

The Redhawk Report

Paul V. Moore High School - Central Square Redhawks

Spring Issue

Is a Tik Tok Ban Inevitable?



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Should Tik Tok Be Banned?

The raging debate over whether Tik Tok should be banned is complex. While some argue that TikTok helps individuals express themselves, their creativity, and helps community-building, others are concerned about privacy, security, and Tik Tok's potential negative impact on mental health. TikTok has been under fire for its data collection practices because of its ties to the Chinese government. The addictive nature of the app and certain content raises concerns about its effects on young people. It may seem like a drastic measure to completely ban Tik Tok, but at the very least it seems that stricter regulation needed to address these concerns. Ultimately, careful consideration should be given to make a decision whether freedom of expression is worth the risk of one's privacy and well-being.

THE SPORTS at Paul V. Moore High School

A Season of Change

By Jonah Martinez

With our Central Square Boys Basketball team one season removed from making the sectional final game, the arrival of a new coaching staff came with unknown expectations. As the season went on, a very competitive schedule combined with almost a whole new lineup led to many difficulties and obstacles. The boys team ended the season with a 1-19 record.

Although the season did not go the way any of us wanted it to, the friendships, connections, and memories that were built are ones that we will take with us. Being with each other every day during practices and games, as well as the team dinners, helped us navigate the difficult season we all had.



THE SPORTS *at Paul V. Moore High School*

Winter Sports Season

By Raechel Fleischmann

For the winter sports season, Girls Basketball is having a great season. They made it into the first round of sectionals and they were excited to celebrate Natalie Bush in achieving one thousand career points. Boys Basketball completed their season and will not be moving on to sectionals. Rifle Club sectionals were on Monday, February 12, and Tuesday, February 13. The team performed extremely well, claiming the sectional title. Raechel Fleischmann won the individual award and Truman Remenickey worked hard to become a sectional champion in Rifle as well.

Congratulations to all of our athletes for a terrific season!





THE ARTS at Paul V. Moore High School

Artists

By Angilee Haberer

To celebrate the creative and artistic talents within our Art Department, we spotlight the work of three outstanding art students who have been chosen as the Art Students of the Winter Months.

December's spotlight shines on Max Kuepic, with an eye for detail and a flair for creativity. Max's art captivates with his compositions and imaginative concepts, and his ability to evoke emotions through his art make him stand out in the Art Department.



Photo by Karter Stark



Photo by Cadence Pooley

Concluding our series of unique artists is Ashley George, a Senior at Paul V. Moore. Ashley's artwork leaves a lasting impression. Mrs. Bergman selected Ashley because of her intricate design in digital compositions and photography. In many different mediums of art, her subject matters are always well articulated.

The spotlight for January shines on Raven Wheelék. Their art is explorative through different mediums. Raven was chosen by Mrs. Colvin because she recognized their approach to challenges through art, which is captivating. Their character and creativity earned them Art student of the month for January.



Photo by Olivia George

Events at Paul V. Moore High School

Past, Present, and Future Events

By Raechel Fleischmann

In the past few months, Paul V. Moore High School has experienced many exciting events. The winter sports season has almost come to an end, the Drama Club presented this year's musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, and many more events have occurred recently that continue to keep the high school hustling.

Back in December, DECA, our largest club at Paul V. Moore High School, participated in the regional competition at LeMoyne College. This was an extremely successful event for Paul V. Moore High School with more than fifty people from our school placing and having the opportunity to compete at states in Rochester, NY. Our school had three people run for regional office.

Congratulations to Abbey Tetrault, Summer Fedder, and



The Drama Club performed *Beauty and the Beast*, which starred Grace Myers as Belle. With her powerful voice and acting skills, she convinced the audience that she fell in love with the Beast. There were many heart warming appearances, including Calvin Schantz!

In the near future, the high school will be preparing for many other events, such as spring season sports to include; lacrosse, baseball, softball, outdoor track and field, girls golf, and boys tennis. DECA is on their way to states, and the Music and Art departments will be preparing for the Spring Showcases to present to the school!

Health + Wellness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

By Kiera Meneilly

Mental Health Awareness Month is here to show people with mental health issues that we support them and are here to help with whatever they might need. Take some time and listen to them, and assess what they may need from you. Everyone is unique and going through their own struggles. Perhaps you could suggest they do things that make them happy, or you could encourage them to pursue a hobby. One person might need advice and another may need more help outside of what you can do. If that is the case, please go to an adult. Some people don't get the help they need soon enough and end up in trouble with the law. Two million people a year with mental health issues end up in handcuffs. Once that happens, it becomes even harder to seek help because no one will listen. Just by listening to someone, sending a text, asking how they are, or offering your support and reassurance can make a big difference in someone's life and mindset. We are trying to help everyone who needs it as best we can through social media. If you can share your own story or just want to support by using hashtags like; #TakeAMentalHealthMoment, #MentalHealthMonth, it can help.

