



# Moore News

## WHAT IS CAM?

Did you know there is a club at this school known as CAM? Then what exactly is this? Well, CAM itself stands for Contemporary Art Museum, which is the name of an art museum her in Raleigh, and every Thursday a select group of students walk there with Mr. Kreacic, the art teacher. Fortunately it's only a few blocks away so it isn't that hard to get there. But what do you do? Well, basically you look at the different exhibits and learn as much as you can about them. You get to know anything from the history of that piece, to what inspired the creator of it! Then, on a monthly event in Raleigh called First Friday, each student picks part of an exhibit and when people from the public come in, you introduce them to the art and tell them about it, answering questions that they have as well. This club is very fun, and you even get snacks every time-how cool is that?

By Kiersten Sheppa

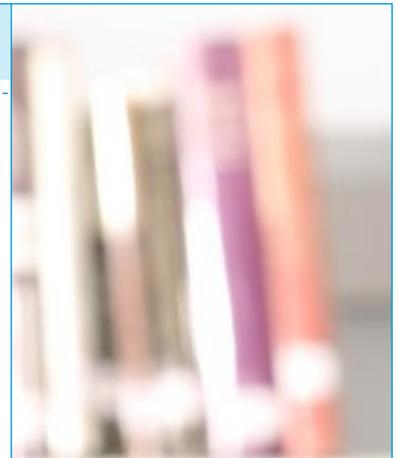
## INTRODUCING MR. SQUIRES

Mr. Squires started his journey to Moore Square back in high school. He felt that a big influence was his math teacher. He really enjoyed math and his teacher pushed him into the education field. Mr. Squires always enjoyed teaching and learning, which became part of it too. He then went on to college, where he majored as a math educator and went back later for his Master's degree. He attended North Carolina State University! Before coming to Moore Square, however, Mr. Squires was the assistant principal at Knightdale High and Reedy Creek Middle. He also taught at Sanderson High and Mary Phillips High.

So how did he come to our amazing school? He became interested after hearing about the position through a friend and said that the position looked fun, plus it was a great connection to the community!

Mr. Squires is a preacher outside of school and it runs in his family as well. He believes that his personal values, commitments and beliefs shape his actions that help him listen and do the right thing when making tough decisions. In closing, Mr Squires says that his dream job would probably be a lawyer for civil rights. Even though Mr. Squires isn't exactly doing his dream job, he still loves the work he does and the people surrounding him.

By Sofia Padovano



“Earth without art is just ‘eh’.”

-Unknown

Did you know? When 100 students were asked where they were born, 57 were born in NC while 43 were born out -of -state.

## TRENDY BRANDS-ARE THEY REALLY WORTH

Did you know that teens across the U.S spend over ten times more than it costs to buy the items they want just because of the brand? They all think they're cool because they spent \$100 dollars on the latest trends. But do they know the price they are actually paying?

You pay more than what the companies pay to make the item, actually. Companies like The North Face, Nike, and Converse usually pay about \$30 dollars to make the brand's new items. Although when they get shipped to the stores, prices are raised and they can go from five to even ten times more. Another reason is that most people aren't really buying the brands for themselves is that they buy them to fit in and not get picked on. More kids feel they need to be followers instead of trendsetters. Kids these days think that if you have expensive clothing on that it would be cool to show off.

A shirt from Polo cost about \$50-\$60 dollars but that same shirt can be at Ross or Marshalls for only \$25. Teen girls' new crave for the fall and winter are a pair of new Uggs. A pair of simple Uggs cost \$195, but the same pair of boots without the Ugg logo cost \$20-\$45 at Target, Walmart and TJ Maxx. Sure people say the higher the price, the better quality it is, however that's not always true. Many people from [www.infogr.am.com](http://www.infogr.am.com) say that the cheaper brands lasted longer for them. Also, sources say that things last longer depending on how you take care of an item, not by the prices.

All in all, trendy brands with the high prices can be found with different prices at different stores. Next time you want a pair of new Jordans, Converse or Uggs, make sure to think first-is it really worth it?

