Daugherty started working at Piedmont Hills this year. As APIED, she is in charge of overseeing school curriculum. She has been working in the East Side district for about 20 years.

Ms. Daugherty hopes to establish a strong solidarity between teachers and students in a classroom environment.

“We’re working on building strong social and emotional relationships between students and teachers in the school,” explained Ms. Daugherty.

Tamekia Sanford

Special Education teacher Tamekia Sanford has begun teaching at Piedmont Hills this year.

Ms. Sanford was in foster care, with parents that were addicts. She was also molested and abused, and aspires to motivate people that have gone through a similar situation.

“It is my desire to advocate for the underdog, because I too was an underdog,” expand-ed Ms. Sanford. “It is my desire to advocate for those people that don’t have a voice. Somebody took the time to reach out to me, now it’s my time to give back.”

Baixin Qian

Biology teacher Baixin Qian started teaching at Piedmont Hills this year. He teaches for the first two periods of the day on campus, and teaches for the rest of the school day at Evergreen High.

Mr. Qian’s first year as an official teacher at a public school. Prior to coming here, he was a student teacher at Santa Teresa and Independence.

“I feel really good about this school!” exclaimed Mr. Qian. “All of the students here are very nice, open-minded and have great working ethics.”

Amy Wang

An alumna of the Class of 2011, math teacher Amy Wang has returned to Piedmont Hills, instructing CCSS (Common Core State Standards) Math 1 and Math 2.

“It’s quite interesting to be a teacher now versus being a student,” said Ms. Wang. “A lot of my old teachers are still here, so instead of talking to them as a teacher, I can talk to them as a fellow colleague.”

Ms. Wang originally wanted to major in engineering during college. However, she discovered that she would much rather teach than pursue engineering.

Emily Hagan

Home economics teacher Emily Hagan began working at Piedmont Hills this year. She teaches Food/Nutrition and International Cuisine.

During her free time, Ms. Hagan likes to hike on weekends and building furniture.

“It’s a passion of mine to build and redo furniture,” remarked Ms. Hagan. “My husband and I built a coffee table out of pallet wood yesterday, so that was a lot of fun.”

Richard Knight

Parent Educator Richard Knight commenced working at Piedmont Hills this year.

Mr. Knight used to be a professional wrestler in New England for two and a half years. He stopped wrestling when he came to California, in which he did not have enough money and time to continue wrestling.

“If you ever want to know how it feels like to get hit in the head by a chair 13 times in a span of five minutes, hey I’m a good guy to ask,” chuckled Mr. Knight. “Luckily, I still have enough of my brain to teach.”

Melissa Gonzalez

Spanish teacher Melissa Gonzalez started teaching at Piedmont Hills this year, instructing Spanish 1 and AP Spanish.

Ms. Gonzalez harbors a great passion for dancing, as one of her favorite hobbies is salsa dancing.

“Dance is sort of my life, I love to dance,” fervently expressed Ms. Gonzalez. “I used to be a ballet dancer, but I stopped dancing when I had my first kid. Now, dancing is a hobby. I take dance classes when I can and I like to dance salsa in my free time.”

Ericha Edwards

Parent Educator Ericha Edwards has begun working at Piedmont Hills.

This is her first year as a Parent Educator, and she strives to learn and grow as times goes on.

“It is a little bit challenging doing what I do, making sure my student stays on task and doesn’t get into trouble,” said Ms. Edwards. “But overall, I’m doing great.”

Ms. Edwards enjoys playing sports during her free time and likes to be active.

“I used to play sports competitively such as basketball and softball, but then I got injured and had shoulder surgery.”

Jesse Delacruz

Parent Educator Jesse Delacruz began working at Piedmont Hills this school year. Mr. Delacruz appreciates the warm welcome from the Pirates.

“I met a lot of new people here,” smiled Mr. Delacruz. “I feel very welcomed and grateful to be here.”

Outside of school activities, Mr. Delacruz is a radio producer for the Proyecto Latino Radio, in which he airs every Wednesday night.

“I used to do radio in high school while I was in Mexico,” said Mr. Delacruz. “When I got to America, a few of mine had created this radio station and invited me to join.”
Interact leads the way with FLC

By Eric Nguyen

Interactors came together at their annual FLC (Fall Leadership Conference) event last October at Independence High where the organization decided on both their international and community projects for the year. The biggest Interact event of the year, FLC consisted of a rally as well as workshops about the project.

This year, Interact has decided to combine their international and community issue in an "Interminity Project" called Right to Thrive. "The Interact Council planned the concert a month in advance, and all groups have been rehearsing since the beginning of the school year."

