



# MANY SIGNS, ONE VISION, ONE COMMUNITY

## THE NEWSLETTER OF "47" THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

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### Introduction

Hello, "47" family!

Welcome to the third issue of this year's *Many Signs, One Vision, One Community*, our school newsletter! In this issue, you can find information about recent school events, a comic relief page, students of the month and student work, and a staff highlight of retiring librarian Jamie Morris. We hope this information proves useful and interesting to you.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to us directly at the email address below. We're also looking for student contributions, so if you want to see your art, writing, or other work in the next issue, send it to us via email! We look forward to seeing you all for our next issue.

With our warmest regards,

#### "47" Communications Committee

Ms. Hadley, Ms. Helton, Mx. Howard, Ms. Megan, Ms. Schaeffer, and Ms. Zaken  
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# Recent Developments

## BASKETBALL TEAM

"47" is welcoming a new varsity boys' basketball team competing in NYC's Public Schools Athletics League (PSAL) this year! We did not have a team until the season had already started, and they have worked incredibly hard and made outstanding progress. In particular, as of this writing, E-Lin Gross '23 has scored 201 points in the 10 games he has played so far, which ranks him second in our league in points scored per game.



*2021–2022 Boys Varsity Basketball Team (from left): Mr. Matthew Gold, Ahmed Abderahman '22, Maxwell Gomez '23, E-Lin Gross '23 (top), Rodney Wilson '25 (bottom), Cameron Adams '25, Thomas Eison '22, Caleb Gadsden '22, Mark Hazel '22, Ethan Gross '23, Windel Rodriguez '24, Roberto Dos Santos Carneiro '25, Mr. Derrick Martin*

## WINTER FEST

*December 23, 2021*

The last school day of 2021, December 23rd, was a bit different for "47" staff and students. For part of the day, we all took a break from regularly scheduled class work to engage in community building activities, including board games, movies, and basketball. It was also pajama day, so many students and staff were feeling comfy as we ended 2021 together and started Winter Break.





## GRADE TEAM ADVISORY

January 7, 2022

Top row: 12th grade team (& others); middle row: 11th grade team; bottom row, from right: 10th, 9th, and 11th grade teams.



## SUPERHERO DAY

January 21, 2022

Friday, January 21st was Superhero Spirit Day. Students and staff dressed as their favorite superheros and villains.

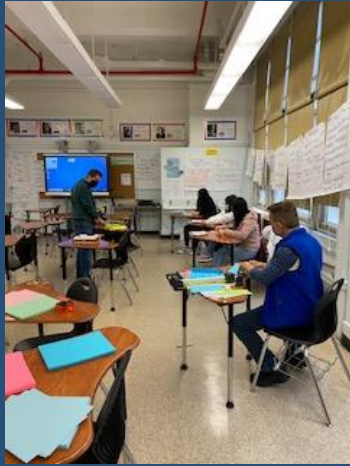




## HOW TO DAY

January 28, 2022

On Friday, January 28th, students and staff took a break from regular classes and participated in How To Day, a chance to learn new skills. Some of the creative classes offered included how to make a balloon animal, write in cursive, make origami, grow basil, improv, make a pop-up card, yoga, and so much more!







## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2022

Each February, the United States celebrates Black History Month. It expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976 after it started as a week-long celebration in 1926. Carter G. Woodson, a historian, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) in 1925 and his goal was to raise awareness of the contributions of Black Americans. While progress has been made toward the American ideal of equality, it is important to note that in 2022 we still have more work to do. (Source)

As we celebrate Black History Month, "47" wants to highlight the history of the Black Deaf community. Black Deaf Americans were not allowed to learn at Deaf schools because of slavery and segregation. While the American School for the Deaf was founded in Hartford, CT in 1817, the first education for Black Deaf students only came about in the 1850s. Even the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) prohibited Black membership until 1965. Despite and perhaps because of these adversities, Black Deaf Americans developed Black American Sign Language, a dialect of ASL which uses more two-handed signs, a higher location and broader signing space, and more repetition. Even after integration of white and Black Deaf students (as late as 1978 in Louisiana), Black ASL and Black Deaf culture continue to evolve and grow today.



*C.J. Jones is a Deaf actor best known for starring in Baby Driver (2017, dir. Edgar Wright) (image source)*

For more information on the richness of Black Deaf history, check out [this extensive article](#) by Benro Ogunyipe over at DCMF.