By Mariah  
Spencer  
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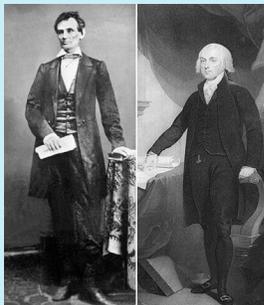
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*“A sword wields no strength unless the hand that holds it has courage.”*

*-The Legend of Zelda*

Did you know that the tallest president was Abraham Lincoln at 6'4"? The shortest president was James Madison at 5'4".



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## VIDEO GAMES: GOOD OR BAD?

Don't you just love video games? The way it stimulates your brain, gives challenges and makes you part of a new environment are just some of the reasons why gaming is so popular these days. In fact, over 1.2 billion people worldwide have at least played a virtual game of some sort before! But are all these hours and hours of gaming really good for you? The argument is split between yes and no.

In 2013, a psychologist named Simone Kühn observed young adults as they played Super Mario Kart 64 for a half hour every day for two months. She discovered that the prefrontal cortex, hippocampus and cerebellum (parts of the brain) had all grown. This basically means that the subjects all got more intelligent, which is great! Not to mention that all these games teach you to use your mind and the objects around you to work out a solution. The original characters and plot give an inventive feel to the game itself, which can inspire people of all ages to maybe even pursue their career as a video game creator!

There is, however, an argument against this. Scientists recently found that people who play gun, crime and violence related games have a much higher chance of committing crimes. Not to mention there are people who are a little, well, *too* obsessed with gaming. They lock themselves in their rooms for hours at a time, not even getting up to eat or go to the bathroom! Crazy, right? It isn't healthy! And from playing and looking at a screen for too long, you can get brain damage.

All in all, video gaming has both pros and cons about it. It can make you become smarter based on the games you play and what genre they are, however if you play for too long then that can be bad for you. So maybe gaming isn't the best thing-of course, that doesn't mean it isn't still amazing! But your opinion on the matter is for you to decide alone. What do you think?

By Kiersten Sheppa

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/is-video-gaming-bad-for-you->

## THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

When you hear about the Bermuda triangle and it's stories, doesn't it make you shiver about sea monsters and strange sightings? Well scientists may have the solution to why boats and planes have gone missing.

Scientists have found hexagonal clouds in the Bermuda triangle and found out that these clouds are air bombs. These clouds are about 22-55 miles wide and go up to 170mph. Air bombs also make huge waves that can pull boats under.

And if you're wondering how planes have also gone missing too, the air bombs probably sent the planes to the water and drowned the people inside the plane. The Bermuda triangle is about 500,000 square miles off the coast of southeast Florida.



By Cordelia Lentini

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## HOW DID THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT BEGIN?

Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi and Patrisse Cullors were the original founders of the Black Lives Matter Movement. But who exactly are these people? Alicia Garza was watching television news in an Oakland bar with friends when neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman was acquitted of murder in the killing of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old African-American. "It was as if we had all been punched in the gut." - Alicia Garza

Opal Tometi is a New York based Nigerian-American writer, strategist and community organizer. Ms. Tometi is also a Co-Founder of #BlackLivesMatter.

In the summer of 2013 fueled by the acquittal granted to George Zimmerman after his murder of Trayvon Martin, Patrisse Cullors co-founded a global movement with a hashtag. Black Lives Matter has since grown to an international organization with dozens of chapters and thousands of determined activists fighting anti-Black racism worldwide. "I know this case has elicited strong passions. And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher. But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken." - Barack Obama

By DJ Thomas

Source: <http://www.thefeministwire.com/2014/10/blacklivesmatter-2/>

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## THE WORLD'S OLDEST WOMAN

An Italian woman, Ms. Emma Morana, was born in 1899. Apparently the secret to becoming age 100 and over is eating two eggs a day and plenty of cookies! She does not have a voice anymore so it is difficult to understand her, but she can still live just fine without a problem. Ms. Emma used to have a pretty voice and beautiful singing, but unfortunately she can no longer do it because of her voice issue.