Choir sends Autumn Kisses and Harvest Wishes

By Vy Tran

I think [my solo] went pretty well even though there were a lot of things that needed to be fixed, like better phrasing and enunciating the words better," said Treblemaker Baron Lee. The evening wound down with Concert Choir's performance of Tshokoloha, The Road Not Taken and Fair Phyllis. Tshokoloha was a fun African tribal piece that put the spotlight on soloist Jeremiah Porda. Concert Choir also sang Fili et Filleau and Elijah Rock. The concert ended with all choir groups joining together to perform I'm Gonna Sing, a strong and fast-paced piece.

“My favorite song was Elijah Rock because it’s just really enjoyable to sing! The song is fun and unusual and it feels really powerful to sing,” described Concert Choir member Elaine Nguyen.

All choral ensembles were led by Mr. Elvis Choir Council planned the concert a month in advance, and all groups have been rehearsing since the beginning of the school year.

Lights Out! Interact rallies together at FLC.

Pumpkin Spice Symphony

By Vy Tran

I hope to see lots of new freshman igniting their passion for service. We hope to gain new members and emphasize how cool Interact is and how awesome community service is,“ conveyed Interact Treasurer Madalyn Phan.

This year’s projects were Me the Human, which revolved around providing relief for the Syrian refugee crisis and Circle of Love, which was about self-love. In support of their chosen organization, Interact hosts fundraisers to raise money.

“It’s an indescribable feeling that the youth in our bay area are empowering change in our world and tackling issues that politicians and influential figures won’t tackle,” stated Interact Co-President Vanessa Nguyen.

Last year, Interactors raised $88,000 for their community and international projects.

“I hope to see lots of young leaders from around the world come to one place where we can share our experiences and community services and be more excited for our two projects,” expressed Interact Publicist Andy Do in anticipaton for the event.

In addition to the rally, FLC hosted workshops that focused on improving leadership based skills such as the “Interact and Speech Contest.” FLC opened its doors at 8:30am and ended with a recap at 11:30 am, followed by lunch for the event goers.

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_APPASSIONATO! Treblemakers perform The Road Not Taken._

_Choir ensembles collectively showcased their autumn spirit in the annual fall concert titled "Autumn Kisses and Harvest Wishes" last Friday evening in the L-building. The autumn concert began with Varsity Choir, made up of mostly underclassmen, performing Riverside, The Boumien Dance and Joyful Song. Varsity Choir’s last song featured strong crescendos and brought a light-hearted end to the ensemble’s performance.

“Riversong is my favorite because it’s a relaxing song,” contributed Varsity Choir member Aria Chang.

The Treblemakers, Piedmont Hills’ vocal jazz group, displayed tremendous skill with I’m Beginning to See the Light, Scarborough Fair, and Chili Con Carne. This ensemble also featured soloist Baron Lee in Autumn Leaves, and duet Hoang and Lily Liu in There Will Never Be Another You. The group’s final song Chili Con Carne proved to be a crowd favorite with its catchy tune and upbeat rhythm.

Insane Ink plans annual Pick Me Up

By Sonya Chiang

Piedmont Hills’ Insane Ink is back again with the annual campus beautification project this coming weekend. Insane Ink’s Pick Me Up is a student planned volunteer service event where students and staff devote their time hard at work.

“Many of the cool projects seen on campus were actually done at Pick Me Up; from the banners outside the school on the Piedmont Hill football field to the brick road in front of the L-building,” says Insane Ink staff Namrata Shetty.

Instead of setting in front of a computer or studying for an upcoming test, the students and staff spend their time planting trees, picking up trash and pulling weeds for the school. Many of Piedmont’s school clubs participate and encourage students to attend this event.

“I’m looking forward to a big turnout this weekend! I’ve been to most, if not all the Pick Me Ups and I always love seeing the unity amongst the school as we all do our part in keeping the campus beautiful,” says Namrata.

Insane Ink has been planning this since mid-September. Insane Ink will put up banners around the school to notify all students and staff about this annual event. Two years ago, the organization put up banners and they decided it would be a good idea to do it this year as well.

“The hardest part was definitely coordinating with the photographers and getting things ordered on such a huge time crunch,” says Namrata.

In charge of organizing different projects such as mulching, planting flowers, hanging banners, fixing benches and picking up trash, Cindy had to find an alternate way to make her plans work.

"Getting people to stay for the whole entire event instead of leaving early was also a difficult task last year," says Cindy.

"As a thank you for volunteering and showing support towards beautifying our school, Insane Ink will be giving out free Pick Me Up shirts and pizza for attenders," states Insane Ink staff Anthony Tsai.

This year’s Pick Me Up has many fun incentives that will be shared at the event! There will be breakfast snacks, provided lunch and even a free t-shirt designed by Insane Ink.

