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Remembering Ms. Ramirez the Great

By Amelia Ferry, Emmie Ober, and Madeline McDermott



Lidia Ramirez was an administrative assistant here at Garrison Elementary. She was very loved by the Garrison community. She has unfortunately passed away, and we are all very devastated. We went around to capture students and teachers' favorite things about her.

"She was the sweetest, kindest person I ever worked with," said Mr. Brown.

"I came to this school 5 years ago after being pregnant," Ms. Cummings said, "and the very first person my daughter met was Ms. Ramirez. She was just so special to me and my daughter, and we miss her so much."

Ms. Mell shared one particularly fond memory. "One day in the summer, I went to visit her and I saw a plant," she said. Ms. Ramirez eventually gave her the plant. "I went to pick it up, and it was in a beautiful vase.

I named the plant after her, and I still have it today to remember her with."

"She was so feisty about the copy machine," Ms. Bolden said, "and I loved that about her."

"I loved her confidence and her attention to people," Ms. Walker said. "She was just really nice."

"She was so lovely to my own family," added Ms. Harris. "She always said 'hello sweetie,'" Ms. Jones said.

Ariela Pena (5th grade) said she was "in my life since I was in PK3." "She was kind and beautiful and always had a big smile," said another student.

Ms. Ramirez was so special to all of us, and we will forever miss her!!!!

Garrison Holds Memorial

By Oliver Constantino



Ms. Lidia Ramirez was a loving and kind person who was born in 1952 and passed away in October.

There was a memorial service held for Ms. Ramirez on November 15, 2025.

Mr. Kip said some kind words about Ms. Ramirez. After that, a few family members came up and talked about her. Finally, everybody was let out to eat some delicious food, including chicken and rice.

Mr. Kip said his favorite thing about Ms. Ramirez was her smile and her laugh.

What's Happening in December

By Eliana Graffin

There is a lot happening this month!

Let's start with the most well-known holiday: Christmas. Christmas is a holiday that is celebrated by Christians on December 25th.

Another holiday is Kwanzaa, which begins on December 26th and ends on January 1st. Kwanzaa celebrates African culture, heritage and community principles such as unity, faith, and purpose and lots more. They light candles for all seven of them.

Another holiday is Hanukkah. It's a Jewish holiday of lights. It starts on December 14th and ends on December 22nd. They light candles each day of the event, play dreidel, eat potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts and open presents. Most importantly, they spend time with family.

Cyber Monday also takes place in December, but that is more of a shopping event than a holiday. That was on December 1st. It is a major event where many items online get a discount.

And don't forget about New Year's Eve, which is celebrated globally on December 31st with parties, fireworks, countdowns, and more.



If you are reading this, you probably go to Garrison, so you might also know that we have a Winter program directed by our lovely music teacher Ms. Boone featuring lots of graceful, elegant Christmas and winter songs.

Last but not least is winter break, which starts on the 20th of December and ends January 2nd. Enjoy the holidays!

What I'm Hearing: Ice Cream or Cookies?

By Yaretzi Flores Torres

"I would pick ice cream because it's better than cookies," said Emely, when asked to choose between two classic desserts.

"Ice cream, because they have good flavors," said Ariela.

"Ice cream, because it's cold and you can have it when it's summer, but cookies, they're just blahhh," said Emmie.



The Official Guide to Gen Z Slang

By Surya Chandrasekharan and Madison Hardaway

Gen Alpha slang is what us Gen Alphaers say today and what we annoy our teachers with. Here is your guide to the latest slang.

Cap = Not true

Rizz = You have maximum aura

Aura = You gain it when you do something cool

Sup = Hello

Sigma = You are cool

You are selling = You are doing bad

Rizzler = You have a lot of rizz

Six-Seven = Height/Nothing

W = Good

Glazing = Favoritism

Clock that TEE = You did good

L = You sold

Slay = You did good

No cap = Not a lie

Tea = Gossip

Let him cook =
Allow success

Cook = Perform well

Clutch = Critical
performance

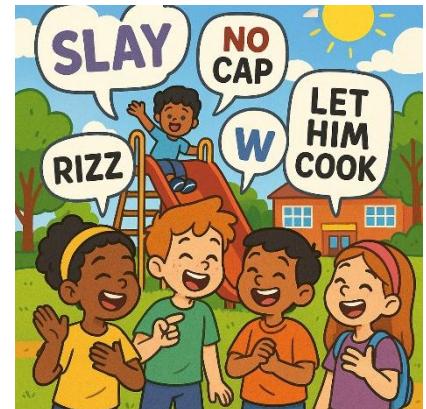
Bet = Okay

Touch grass = If you have been playing video games too much, go outside

Bro's cooked = He's done for

Yapping = Talks too much

Ick = Disgusted



FIFA World Cup 2026 On the Horizon

By Hunter Kelley



The next FIFA World Cup will be in North America in 2026. The games are going to be in Canada, Mexico, New York, Texas, and California.