Ms. Emma Morgan is 117 as of November 29th. Did you know Emma is actually *not the oldest person to have ever lived in the world? There is actually a man who lived to be 145, however he has already passed away. Everyone believes that this woman is eternal because with everything she's gone through, she's still alive.. Will she make it to 117? Will she make it to 118? How old will she get before she passes away? We'll have to wait and see.*

By Sophia Stewart

Source: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/worlds-oldest-woman-said-secret-to-long-life-is-staying->

If you could not join us on the 2017 Track Out Trip to Italy and Greece, perhaps you would like to join us next year!

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**“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”**

**-Albert Einstein**

Basketball is the most commonly played sport in school. 18,150 schools have a boys team and 17,767 have a girls team!

## THE DANGERS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

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### What is Toxicology?

Toxicology is the study of detecting poison in the bloodstream of an organism. It is about understanding what things can be safe or lethal if you take enough of it. For example, you can't live more than three days without water, but if you drink too much too fast then it destroys your balance of water and sodium. This is called hyponatremia. Toxicology can also be about chemicals that could be or become hazardous. The degrees you need in order to get a job as a toxicologist are chemistry, biology, or biochemistry. Toxicology includes many different fields including pharmacology, animal medicine and even environmental science. It goes from studying anything from natural poisons to manmade toxins like alcohol. Another type of a toxicologist is a forensic toxicologist who studies forensic evidence like drugs at crime scenes.

By Sofia Plesh

Sources: [http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/Career/127/Forensic\\_Toxicologist](http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/Career/127/Forensic_Toxicologist)  
<https://humantoxicologyproject.org/tox-101/what-is-toxicology/>

Even though drivers know it's dangerous, they still do it. I'm talking of course about texting while driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that in 2014 alone, 18% of injury crashes and 16% of all police reported motor vehicle crashes were reported as distraction affected crashes. Also in 2014 there were 3179 people killed and an estimated 431000 additional people wounded in distracted cases. Currently there is no national law about texting while driving but a number of states have started to pass laws that ban texting or wireless phones or requiring hands free use of wireless phones while driving.

Text messaging isn't the only thing that phones do to increase the numbers of crashes. Dialing, talking or listening on a phone, or even reaching for your phone can increase your chances of getting into an accident. All though the percentage is nowhere near the chance increase of texting, that little bit

can cause you a lot of trouble. Did you know that teens, when it comes to distracted driving have the reaction time of a 70 year old? 64% of teens actually agreed that they would give up on using the phone while driving if they got caught and lost their license, 58% would if they got an insurance discount, and 51% if they were to follow the laws against it. While only 19% would give it up if their friends did. Although people are still texting while driving I have a feeling that if they act more responsibly this problem will be little to think of in the future.

By Paul Weeks

Sources: <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/dangers-texting-while-driving>

## Career Day

Moore Square's first career fair was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our CDC, Mrs. Connor. There were many different types of jobs represented and even mock interviews where students could practice their skills. Here are some thoughts on the day:

### **Students' thoughts:**

Before: "I'm expecting and looking forward to meeting new people" "I would like to talk to someone who makes commercials or movies."

After: "The stop light booth was the most interesting and the restaurant was pretty cool too!" -Maya True Wasik

Before: "I am expecting this to be an overview of new jobs and I am looking forward to meeting a lawyer"

After: "It was a good experience and I learned a lot about how to be a successful lawyer" -Tyla McAffity

### **Professionals' thoughts:**

**Kimberly Hinton (An exhibitor at the career fair)** "The Career Fair was a wonderful opportunity to share a piece of the real world with youthful minds that are looking for their place in the world. From the look of their eyes and their questions, the students were more than interested, but intrigued by the specifics of each exhibit."

**Glenn Carrozza (A mock interviewer at the career fair)** "Giving the students a real opportunity to practice interviewing with perspective employees only increases their skill set. The constructive feedback they have received will provide them with a strong foundation that they can build upon for each of their future interviews"....