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Pirates take Big Strides against Alzheimer’s

By Nicholas Chiang

Piedmont Hills’ Pirates attended the annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s last Saturday in order to rally support to find the cure for the disease, raising a total of $2,516 and over 70 Pirates participating in the walk.

The Alzheimer’s Association, whose mission is to raise awareness and funds for the disease, hosted the walk, which was about three miles and took place in downtown San Jose. Funds are raised through donations, which are then sent to promote the research to find an Alzheimer’s cure.

“The Alzheimer’s walk is meant to raise money for the support, care, and research for those afflicted with the disease,” summaries Director of Philanthropy Linda Nguyen.

“Generally, we will be raising support through the walk itself for future endeavors to help Alzheimer’s organizations find a cure.”

Insane Ink promoted the event at Piedmont Hills by publicizing the event on Schoolloop and social media. Insane Ink is also offering incentives such as a t-shirt to anyone who raises at least $15, and a pizza party to participating third period classes that raise the most money and the class that has the most attendees at the Alzheimer’s Walk. As a result, there were four winning classes which were Special Education teacher Troy Brown, math teacher Theodore Konoumis, English teacher Rosemary Kahn and Government/Economics teacher Lynne Murara.

“I’ve always been interested in seeing who can raise the most money and rally the most people together in order to raise awareness and support,” elaborates Linda.

Alzheimer’s is a type of dementia that incapacitates memory, thinking and human behavior. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, the disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, with over 5 million Americans affected by the disease. Furthermore, symptoms of Alzheimer’s include memory loss, difficulty completing everyday tasks and behavioral changes.

“I’ve heard many stories about people who have Alzheimer’s,” explains CEO Yash Kourmotsakis, English teacher Rosemary Kahn and Government/Economics teacher Lynne Murara.

“It’s a friendly competition to see who can raise the most money and rally the most people together in order to raise support to find the cure,” comments ARK club co-president Lily Li.

ARK surprises counselors

By Nicholas Chiang

T he flowy text is inscribed onto the poster. The array of colors dazzle the eye and dance over the paper. As it was being presented, the joy was infectious and spread around the room. These Thank You Cards were created and presented by the ARK club (Acts of Random Kindness Club) to the counselors.

The ARK club officers were conversing about college apps and the process of changing schedules, when one of Thank You Cards was brought up. They felt that counselors could be extremely stressed out after dealing with all the scheduling changes and putting in as much time as everyone’s requests. Additionally, counselors also helped many students with their college applications.

”ARK club should do something nice for the counselors,” comments ARK club treasurer Rebecca Huang.

Although it was a well-intended gift, a few ARK members believe it could be better and will strive to do better next year.

“I felt that many more people could have signed the card,” states ARK club publicist Nancy Li.

But some ARK members have differing opinions and believe that it isn’t about the best gift or the most expensive, but about the thought.

“Kindness isn’t meant to be perfect,” clarifies ARK club co-president Lily Li.

Pirate of the Issue

Triivan Shanram

By Vanessa Bembo

J unior Triivan Shanram has been in Boy Scouts for six years, and this was Triivan’s choice to join and when asked if it was a challenge at first, “Yes, it was a challenge for me, but my parents supported me and they went with me.”

Triivan joined Boy Scouts, many interests have sparked within his life. He went on a 50 mile backpacking trip and even participated in a 200 mile bike ride. Triivan is also in Sea Cadets, NROTC (Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps). “Without Boy Scouts, I may have never joined Sea Cadets,” says Triivan. He wouldn’t have as many interests and would have a different career choice. “You could either work hard for four years and enjoy the other eight years of your life, or have fun for four years and work hard for the other 40,” says Triivan, quoting one of his adult leaders. Triivan was inspired by many of the adult figures in his life, and their words have really stuck with him throughout Boy Scouts and Sea Cadets. “Whatever you do, find something you enjoy doing and you’ll be successful,” one of his Boy Scouts leaders have said to him.

Triivan plans on joining the Marines and is going to apply for the scholarship that the Marines have to offer. I have to apply my senior year, but people all over California that have an interest going in as an officer apply for it. I am not sure how many people get it, but it was told it’s very competitive. They look at extracurricular activities, GPA, and volunteer hours. If you get the scholarship, they pay for your education until you get your degree,” explains Triivan.

PHS’s Clubs Come Together for Light the Night

By Elizabeth Trinh

Piedmont Hills’ Pirates attended the annual walk, Light the Night along with survivors and supporters, to support those who have been affected by cancer and raise awareness for all blood cancer patients.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society hosted this event last Saturday. It serves not only as a reminder for those with cancer, but also to find a cure for blood cancers and to raise money to fund life-saving research. The walk consisted of illuminated luminaries, the bonding of friends, the heartwarming feeling of walking for a good cause. Any donations received go directly to their funding of cancer treatment.

