

Students React to ISIS Threat

By Dalton Robertson & Aidan Avila

On November 13, there were multiple bombings and shootings in the city of Paris. The attacks were performed by the terrorist group ISIS.

Seventh grader Lola Bihan says that she heard about the attacks when the death count started to get high.

"I think ISIS attacked Paris to show their force and to start a war and to strike fear in people," Bihan said. "I don't think that France should be sending bombs to Syria. The U.S. should definitely fight ISIS, but not attack civilians."

Keyboarding Teacher Carolyn Finkler says that she thinks the reason ISIS chose to attack Paris is because it is a very diverse and globally important city with a lot of different people.

"I think the French military is doing the right thing by searching for the suspects and the rest of ISIS," Finkler said. "I also think the French citizens and other people are doing the best thing that they can do by going on living their normal lives instead of hiding inside. If you hide, run, or show that you are afraid of ISIS you are showing to them that they have won and that they are stronger than you."

Eighth grader Caden Barrera thinks that the U.S. should go and kill all of ISIS.

"ISIS will be around until the US government does something about all of the threats and attacks," Barrera said.

Sixth grader Wilson Benesh thinks that the French should fight back against ISIS.

"If ISIS keeps on attack-

ing and threatening the United States then we should fight them back," Benesh said. "I heard about the Paris attacks after my baseball game when my mom told me."

On December 2, there was another attack, but this time on U.S. soil in San Bernardino, California. There were two attackers (male and female) and 14 people were killed. ISIS was responsible for these acts of terrorism.

Eighth grader Trianna Schiller says that she feels very sad about the San Bernardino attack being the largest terror attack in the U.S. since 9/11, considering that 9/11 was such a huge catastrophe.

"I think that before someone buys a gun, they should check their background first to make sure that no criminal is purchasing weapons and not doing anything good

for the world," Schiller said. "The goal of ISIS is like genocide because ISIS wants to be ruling religion and government and kill everyone else who isn't how they want them to be."

Eighth grader James Smith thinks that all of these attacks are scary because ISIS keeps doing this stuff and we haven't been able to stop them.

"Despite the recent attacks, I would still travel there even after the attacks because there is a lot of cool stuff in California like Disney World," Smith said.

Even after the recent terror attacks, Schiller has some words about prejudice.

"All of ISIS is Muslim, but not all Muslims are ISIS, and we can't just make assumptions," Schiller said.



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The Little Mermaid Cast Announced

By Hanna Kang & Jack Bohuslav

Cast members for The Little Mermaid were announced on Friday, December 4.

Choosing the right musical for Gorzycki can be a tedious process, and it can take a very long time. Michelle Huerta, one of the theatre teachers, explains how she comes up with her ideas.

"We were looking at a lot of different scripts, and I go to New York every summer to get inspiration from the Broadway shows that I watch," Huerta said. "We chose the Little Mermaid because I really wanted to do the underwater part, and we already have mermaid costumes."

Seventh grader Carli Vinciguerra, one of the students cast in the role of Sebastian, was in the musical last year, and she

loved the experience and working with friends.

"I enjoy acting because I love being the center of attention," Vinciguerra said. "I like it when people watch me on stage, and also because you get to be someone else for a little while."

One of the main characters is Flounder. Seventh grader Kellen Watts, one of the Flounders cast, said that he's always been interested in acting because his dad got him into it.

"When I was auditioning, I would be sitting on stage waiting for my turn," Watts said. "I felt really nervous but I was really excited at the same time."

Eighth grader Gabe Joyner, the role of Scuttle, said that he has been interested in theatre since last year, when he watched High School Musical.

"I've never tried theatre before, but I think it's re-

ally fun," Joyner said. "I heard from a lot of people that theater was cool, so I tried it out. I really like it so far, and I think it's a great first time experience."

Students' favorite parts of the musical might be acting or being with friends, but Huerta ex-

plains what her favorite part is.

"My favorite part about doing a musical is after the show," Huerta said. "We have something called the Good Show Circle, and that's where everyone talks about what's meant to them to be a part of the musical. It's my favor-

ite part because it always surprises me of what the students always say."

Students have had a few rehearsals so far, and they're performing the musical on February 25-27 at 7:00 pm with one show at 2:00 pm on Saturday the 27.



Cast

Ariel.....Zoe Thiel, Sydney Reinhart
Flounder.....McKenzi Popper, Kellen Watts
Sebastian.....Khali Jones, Carli Vinciguerra
Prince Eric.....Patrick Wilson, Kirk Nava-Suggs
Grimsby.....Austin Civatte, Joshua Lewis
Carlotta.....Risako Nishiyama, Maia Gerdes
Ursula.....Faith Winkley, Brooke Everette
Flotsam.....Josh Houdek, Maddi Feen
Jetsam.....Chris Lamm, Aurora Trevino
Scuttle.....Gabe Joyner, Cade Jensen
Gulls.....Reese Gutshall, Kaitlyn Johnson, Ava Webber, Caverlee Dahill, Olivia Kendrick, Mitch Callihan
Triton.....Blake Guerra
Mermaids.....Avery Kissenger, Gillian Griffin, Anika Scoma, Sydney Morris, Camryn Gonzalez, Anna Smiley
Seahorse.....Talia Hanley, Kinsey Quintanilla, Lucia Rubio
Chorus.....Thomas Carroll, Jacob Thornton, Ava Young, Mariana Ramirez, Ali Garner, Jacob Sylvie, Sydney Brupbacher, Ximena Loza, Olivia Vienneau, Connor Russell, Ayden Lumbley, Olivia Ray, Katy Lumbley, Emilee Aleman, Jesse Bowie, Addie Lilley, Haley Katzensky, April Carroll, Page Vavasour, Kaitlyn Zapata, Sara O'Leary, Emilee Bullock, McKenna Couch, Lucas Tovar, Haley Drouin
Dance Chorus.....Rebecca Jones, Riyo Adler, Haylee Costin, Lila Vale

Phones Held Hostage

By Callie Payne & Avery Shelton

Students have had controversy over the phone rule at Gorzycki over the years.

The current cell phone rule is that if a teacher sees a student on their phone, they will bring it to the office where students will have to wait two days before a parent can pick it up, with a fine of \$15. Students are only supposed to use phones for academic reasons with teacher permission.

Seventh grader Chloe Francois has had her phone taken away.

"I don't think it's very well thought out because you might need to contact somebody for an

emergency or something important," Francois said.

Students give their opinion on what would make them agree more with the rule.

"I wouldn't want to pay \$15, so I would lower the

price by \$5 and maybe student's phones could be taken away for three days instead of two," sixth grader Brody Miller said. "If we weren't allowed to have phones at school, I wouldn't care because I

am here to learn not to go on my phone."

Eighth grade science teacher Andrew Doggett thinks the rule is necessary.

"I feel that the rule is perfect, even if it is strict,"

Doggett said. "Students know the rules and it is their option to choose to follow it, they will just have to face the consequences."

Doggett takes one or two phones per month.

"I only let my students use their phones to look up random facts and research," Doggett said.

In-School Suspension Monitor Armanda Huerta agrees that the rule is necessary.

"I don't want the phones in school and I like the old way of teaching more," Huerta said. "I think the phones distract you from learning. If I was a student and I got my phone taken away I would be more afraid of my mother than paying \$15."