**Mary-Katherine Connor (Career Development Coordinator)** "Providing Career Day to Moore Square Magnet Middle School on October 21 was just one way we were able to connect our student body with schools, employers and higher education so our students could begin to develop their college and career aspirations."

## THE WATER BOTTLE CONTROVERSY

Did you know parents and teachers in a Nevada school actually have a problem with kids bringing water bottles into class? A school in Nevada says they don't allow water bottles for three main reasons :

- Distraction in class: You've all heard of the water bottle flipping challenge I'm sure, and teachers are concerned because it is a distraction.
- Smuggling in alcoholic drinks: Administrators don't want or need alcoholic drinks in their halls and are a little skeptical about what these kids are bringing to school in these bottles.
- Spills and messes: Teachers are worried about the water spilling on important items in the classroom. For example, classwork, electronics and textbooks. That would be terrible if one of the bottles spilled all over your brand-new iphone.

A school in Colorado has opposite feelings, however.

- Distraction to leave class: A middle school principal feels the need for students to have water bottles. He thinks students asking for water in class gives them a good break from learning.
- One parent says "My daughter dances 5 days a week 6 hours a day, and she should stay hydrated during the day to be well prepared for dance class."
- An organization called *Water Is cool In School* says that *water helps with keeping the brain hydrated. The more hydrated the brain is, the more awake it is for class, and the more the students are paying attention.*

What does our principal think? When asked, Dr. Jordan said she felt it is good for students to have water bottles to stay hydrated and focused in class. How do you feel on this controversy? Should students be allowed to have water bottles? Or should they stick to the fountain?

By Mariah Spencer

Source: <http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2007/11/14/12water.h27.html>

## WHO IS MRS. RODRIGUEZ?

Mrs. Rodriguez is our spanish teacher, and you may just think of her that way. But she actually has a cool story!

Mrs. Rodriguez was born in Madrid, which is the capital of Spain. She has been learning the English language since she was in fifth grade and she is still learning it today. She got most of her education in Spain and would love to move to London in the summer. Mrs. Rodriguez attended college at Madrid Complutense in Spain. After five and a half years in college, she began her teaching career.

She wanted to be a teacher because she loves kids! They give her lots of energy, and it's always different every day. She actually was a teacher in Spain before she came to NC. The school she taught at was called Loreto School Defence Ministry. She moved to the USA in July of 2014. SO why did she move? Well, there were three reasons. One, to grow as a teacher, two, for new experiences and three, so her daughter could be fluent in English. When she first moved here she wanted to go back because she missed everything about home, but after a single year she didn't want to move anywhere else.

When she got here she noticed some differences in schools. She noticed that there was more technology for classroom use here, and also in Spain, the kids all stay in one classroom and the teachers move to a different class. Crazy, right?

In conclusion, Mrs. Rodriguez is an

amazing teacher with a cool backstory. Next time you see her, don't forget to say hello or hola!

By Sydney Van Etten



## NFL Playoffs

The NFL Playoffs are right around the corner. A lot of people think the New England Patriots are going back to the Super Bowl, but in the NFC there are still a lot of questions. For example, will Minnesota be able to win in the playoffs with Quarterback Sam Bradford who is filling in for injured Teddy Bridgewater? Will quarterback Dak Prescott start when Tony Romo comes back from injury? Not to mention there are teams like the Raiders and the Bills who have not seen the playoffs since 1998 who might make them this year. It is all just too unpredictable!

Let's start in the NFC, where Dak Prescott (quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys) is playing really well. Because of this, the Cowboys finished at the number one spot! The Detroit Lions are predicted to finish at the number three spot even with losing maybe their best player in Lions history Calvin Johnson. The second spot goes to the Seattle Seahawks, even though they aren't the best. The number four spot is predicted to be the Atlanta Falcons-they look like they've got this one because they have one of the worst divisions in the NFL but are winning it by around three games.. The two wild card spots are predicted to be the Giants, however the other spot is a tight battle between the Redskins and the Eagles.