“By walking at this event, we are all gathered together to walk and bring light to the darkness of cancer,” states Vietnamese Students Association Cultural Coordinator Holley Le.

Piedmont Hills’ ACS (American Cancer Society) is just one of the many clubs who are promoting the event by posting it on social media, so their members can contribute by attending and sharing it with their friends. Interact, ACS, VSA (Vietnamese Student Association) and Key Club offered volunteer hours to recruit as many of their own members to downtown San Jose as supporters to raise awareness.

“Light the Night is just a really great opportunity to hang out and have fun with your friends while raising funds for research regarding Leukemia & Lymphoma. It is a popular ACS tradition to register as a team and raise as much funds as possible! This year, we were able to raise over $2000, which is super cool!”

Additionally, PHSS Hosted a Clipette Fundraiser near Avaya Stadium and worked to raise $744 for our new intermunity project, The Right to Thrive,” explains Interact Treasurer Madelyn Phan.

Light the Night encourages people to take a night from their lives and dedicate it to an event with nothing but a good objective. With the supportive nature of Piedmont Hills’ clubs, they are able to join together and keep their fellow Pirates in excitement for the event to come again.

“I decided to go, because it is a for a good cause, and I wanted to support people who needed help. Also, I want to go because I can hang out with my friends and have fun while helping out the community. This event never fails to bring tears to people’s faces and never fails to bring a smile on everyone’s faces,” explains sophomore Matthew Chan.

Cancer is a well-known illness that has affected many family members or loved ones. Specifically speaking, Leukemia is only one type of cancer of blood-forming tissue that prevents the body from fighting infections. There are also more types of leukemia, including acute lymphoblastic leukemia, acute myeloid leukemia, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. People have yet to give up on the idea that this illness can be curable.
Natural Disasters Around the World

Hurricane Maria causes years of destruction
By Brionne Converse

This island of Puerto Rico was hit hard by a Category 4 hurricane, Hurricane Maria. It has been left in ruins, the power grid is destroyed and food rations are slowly dwindling.

“This has been the biggest catastrophe in the history of Puerto Rico in terms of natural disasters,” said Governor of Puerto Rico Alejandro Garcia Padilla. On Sept. 20, the Category 4 hurricane for the island with 780,000 miles and winds directly labilized on Puerto Rico, boxing it and donating it with two feet of rain.

Hurricane Maria has resulted in 46 confirmed deaths so far, and countless more injured. Thousands of residents are currently left without homes, as most of the island is destroyed. Few are able to live out of their cars, but for more, they live in rubble. The food and water supplies are also beginning to diminish.

FedEx, which has stated to be affected by Hurricane Maria’s main part of San Juan. However, there’s a shortage of trucks and drivers and the infrastructure is damaged, making it tough to move resources throughout the island. The USAFA has been working to help those in need.

A majority of the island is out of power, since the power grid is destroyed. It will take years of renovations to replace the damage done by the hurricane. The limited cell phone service is making it difficult to communicate in the island and there is no running water in those last areas to bathe in.

Puerto Rico is a US territory and there are American citizens who pay income taxes. A part of the taxation goes to disaster relief, but the government has yet to send much relief efforts. They are entitled to the same response from the federal government as the citizens of California or Texas.

They want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort. 10,000 federal workers are now on island doing a fantastic job. The culinary and food responders, despite no electric, roads, phones etc., have done an amazing job. Puerto Rico was totally destroyed,” said President Donald Trump in response to the hurricane. ♦

Hurricane Harvey executes total devastation on Texas
By Eric Agnew

Following the trio of hurricanes that has struck the United States in the past month, the US government has stepped up to relief efforts.

According to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), the US Coast guard had pre-positioned supplies and personnel in the state before Harvey even hit Texas shores, ready to join the Texas Division of Emergency Management, local agencies, non-profit and faith-based organizations and the private sector in responding to the devastation caused by the storms. President Donald Trump issued a major disaster declaration immediately that allowed disaster of federal agencies to assign personnel to support the State of Texas in response and recovery. Within days, the number of FEMA employees, other federal agencies, and the National Guard deployed topped 31,000, all focused on helping Texans recover from Harvey. In addition, Congress approved a $15 billion hurricane relief package to help victims.

Even more federal personnel responded to Hurricane Irma than Harvey when it made landfall in Florida on Sept. 10. More than 60,000 federal personnel, including 2,000 FEMA staff, were in place by Sept. 11. Similarly, US government responded to Hurricane Irma with nearly twice as many workers with the combined federal government partners in states, counties, and municipalities to deliver nearly 500 million meals and 5 million drinks to help them with immediate needs. In addition, they deployed more than 5,000 staff and volunteers, 171 emergency response vehicles, served 53,000 meals and 13 million meals delivered and helped thousands throughout the expected recovery of the islands.