## Students of the Month

Congratulations to our November and February Students of the Month!

### NOVEMBER 2021

Sophia Duran

Logan Jones

Consuelo Monsegur

Santiago Montealegre

Brian Morales Torres

Memory Muchanyerei

Unique Ramos (two classes)

Alex Rojas

Fran Sanchez

Ashley Santes

Nia Torres

Amon Waldon

Yandiel Sojo Noel

Ariscela Vilchis

Kiaya Walker

## FEBRUARY 2022

Ronald Arevalo

Karen Felipe-Ponce

Memory Muchanyerei (two classes)

Lucas Carrillo

Emely Galeana

Joshua Nunez

Essence Carter King

Angela Gao

Cameron Paul (two classes)

Ainesey Colon

Sirandy Garcia (two classes)

Xochitl Rodriguez

Jaysdamin Deleon-Torres

Mark Hazel

Alex Rojas (two classes)

Julenny Delossantos

Alex Hernandez

Jencelyn Rosado

Sophia Duran

Emmanuel Larios Juarez

Nializ Torres

Ana Estheicy Abreu Ortiz

Santiago Montealegre

Maritza Zurita

## Comic Relief

### THAT DEAF GUY

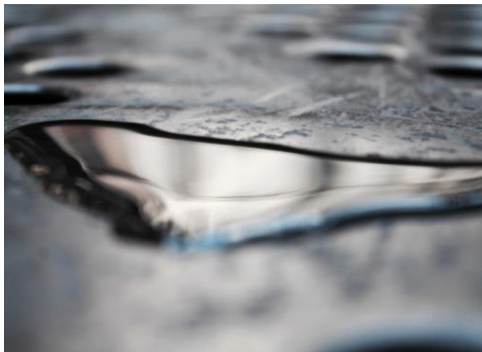
*Matt and Kay Daigle, with the permission of the artists*





# Student Contributions

## ART FROM MULTIMEDIA ART STUDENTS



Amairany Galindo



Angela Gao

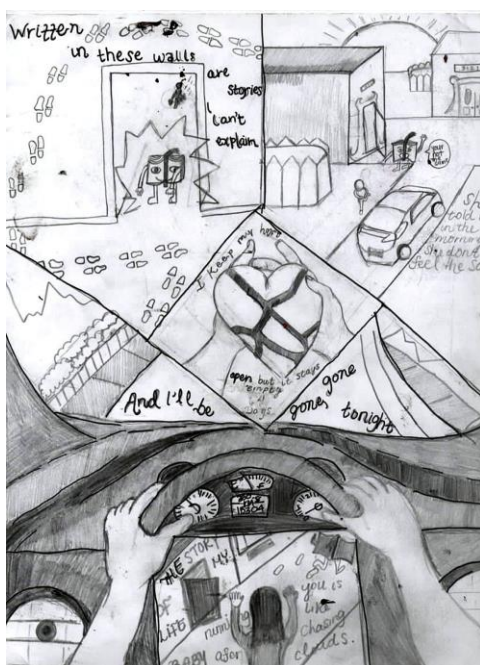
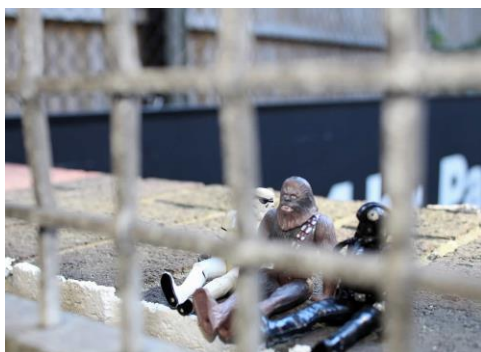
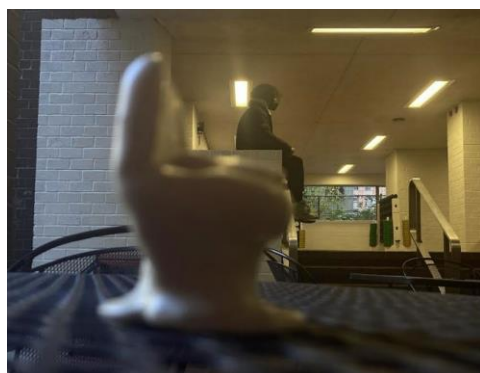