In the AFC, the New England Patriots are everybody's number one pick because of Tom Brady. He is currently playing almost the best he has out of his whole career! The second pick is predicted to be the Oakland Raiders, who surprisingly are one of the best teams in the NFL. The projected third spot goes to the Houston Texans, who have quarterback Brock Osweiler on the team. The fourth pick is the Baltimore Ravens and the other two wild card spots are the Chiefs at the five spot and the Broncos at the sixth. Who will win? We'll just have to wait to find out!

By James Giglio

Source <http://www.nfl.com/playoffs/playoff-picture>

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**-Albert Einstein**

## SKYLODGE HOTEL IN PERU

***“If you don’t fall, how are you going to know what getting up is like?”  
- Stephen Curry***

### Hurricane Categories

1st Category: 75-95  
MPH

2nd Category: 96-110  
MPH

3rd Category: 111-129  
MPH

4th Category: 130-156  
MPH

5th Category: 157  
MPH

Did you know you could stay on a cliff hotel in Peru? It’s a transparent pod for people who have disorders like Claustrophobia. When you get to the Skylodge Hotel, you get a guide to help you get up to the top, and if you are a professional then you get a tour guide that shows you where the rooms and things are. In order to get to the hotel room, you have to climb 1,400 iron rungs (1300 ft.), zip line all the way to the cliffside suites, and then climb through the submarine style roof hatch with a steel cable tied around your body for protection. The rooms are about 24 feet long and eight feet wide with a dry toilet bathroom, dining room capsule, bedroom, curtains for privacy, six windows, four ventilation ducts and can fit up to eight people. You might be wondering how safe this hotel really is-well, the capsules are made from aerospace aluminum and weather-resistant polycarbonate, plus the whole thing hangs on really strong wires made out of the same material! The whole trip costs around \$1000 each night. The trip also includes gourmet meals and 300 degree view looking over Urubamba Valley. Sounds cool, right?



By: Lydia Calhoun

Source: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/hang-around-side-mountain-peru-skylodge-180956132/?no-ist>

## FIVE BACK TO THE FUTURE PREDICTIONS THAT CAME TRUE

You know that awesome movie where two guys jump to 2015? Well, they make some crazy predictions about what life will be like in the future! From Personal Drones to Video Phones, let’s take a look at five of them that came true.

In the movie, they wore some crazy tech. We may not have what they had in the films, but we do have FitBits, iWatches and other wearable tech that can do many things a normal smart phone can do. They can track your movements, count the amount of calories burned, and on some of them you can even play games. In fact, Nike recently released self tying shoes called the Hyper Adapt 1.0. Right now, however, they are all auctioned off and all the money is going to the Michael J Fox Parkinson's disease foundation.

When Marty was hover boarding away from those bullies in the movie, you would’ve never thought they would be real! But the world has already created hand-free scooters and a company known as Arax Pax has made a working, \$10,000 hoverboard! Not impossible now, huh?

In the movie, you can see drones doing the fairly normal stuff like walking a dog or taking pictures. It may have been absurd then, but now you can see drones delivering packages and you can even buy one for yourself! Pretty soon, drones are going to be doing our dishes...

During the movie, future Marty gets fired from his job via video chat. It’s surprising that this is so common due to today's standards. Back then, just the thought seemed impossible, but now we have Skype and other video chat services! This just goes to show that we’ve come really far.

In one scene of the movie, Marty’s family is eating dinner. Instead of talking, however, the kids use their video glasses to watch TV and to call their friends. Google actually sold something like this called Google Glasses at one time but took them off the market. Still, many companies make things like this and sell them. So gather up all your money and be prepared to watch your favorite movie while eating dinner!

So as you can see, there are a lot of things today that we thought were impossible ten years ago. It all just makes you wonder-what will the next ten years bring?

By Maddie Higgins

***“I don’t think competitive dance should be a sport because it’s an art form and expression of what it should be and therefore should not be subject to a score.” -Ms. Duncan***