The Union County Board of County Commissioners proudly supports

May as Mental Health Awareness Month

1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year

1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year

You are not alone. Millions of people are impacted by mental health each year.

For 24/7 assistance, call the Suicide Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8

For local resources, scan the QR code to visit the Office on Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse's website.

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

#breakthestigma

The Rec Room

Monthly Entertainment Picks from Paul V. Moore Students

MOVIES & TV

Movies Of The Month: *Trap*

The much anticipated release of M. Night Shyamalan's new film, *Trap*, is on the horizon. *Trap* features a blend of suspense and the supernatural as a group of strangers find themselves trying to escape from a labyrinthine structure. The solid performances of each character adds depth and complexity as they must face their own demons and dark secrets in this psychological thriller. Check out the trailer below.

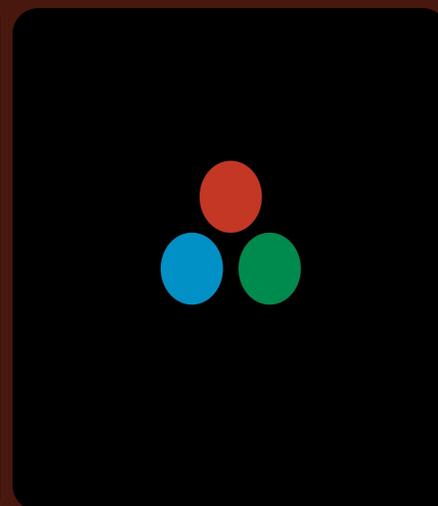
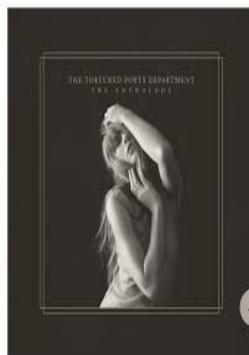
[Trap | Official Trailer \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



MUSIC

Song Of The Month: *The Tortured Poet's Department* By Taylor Swift

The album opens with a hauntingly beautiful song, then takes listeners through a range of emotions. Each song offers a unique perspective on the human experience. Through ballads and rock anthems, Swift lyrics explore themes of love, loss, and the struggles so many must endure. Be sure to check out what critics are calling another stunning achievement.



LITERATURE

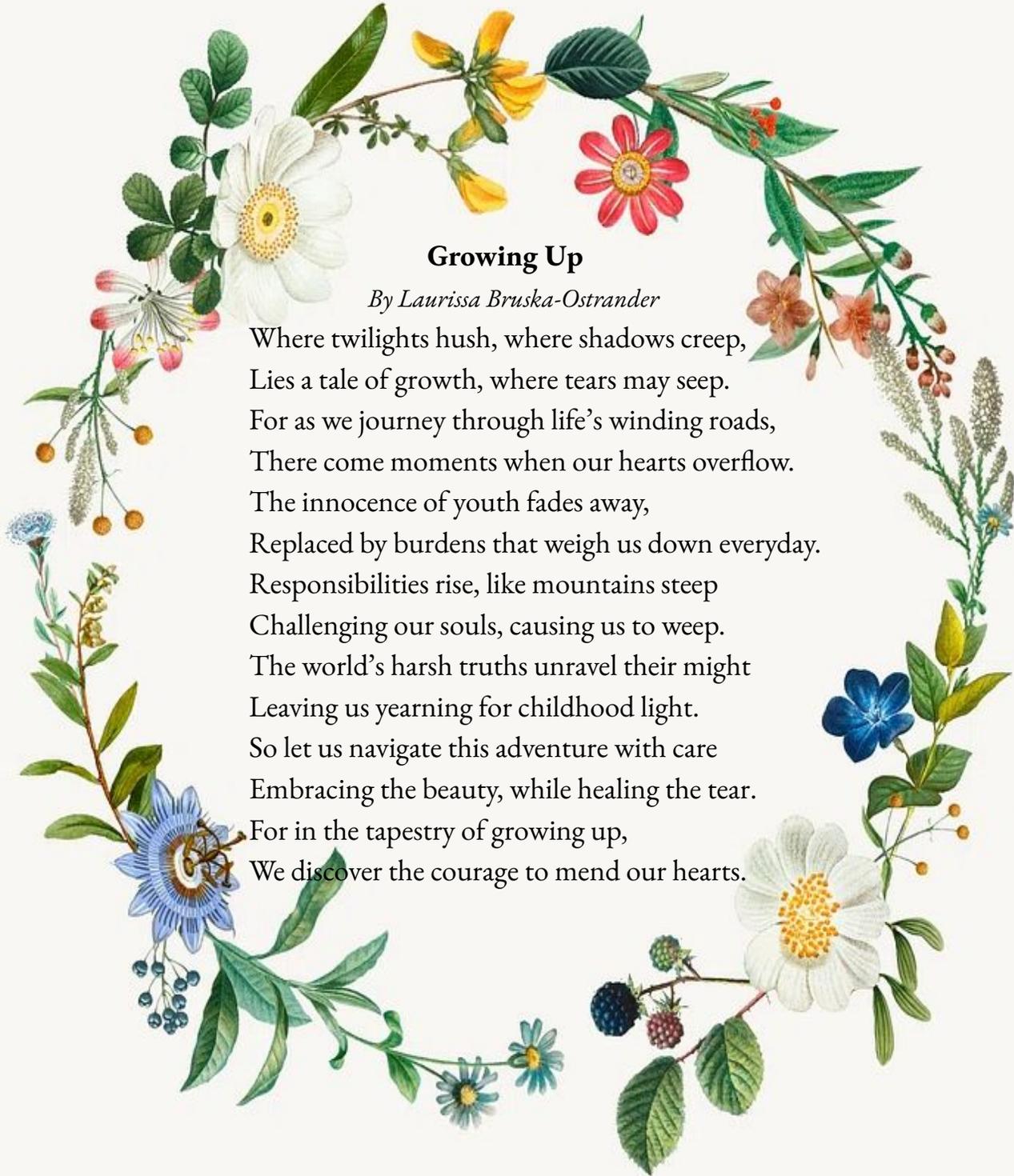
Book Of The Month: *The Secret Garden* By Francis Hodgson Burnett By Megan Parker