US recovery efforts in Puerto Rico have been markedly different from the recovery efforts after Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Irma in Florida. Political popular response to the catastrophe has been more than the response to the devastation in Houston from Hurricane Harvey or in Florida from Hurricane Irma. Following Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico has been devastated. The island is lacking safe drinking water, electricity, and nearly all of its crops value is destroyed. Puerto Ricans are demanding more federal help, as some felt the U.S. territory was being forgotten. ♦

Hurricane Irma strikes Florida
By Leo Nguyen

Hurricane Irma struck the park of the 1.6 billion Atlantic hurricane and caused a major havoc. The Southern Atlantic hurricane season is June 1 to Nov. 30.

Governor of Florida Rick Scott declared a state of emergency in Florida for preparations for the incoming Category 4 Hurricane Irma. The hurricane hit Key West on Sept. 10 and continued on its path north, devastating the state of Florida. According to the National Hurricane Center, it formed west of the Cape Verde Islands and the hurricane’s center of August 30, but did not strike Florida until September. Prior to striking Florida, Hurricane Irma was a shocking Category 5 storm.

Many school districts announced a one week break from school to allow students to remain safe indoors with family and to transform schools into hurricane shelters for families living closer to the coast.

Tough winds from the storm downed power lines instantly. As many as half of the state’s 22.6 million residents were left without power. In some parts of Florida, power remained in a matter of days. In other parts of Florida and even in some states bordering Florida, the power outage lasted for weeks.

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Worst flooding in decades devastates South Asia
By Stephanie Aro

This monsoon season has led to the worst flooding South Asia has seen in decades, leaving over 1,200,000 people affected, and 1.8 million children who can no longer attend school, according to UN (United Nations) estimates.

Continuous rain thwarted rescue attempts and flooded hospitals, leading many to be evacuated.

On Sept. 20, the Category 4 hurricane hit the island with 150 mph winds and made landfall in Florida on Sept. 10. More than 60,000 federal personnel, including 2,000 FEMA staff, were in place by Sept. 11. Similarly, US government responded to Hurricane Irma with nearly twice as many workers with the combined federal government partners in states, counties, and municipalities to deliver nearly 500 million meals and 5 million drinks to help them with immediate needs. In addition, they deployed more than 5,000 staff and volunteers, 171 emergency response vehicles, served 53,000 meals and 13 million meals delivered and helped thousands throughout the expected recovery of the islands.

US recovery efforts in Puerto Rico have been markedly different from the recovery efforts after Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Irma in Florida. Political popular response to the catastrophe has been more than the response to the devastation in Houston from Hurricane Harvey or in Florida from Hurricane Irma. Following Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico has been devastated. The island is lacking safe drinking water, electricity, and nearly all of its crops value is destroyed. Puerto Ricans are demanding more federal help, as some felt the U.S. territory was being forgotten. ♦

Hurricane Harvey has struck Texas from Aug. 17 to Sept. 3 with cities such as Houston being affected severely. Hurricane Harvey has broken the record since Hurricane Wilma, being the first Hurricane in 12 years to appear first over water and then over land, appearing first in the Atlantic Ocean. Before the storms, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has worked with several other US agencies such as the Coast Guard and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to prepare for Hurricane Harvey and the aftermath of the storm. Over 39 countries were placed under state of emergency and a total of five countries were evacuated to prepare for the incoming storm. The Florida Division of Emergency Management, 72 people died in the state of Florida alone either due to Hurricane Irma or as result of flooding. Irma weakness is tropical storms it moves from Northern Florida up to Georgia.

Donations from PHHS to Hurricane Harvey victims
By Leon Nguye

Hurricane Harvey, a Category 5 hurricane, hit the US on Aug. 25. Houston, Texas was hit the hardest, and our students here at Piedmont Hills are helping out with donations.

Physics teacher teacher Jarred Harris was out on Sept. 9, conducting all teachers in the East Side Union High school district. She also invited Superintendent Craig D. facts and Principal Traci Williams. She one time to fast’s west campus as well as Belleville Elementary.

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“I just think this is a good lesson to teach charity,” Ms. Nguyen says.

In addition to Ms. Nguyen’s classes, local communities in Texas also donated as well. They had paid shirts from previous orders that have been pending. Ms. Harris offered to take the shirts off of their hands.

Out of schools, Piedmont was the one who turned out the most donations,” says Mr. Harris proudly.