Ashley Santes

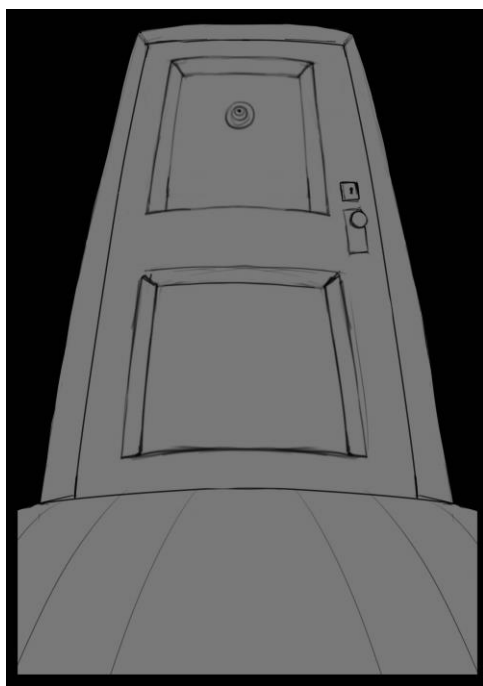


Avianna Daniels









Nanci Zanes



Nicole Harper



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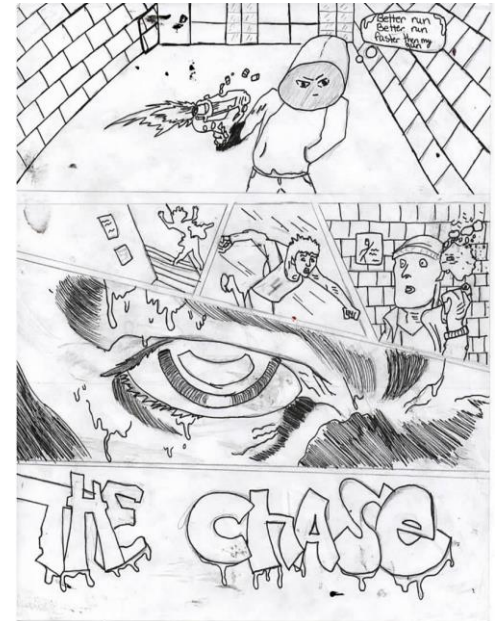


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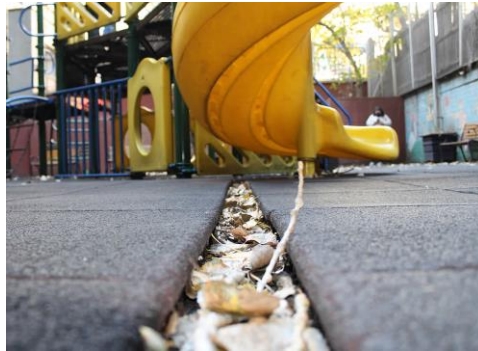




