



Great Reads

A column by Ayla Justice, co-editor

"A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" is a fiction, young adult, thriller trilogy which follows Pippa Fitz-Amobi (Pip) as she re-solves a murder which took place in her hometown five years ago. For Pip's senior capstone project, she chooses to open her own private investigation of a murder which the public thought had been solved years ago. Everyone in the town of Fairview believes that Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal. Perhaps he has been overcome by the guilt of killing Andie, they say. However, what if Sal was innocent?

I highly recommend the book! It has many twists and turns and will keep you wondering what's going to happen next! Buy the book on Amazon for \$7.57 or the same price at Walmart. It can also be found at Books-A-Million for \$10.99

There are also two other great books that follow "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder": "Good Girl, Bad Blood" and "As Good As Dead."

Overall 5 out of five stars.

Dear "ERMY"

Each month, we will feature our very own advice column in ERMS Paw Prints. Who is ERMY? We will answer this burning question in a future edition of the news. Meanwhile, we welcome more submissions from the student body or even staff. Let "ERMY" help to settle your dilemma or answer your questions.

Disclaimer: For the confidentiality of students we have kept their names secret. Hence, the use of pseudonyms.

Dear ERMY,

"I need some money and I need to make it fast! What would be the best way to earn \$20?"

-A money-challenged seventh grader

Dear Money-challenged,

The best and easiest ways to make around \$20 fast, would be to:

1. Help with chores or odd jobs
2. Wash cars
3. Do yard work in your neighborhood
4. Tutor a friend or younger student

Any of these options would be simple and easy to do and make the money you're wanting!

Your advisor,
ERMY

Dear ERMY,

"I am new at East Ridge and I don't have many friends. I feel like everyone here has known each other forever. 🙄How can I make some friends here?"

-Forever Lonesome

Dear Forever Lonesome,

Every single one of us has felt this way at some point in time. I would recommend branching out and trying new clubs. Also, don't worry, you will find out who you are and many of the people in your classes will grow to like you. I would personally recommend applying to be on the newspaper staff when that becomes available again.

Your advisor,
ERMY

Student Interests

“The Sounds of Summer”

by: Ella Carpenter

Have you ever been strolling through the hall humming the lyrics, “It’s blue, the feeling I’ve got and it’s ooh, whoa, oh. It’s a cruel summer,” or, “I can buy myself flowers. Write my name in the sand.” I know for sure that I have. Well today, it’s my job to tell you about the top 5 hits of this summer 2023 and how many students voted for each song. The top 5 songs of this summer include:

“Flowers” by Miley Cyrus, “Calm Down” by Selena Gomez, “Cruel Summer” by Taylor Swift, “Peaches” by Jack Black, and “Party in the USA” by Miley Cyrus. Now, I should probably tell you how and why I came up with these songs, so let’s dive in.



So, what makes a summer song so catchy? One reason is the fantastic lyrics. A good song has lyrics that are meaningful or relatable for some people. Another reason a song becomes popular is its catchy beat. The beat plays over and over again in your head and automatically gets stuck in there. Lastly, if a song has a great chorus, we find ourselves singing it over and over again. Everyone loves a catchy song.

How did I come up with these songs? On the first day that I got the news about doing this article, I automatically got on my computer and started looking up the top songs of this summer. The first songs that popped up were “Flowers”, “Calm Down”, and “Cruel Summer.”(All songs I like to listen to and sing). As soon as I had those songs on the list, my mom suggested that I include the song “Peaches” on the list. (My

whole family just watched The Super Mario Bros movie and she fell in love with that song). I decided to put it on my list, but then realized that I should put five songs on there, not four. I spent a little while thinking until I came up with a song that I heard everyone sing on the bus going to East Ridge, “Party In The USA.” Mr. Potter had to insert his opinion, “Baby Shark.” Classic Mr. Potter.

Anyway, I haven’t even told you the most popular song. The most popular song was “Cruel Summer” (94 votes), “Party In The USA” (45 votes), “Peaches” (36 votes), “Flowers” (21 votes), and “Calm Down” (21 votes). Believe it or not Baby shark would have come in 4th with 25 votes, (so you should be happy Mr. Potter.) Of course the most popular song was “Cruel Summer” with 94 votes because, of course, it’s a Taylor Swift song and it has the word Summer in its title. I have always loved to listen to music every day for as long as I have lived and hopefully you do, as well.

Next Issue, look for:

- An introduction to the newest staff members at ERMS
- More advice from ERMV
- More sports information
- Meet the student editors of Paw Prints
- Maybe even a recipe!

Sports and Student Activities

Roast On The Ridge

By Gardenia Garcia

Roast on the Ridge, a very important and fun thing we celebrate here on The Ridge, took place on Thursday, October 26, 2023. Each year this event allows our community to have so much fun spending time with friends and family. This year was no exception!

Mr. Darnell, East Ridge Principal, extends a big thank you to everyone who helped with Roast on the Ridge in any way. He commented, "We raised over \$6,000 total for our school! Six hundred dollars of the total was raised from voting for the pumpkins. This money is used to celebrate teachers and our kids and provide extras that our normal budget doesn't."

Two of the most popular games at ROTR included the CakeWalk and the DuckPond. Roast on the Ridge also featured great food, including BBQ, baked beans, chips, drinks, and many desserts to eat on the spot.

This year was the first time that the pumpkin decoration contest was part of the festivities. This year, Mrs. Nielsen's class was the winner of the contest, with a steampunk theme.

Basketball Season

By Sophie Moore

Hello ERMS fans! The current basketball season has begun and will wrap up at the end of January.

Girls and boys teams will play against each school in the middle 9 conference twice during the regular season.

And don't forget about our *special game* at Walters State against our biggest rival, West View! The middle 9 conference includes:

- East Ridge
- Jefferson
- Lincoln Heights
- Maury
- Meadowview
- Rush Strong
- Rutledge
- West View
- White pine

Something special to look forward to - a JV day game at West View for sixth graders only to attend! There will be much more to report about both boys and girls basketball in the next issue of Paw Prints!

Important Upcoming Dates

November 3:

Last Day of 6 Weeks

Pink out Fundraiser

November 7:

BB @ Rutledge

November 8:

Progress reports go home!

November 9:

BETA Meetings

BB @ West View

November 10:

Veterans Day Concert (9am)

November 13:

BB vs. Jefferson

November 14:

BB vs. White Pine

November 16:

BB @ Lincoln

School-wide spelling bee in the library

November 18th-26th:

Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

November 19th-21st

BETA State Convention