Mr. Richard Harris went to Steve Talavera, who is a part of the Red and White balloon car. They car crew donated $100 to Houston and $800 to pay for the gas bills. They left on Florida, a Sunday night, Sept. 10. They arrived on Monday night at a local church in Houston after 48 hours of traveling. The one of the balloon car has a huge warehouse, with the other aluminum. The victims of Hurricane Harvey are on the warehouse any time to pick up whatever they need and go.”

Government responses to disasters
By An Nguyen

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Trump Puts Stop to DACA

By Brianna Casarez

President Trump rescinded the program on Sept. 5, but full implementation of the rescission has been delayed six months to give Congress time to decide how to deal with those who were eligible under the policy. If Congress can't come to an agreement, some DACA recipients will be forced to lose their authorization to work legally on March 6, 2018.

The addiction of social media

By guest writer Syed Rahim

It’s hard not to reach for your phone when you wake up in the morning, because you check it up by your bedside and hope that the first thing you see when you turn it on is a string of new updates and alerts, because you give yourself a good feeling knowing that someone is paying attention to you.

If this sounds like you, know that you are not alone. A recent study among teens aged 13-17, “92% report going online daily — including 24% who say they go online “almost constantly,” according to a report conducted by the Pew Research Center. That same study found that 71% of teens say they use more than one social media platform. The amount of followers one has is the most obvious indication of whether or not someone has it, but a consistently high number of likes relative to one’s local network is also a good test.

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“You know it keeps my heart in good shape,” states Ms. Mitchell.

She enjoys being outdoors because teachers spend most of their days indoors. She enjoys hiking and exercising outdoors because when she is teaching she feels cooped up inside all day and needs balance.

“Hiking is therapeutic for a lot of different reasons, mostly just the fresh air and gives you time to clear your mind,” expresses Ms. Mitchell.

Since Ms. Mitchell has to travel to the Bay Area from San Mateo, it takes up most of her day. But it doesn’t mean she doesn’t hike on trails near where she lives. Her go to hiking spot is Sawyer Camp in Redwood City because the trail breaks off into sub trails. Her favorite hiking trail in the Bay Area is Alamere Falls mostly because of the scenery.

“The trail is nine miles and stops at a jungle forest. If you go through the jungle you can go down to the beach and see the falls from on the beach,” Ms. Mitchell says with exuberance.

Trailhead trail used to be her third favorite trail. But she stopped going due to an abundance of mountain lions, sightings and attack of an elderly couple. Her appeal to the trail dwindled away.

Ms. Mitchell is proud to call herself an avid hiker.

Scariest Teacher Poll:

The poll was conducted with over 80 participants over Google Forms, and posted on Schoolloop.
Piedmont Hills’ Varsity Football team starts off the season with four wins and two losses, and expecting more success as the season continues. 

On Oct. 6, the Pirates crushed at our Homecoming Game against the Westmont High School Warriors, 49-21.

“We’re mediocre right now,” says Captain Brandon Lowe. “A lot of people didn’t make grades, so our first three games we didn’t have them. But now we have them back, so we should do a lot better.”

Although they have found success in their games so far, the team believes that there’s plenty of room for improvement. Every team has room for improvement, and the PHHS football team is no exception.

“There’s always a bit of room for improvement. No one is perfect, we can use help anywhere,” comments junior Joshua Solarez. “Our chemistry needs to get better, how we work as a team.”

“Building better bonds, winning (more) games; just improving (the team) as a whole,” explains Lowe.

“We can definitely improve offensively and (understanding) what the coaches calls are in certain plays, especially at the end of the game. (As well as) the mistakes on the field, in certain plays, especially at the end of the game. (As well as) the mistakes on the field, in certain plays, especially at the end of the game. (As well as) the mistakes on the field, in certain plays, especially at the end of the game. (As well as) the mistakes on the field, in certain plays, especially at the end of the game.

The cause for the team’s success doesn’t just rely on the team itself, it depends on every player and coach on the field. “(It’s) the calls our coaches make, what we learn and go over in practice —— when we make those mistakes in practice, that’s how we get to our success; that’s how we earn our success,” according to Alvarado.

In the season so far, varsity football has been very successful in coming together as a team. But the question is, are they having any fun?

“Yeah of course I am!” agrees Lowe.

“I’m actually having fun so far. This is probably one of the best years of high school football for me,” says Alvarado, who will be departing from the football team this year.

From the sounds of it, the bond between all the boys on the team will be strong, no matter the outcome of the story.
Girls’ Volleyball spikes back with improvement

By An Nguyen

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Girls’ Tennis swings into the season

By Ashlianna Rodriguez

After the last game this Wednesday, against Prospect High School, the team ended the season with the final score of 2-14. For some of the team members, however, some will move on to BVAL (Blossom Valley Athletic League). BVAL is an individual tournament involving the best players from each league where the top three singles players and top three doubles teams will progress to CCS (Central Coast Section) in November.