Raulybel Perez



Thomas Eison



Thomas Eison

## APPS DEVELOPED BY COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS (CLICK TO OPEN)



Ariscela Vilchis



Cristal Alardo



Essence Hall



Jancarlos Cabral



Christopher Cordero



Diana Contreras



Jada Grimes



Jeffrey Zamudio

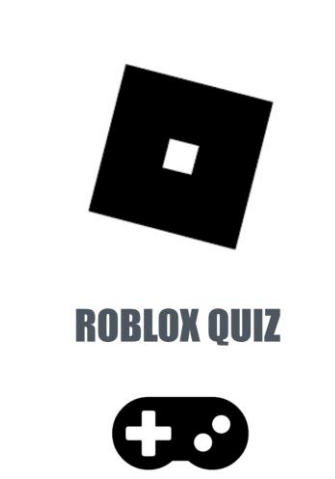




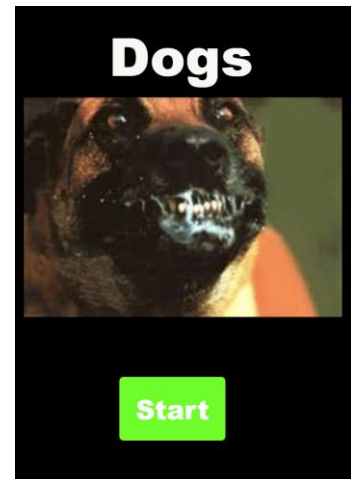
Jencelyn Rosado



Melissa Ramirez-Diaz



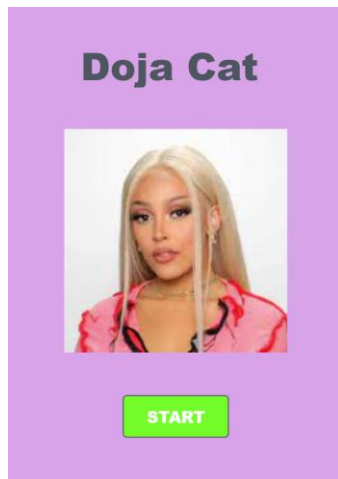
Naomi Rivas



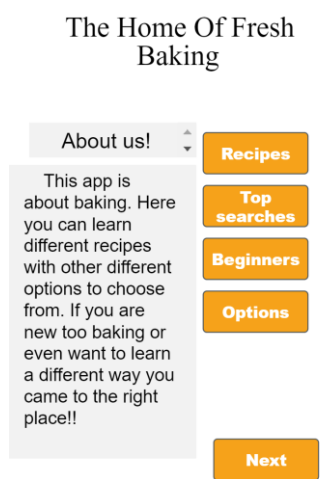
Sandy De Los Santos



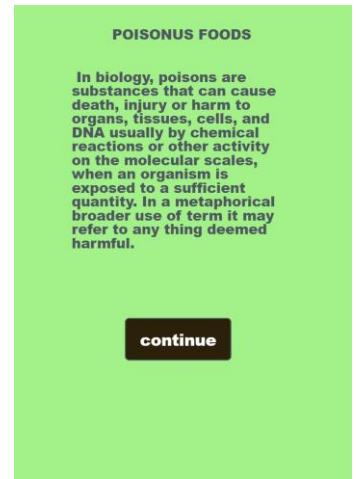
Justin Peralta



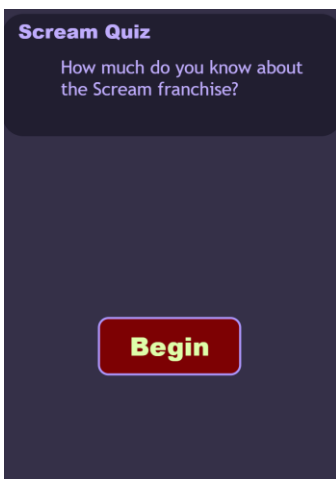
Sherlly Piedra & Miguel Reyes



Rachael Paidá Narvaz



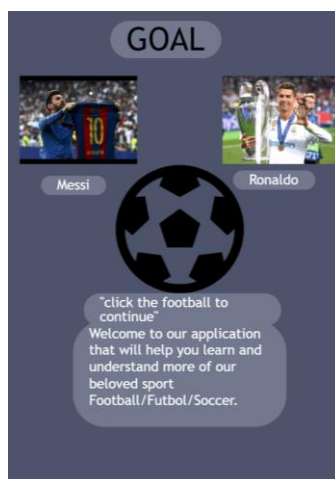
Windel Rodriguez



Mariah Shomo



Nadia Hidalgo

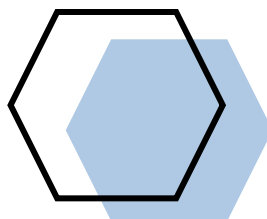


Robert Sabando & Ronald Arevalo



Yanitza Sojo Noel

Click or tap on an app preview to open it!



# Staff Highlight

## FEBRUARY: MS. JAMIE MORRIS, LIBRARIAN

Q1: *Describe yourself in a hashtag.*

**#booksbooksandmorebooks**

Q2: *What is your favorite time of day?*

**Sunrise on the river.**

Q3: *What is your dream place to visit?*

**England. I spent my junior year of college there and I really want to go back and show my kids the places that meant so much to me back then.**

Q4: *What is the biggest surprise you have had?*

**Biggest surprise was when my (now) husband convinced me to go to library school my very first year of teaching and I turned out to absolutely love it.**

Q5: *Do you prefer vintage or new?*

**Vintage. I especially love vintage kitchen stuff. But, I do love new books. There's something about crazking open the spine of a new book.**

Q6: *If you could win an Olympic medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?*