Originally published in 1911, *The Secret Garden* has amassed several retellings, stage plays and film adaptations. *The Secret Garden* tells the story of Mary Lennox, an ill-tempered and neglected young girl. Throughout the story, Mary develops a deeper connection with herself and the world around her, learning to show compassion and to foster strong bonds with those she meets. Having stood the test of time, *The Secret Garden* is an enjoyable read for anyone looking to broaden their horizons and find a new perspective on the simplicity of compassion.





Student Spotlight



Growing Up

By Laurissa Bruska-Ostrander

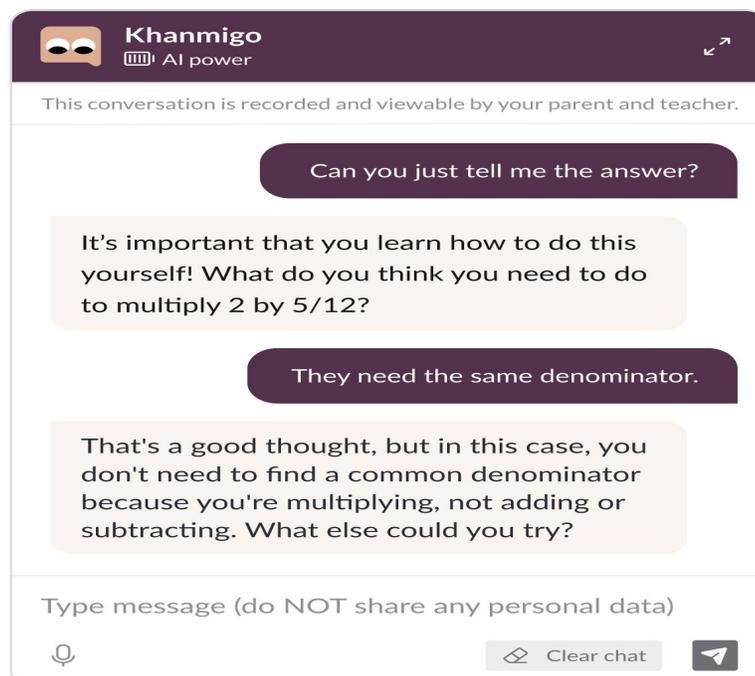
Where twilights hush, where shadows creep,
Lies a tale of growth, where tears may seep.
For as we journey through life's winding roads,
There come moments when our hearts overflow.
The innocence of youth fades away,
Replaced by burdens that weigh us down everyday.
Responsibilities rise, like mountains steep
Challenging our souls, causing us to weep.
The world's harsh truths unravel their might
Leaving us yearning for childhood light.
So let us navigate this adventure with care
Embracing the beauty, while healing the tear.
For in the tapestry of growing up,
We discover the courage to mend our hearts.

New AI Tool That Could Transform Education

By Jonah Martinez

Well known non-profit educational organization Khan Academy has developed a new AI education tool. Functioning similar to ChatGPT, it is a chatbot. Where it differs, according to its website, is, “Khanmigo doesn’t just give answers. Instead, with limitless patience, it guides learners to find the answer themselves”. It allows for the students to not be afraid to ask questions, or fail. This creates more trial and error in the educational experience.

Based on the cbsnews.com article regarding this tool, it is already in use in over 40 school districts, ranging from elementary schools to high schools. It is pretty safe to assume the growth of this type of technology isn't slowing down anytime soon.



Spring

Spring appears in whispers
and hushed tones,
as the bellowing winter
bows away.

Drowsy flowers come to
attention,
waking from their sleep-
yawning;

with heads turned upward towards
the Maestro called Sun—
I watch with anticipation
as...
the concert begins.

Thank you for reading this edition of **The Redhawk Report.**

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