This season, Varsity Singles 1 Jessica Te, Varsity Singles 2 Rainey Townsend, Varsity Doubles 1 Emily Kim, Varsity Doubles 1 Diana Quach, Varsity Doubles 2 Tiffany Nguyen and Varsity Doubles 2 Anna Nguyen were selected to participate in the first division tournament on Fri. Oct. 6. Those who lose the first tournaments do not move on to the next tournament that was held last Friday. Te is the only player that will play at the BVAL Singles/Doubles Tournament on Tues. Oct. 31 and Wed. Nov. 1.

“I’m really proud of myself for making it past the first tournament because tennis has a lot of talented people. I’m excited to play at BVAL, but I am looking forward to our senior night match more,” said Te.

Senior night match was the team’s last game of the season. “It is a way of saying farewell to the senior teammates. Underclassman decorate the tennis court with posters and give goodbye speeches. Seniors bring the food and have a barbecue after the last varsity match finishes.

They trained throughout the season with intense conditioning during their practices, such as “explosive leg” workouts that consist of lunges, high knees, butt kickers and sprinters and frog jumps.

A team has really bonded this year and has grown as a family. As the season came to an end senior teammates cherished every moment during their last season. With saying goodbye, the seniors, the team members are confident in their fellow teammates to take over and continue to grow as a team.

“I am really going to miss playing with this team because these girls are family to me,” comments Townsend.

It was expressed by all team members that they were a great group to play with and are trusted by one another.

“I feel like this year, everyone’s having a lot more fun as a team. We’ve always been close, but this year our family has come close together, including our coaches (Alex Nguyen, Danny Duong and Han Nguyen) and they’re always cracking up jokes,” expressed Captain Rebecca Huang.

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Three Clubs Team Up for Movie Night

By Anh Truong

Piedmont Hills’ CSF (California Scholar
ship Foundation), Key Club and Leo Club (Leo Club International) teamed up for the first time. The movie night took place on Sept. 28 from 4pm to 8pm in the PHSHS school library for a chance for students to bond. The event presented a showing of the recent movie “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” and also served a variety of snacks and beverages.

CSF, Key Club and Leo Club collaborated on this event to allow the students to bond and have a stress-free free. The event also included a photo booth with a backdrop for audience members to take pictures with.

“The idea of having all three clubs partic
ipate in a movie night was by Megan, who is the President of Key Club. She proposed the idea in the beginning of the semester, and we fleshed it out in the past few months. I think it was a pretty good idea,” explains CSF President Addison Chan.

“Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” is a fantasy and action film that had attracted plenty of young viewers.

For the movie choice, this was a pretty recent movie that a lot of officers in the three clubs enjoyed. We felt like this movie would help encourage people to go, and would also be easy to create decoration and advertis
ing with. A lot of people who went really seemed to enjoy the movie, which was great,” states Key Club President Megan Luong.

All three clubs put up posters to advertise the event to give students some encouragement to go. All the profits received will either go to the clubs’ programs, events or charities.

“Part of the profit made will go to Key Club’s Pediatric Trauma Program, which is one of their two major charities. For CSF, it is going towards the Pie Bake and Christmas Carnival and for Leo, it is going towards the Lion Club’s disaster relief effort,” comments Leo President Kevin Su.

The event turned out to be a success be
cause of the amount of students who came out to watch the movie and bond.

Fighting Mental Health at the Student Summit

By Rho Nguyen

M embers of Bring Change 2 Mind will gather at Lyt Hq, San Francisco this Sunday to participate in their annual Student Summit. According to BC2M president Nathalia Marín, the club is a non-profit allowing students to participate in a district bring together in San Francisco to meet the club found
ers, Glenn Close, as well as guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds such as athletes, bloggers and YouTubers in order to bring awareness to mental health.

“I think the summit is a really great oppor
tunity to bring a lot of other people who also share a similar view of importance of men
tal health,” states board member Syed Rahim.

“Mental health is something that just won’t get better if you don’t actively work on it.”

In addition to one-on-one meet and greets with guest speakers, the Student Summit will also feature a wide variety of activities includ
ing catered lunches, photo booths, interactive posters, breakout sessions (which are district collaborative retreats to help plan club events for the school year) and spending quality time with the several support dogs on site.

“Last year when I went to this event,” re
calls Vice President Tiffany Nguyen. “I really knew nothing about mental health and I didn’t know what to do (in the future). This day re
ally changed the course of my life because right now, I know what I want to do, and I know that I want to dedicate my future to mental health.”

When asked what inspired her, she stated how she was touched by a speech from guest speaker Ross Szabo who is now founder of the Human Power Project. Being able to have a one-on-one discussion with him during lunch opened her eyes and would set the goals for her future.