Unfortunately, not D.C. (Womp womp womp womp.)

But you can go to DC Scores games for free!

At the World Cup, you can see a bunch of national teams play, like Portugal, France, England, etc. The winner will win the World Cup and be the champion for the next 4 years.

I want England or Belgium to win. How about you?

Car of the Month: The Aston Martin GT4

By Josue Labaceno Vasquez



The Aston Martin GT4 was introduced in 2008 as an updated version of the V8 Vantage N24.

Engine: The GT4

engine contains a 4.7 liter V8 engine, which is an upgrade from the previous 4.3-litre V8 in the V8 Vantage N24.

Regulations: Built to FIA GT4 regulations, making it eligible for races like the FIA European GT4 and the FIA GT4.

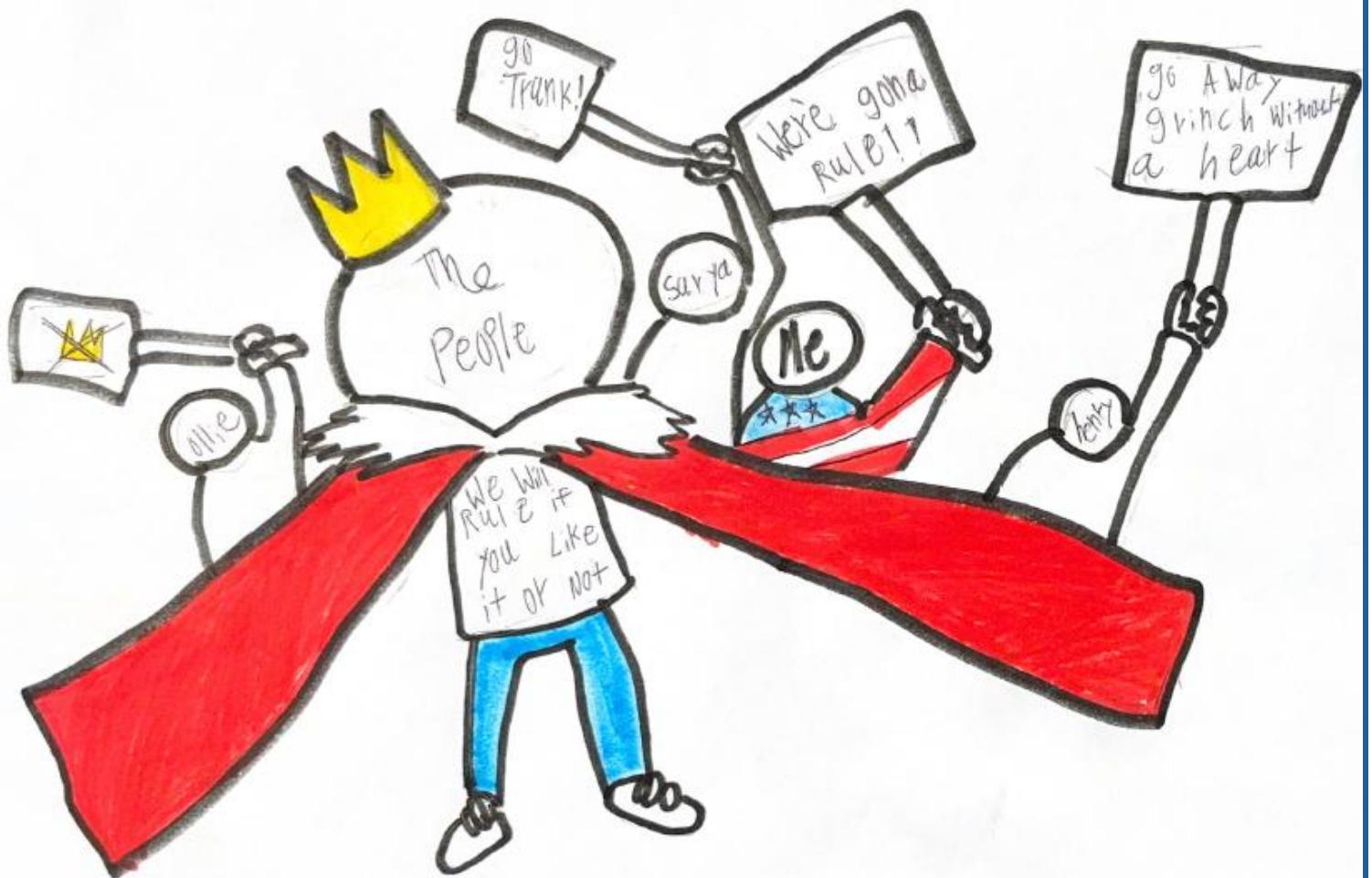
Performance: The Vantage GT4 has a power output of 469bhp and a peak torque of 471 ib-ft, with the option to increase these outputs via boost controllers.