**Olympic medal for most chicken cutlets fried.**

Q7: *If you could make a documentary, what would it be about?*

**I'd make a documentary about the best ice cream spots in the Northeast.**

Q8: *If you could choose someone to play you in a movie, who would you choose?*

**Jennifer Garner – she's really down to earth and not afraid to make herself look silly.**

Q9: *What is one thing that you enjoyed when you were younger that kids today don't get to do?*

**When I was really young, I loved playing hopscotch.**

Q10: *What is the best advice you have ever gotten?*

**The best advice was when one of my older sisters would tell me, "it all becomes a story you tell". Essentially she was telling me that none of the bad moments would last forever and the distance would make it better enough that I would be able to create a story about it. She was right. So many of those painful moments are now some of my best, funniest stories.**

Q11: *How long have you worked at "47"?*

**I've been at "47" for 17 years.**





Q12: When reflecting on your time at “47”, what comes to your mind?

**What comes to mind is how much I’ve loved being a part of the community and how much this place has felt like home for me.**

Q13: What was your favorite thing about being the librarian at “47”?

**I have loved buying tons of books and then getting them into the right person’s hands. I especially love it when someone comes back and tells me just how much they loved the book. The look in their eyes is priceless.**

Q14: What are you most looking forward to during your retirement?

**I’m looking forward to lots of reading and knitting – and getting to spend time with my daughter before she goes off on whatever her next adventure will be.**

## Important Announcements

### “47” SENIOR INFO!

Senior families: Couldn’t join us for Financial Aid Nights? Complete the FAFSA application at home [here](#).

### CLUBS HAPPENING NOW!

Wednesday Clubs		Thursday Clubs	
3:00–4:00 pm		3:00–4:00 pm (except Knitting Club)	
Anime Club	Room 312	ASL Club (2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month)	Room 418
Art Club	Room 306	Board Games Club	Room 407
Basketball	Gymnasium	Gender & Sexuality Alliance	Room 402
Crochet Club	Room 410	Knitting (7:30–8:20 am)	Library
Hydroponics/Indoor Gardening	Room 316	Model UN	Room 408
National Honor Society	Library	Performing Arts Club	Auditorium
Student Book Club	Room 315	Yoga and Meditation	Room 501
Student Government	Room 408		
Yearbook Club (both Wednesday and Thursday) – Library/Cafeteria			

### LUNCH ACTIVITIES AND TUTORING

Students have access to the choices in [this document](#) during their designated lunch periods. Tutoring is available with many teachers during lunch, and before or after school **by appointment** with the following teachers: Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Hadley, Mx. Howard, Ms. McGrory, and Ms. Volpe. Reach out to them directly to set something up!2022.03.122022.03.12

### CHECK YOUR GRADES USING PUPIL PATH

Visit <https://pupilpath.skedula.com>. Trouble signing in? Ask your advisor!

## LOOKING FOR INTEREST IN STUNT!

Stunt is a sport! We go to competitions around the city and compete with other school teams. We learn tumbling skills and jumps and lift each other into the air to make awesome looking stunts and pyramids. If this sounds like something you want to try, or even just ask questions about, see Ms. Helton in room 401!

The picture to the right shows our championship-winning team in 2017–2018, and [here](#) is a video of one of our routines from March 2019.



## LOOKING FOR INTEREST IN VOLLEYBALL!

Do you like playing volleyball? Ask Mr. Bridger about joining the volleyball club after school. Open to all students!

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## Calendar of Important Dates

For more information, check out the [New York City Schools](#) calendar and our [school](#) calendar.

### SPIRIT DAY | MEME/VINE DAY

Friday, March 11, 2022

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, March 16 (evening) and Friday, March 18 (afternoon), 2022

### END OF MARKING PERIOD 1

Friday, March 18, 2022

### SAT SCHOOL DAY (JUNIORS) & PSAT/NMSQT (SOPHOMORES)

Thursday, April 13, 2022

### SPRING BREAK | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Friday, April 15 – Friday, April 22, 2022

### EID AL-FITR | SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, May 2, 2022

### END OF MARKING PERIOD 2

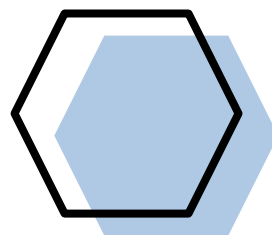
Thursday, May 5, 2022

### FIELD DAY

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

### GRADUATION

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 10:00 am



*Dates to be announced:  
Tour of Ithaca College and  
SUNY Binghamton; Prom*