Bring Change 2 Mind is a new club at PHHS, only being open for its second year. All club officers are expecting to attend the summit this year, including Co-Founder Vanessa Nguyen who had not attended the first event.

“Already I can tell that there’s a lot more buzz around the event,” exclaimed S. “A lot more people are coming and that’s great.”

Tiffany reiterates that the event is open to all students who are interested and that it’s “very comfortable environment to be in.”

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From the relentless monotony of high school emerges a mass of people spritect
ing across the Quad. With their hands behind their backs, they charge through the field as a part of Memoemce and Anime Club’s event dubbed the Naruto Run through Sophomore Hill.

The first of its kind at Piedmont Hills, the event took place on Oct. 2 and attracted meme
enthusiasts, anime-lovers, and other people just trying to have a good time. Senior Charles Andres took first place, winning the prize of a Konoha forehead protector, similar to ones worn by Naruto and his ninja friends.

“I think it was really successful, actu
ally. To be honest, I wasn’t sure about this, but I think we had about 20 people run, and that’s pretty good,” remarked Anime Club Co-Presi
dent Liu Zhao.

With the recent surge in Naruto Runs happening across all different universities, Memoemce and Anime Club wanted to try hosting one for themselves.

“There is this meme online where people, usually on college campuses or in public areas, are running with their hands behind their backs like the (anime character) Naruto,” explained Mememce Vice President Victor Xie.

Due to Powerpuff and other Homecom
ing events taking place, Mememce President Jaena Jaug felt like the event had yet to reach its full potential.

“We want to make this an annual event,” said Jaena in regards to future plans to expand on the run.

2017-2018 New Clubs

By Lily Li

Astrology Club

Astrology Club is a club where members dis
cuss all things astrology including bi-weekly
horoscopes, compatibility, and birth charts.
Meetings are every other Tuesday in room F-10.

Ballet Folklorico / Las Mariposas

Es hora de bailar! Ballet Folklorico is a dance club featuring cultural dance styles from Mexico. Practices are Wednesday and Thursday after school on the Girl’s Blacktop.

Bittles

Need advice on academics and upcoming high school life? Bittles is the club for you! Con
nect with upperclassmen with underclassmen and have fun. Meetings are once a month on Fridays in Mr. Clough’s room.

Conspiracy Theory Club

Conspiracy Theory Club holds open discus
sions of conspiracy theorists with mini debates on the accuracy of each theory. Meetings are every Thursday in Mr. Clough’s room P-03.

Filipino Club

Filipino Club is a club that embraces Filipino culture including dance, traditions, and social/ politi
cal issues within Filipino communities. Meetings are first and third Fridays of the month in Mr. Sevilla’s room P-02.

Fit’Em Club

Fit’Em is a club that promotes the fitness field (and related fields) through fun activities and community service. Meetings are every Tuesday in Mr. Rayburn’s room B-10 (later will be every other Tuesday).

IFT Gaming Club

IFT (Iron Fist Tournament) Gaming Club is a club where gamers can play a variety of games and compete in games. Meetings are every Thursday after 7th period in Mr. Cran’s room F-10.

Imageography

Imageography is a photography club where students can take photo trips to bond and learn new things about photography. Meetings are every Friday in Mr. Tippett’s room B-09.

Lights on Trafficking

Lights on Trafficking is a club that spreads awareness and takes action against human trafficking. They fundraise for anti-human trafficking organizations, learn about modern day slavery, and explore related career paths. Meetings are every other Tuesday in room F-15.

Lion Dance Club

Lion Dance Club is a club dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Chinese Tradi
tional Lion Dance. They will teach how to lion dance and about the traditions that are behind it. Meetings are every Fridays in Ms. De Roos’s room D-25.

Operation Smiles

Operation Smiles focuses on educating stu
dents about cleft lips and helping children born with cleft lips in third-world countries receive safe surgeries for free. Meetings are every other Thursday in room K-05.

SPIN

SPIN (Support People In Need) is a club where members interact with those in orphanages, senior centers/nursing homes, and hospitals. Meetings are every Tuesday during lunch in Mr. Clough’s room P-03.

UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

10/15-10/21 Male Pageant Sign Ups

10/16-10/27 Halloween Grams

10/31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

10/23-11/3 Male Pageant Try Outs

11/5 Daylight Saving Time Ends

11/2 2nd Grading Period

11/10 Veteran’s Day

11/17 The Legend Distribution

SASUKE! Senior Charles Andres charges ahead to first place.

Stshi! Club members line up for a photo after the movie.

“The movie night went really well! We sold around 180 tickets, and we had a lot of fun from the movie night,” mentions Addison.