Sorry folks, that's it, but I'll make sure to have more in my next article!

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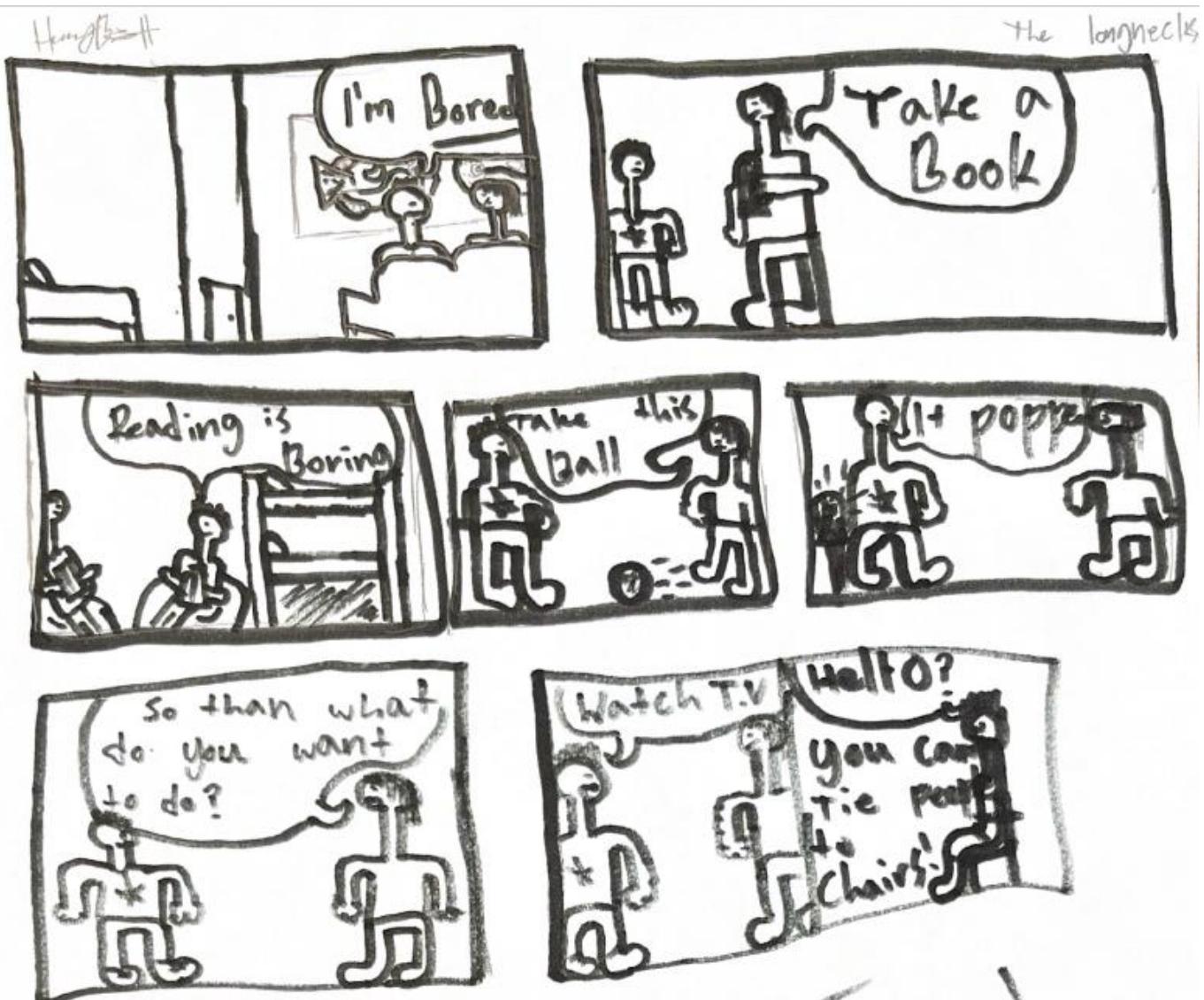
No Kings

By Buraimoh Gbadamosi



The Longnecks

By Henry Bartlett



The Longnecks

The Adventures of Derick the Dumbo

By Buraimoh Gbadamosi and Surya Chandrasekharan

By Surya and
drawn by
Buraimoh

