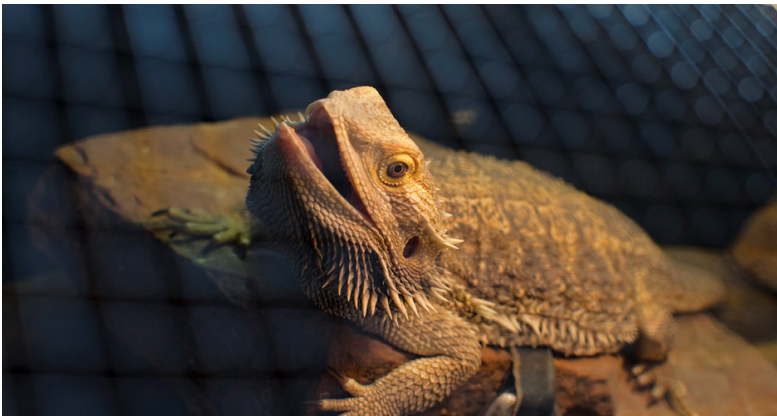


The Maverick Minute

Fox Elementary Recovers

William Fox elementary school, located in Richmond's Fan District, caught fire on Friday, February 11th. The 110-year-old school was left without a roof, and extensive damage was done to the building. School supply and book drives for the burned school have swept surrounding counties, leading to an outpouring of community support. The Richmond Fire

Department is currently investigating the causes of the fire, but they have already received some criticism for insufficient inspection processes that may have been underlying issues. The school plans on transition to virtual learning for the foreseeable future, although many spaces around Richmond have offered to host the students.



Star Student: Jackson the Bearded Dragon

Jackson the bearded dragon is a friendly face that students and teachers around Freeman are always happy to see. At the age of 3, Jackson is just beginning to find his hobbies and passions. One of his newfound favorite activities is visiting Mrs. Thayer's 5th period AP Statistics class. Oftentimes, the senior's intense focus on note taking will be interrupted by Jackson's friendly knock on the door. Mrs. Thayer's students then

spend lots of time visiting, petting, and talking to Jackson about their days and checking in about his day. The typical response from Jackson is that he enjoyed a day of sunbathing, eating lots of crickets, and enjoying a biology lecture from Mrs. Wachtel. Jackson also enjoys taking short walks around his super, roomy enclosure. He hopes that his daily visits with the students and teachers will bring them joy and allow them to have a spectacular day!

March Madness Begins

It's that time of the year again. The top 68 teams in college basketball are meeting all over the country in a high stakes competition for the National Title. This year, there will be multiple Virgian universities making a debut, including Longwood University, Norfolk State, Virginia Tech, and the University of Richmond. Whether you're watching from home and openly shouting at the TV, or you're in back of one of your classes while discreetly concealing your phone from your teacher, make sure to tune in. You can also create a bracket pool with your friends, family, or coworkers! Brackets will lock on March 17th at noon.



Upcoming Events

Culture Day

- Hosted by Equity Ambassadors
- Location: various areas around Freeman
- Time: March 24 from 4pm - 7pm

Prom

- Location: John Marshall Ballroom [101 N 5th St, Richmond, VA 23219]
- Time: March 26 from 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Important Details about Prom:

- Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale starting March 14 during all lunches
- Prom Court presentation and dance performance are @ 9pm
- Outside dates are allowed, a form must be signed by guest's principal

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SENIOR AND JUNIOR YEAR

St. Patrick's Day



A staple holiday of American culture, St. Patrick's day has come far from its roots as a solely Irish religious holiday. Saint Patrick, for whom the holiday was named, is the patron saint of Ireland and credited with spreading Christianity to the country. His mythology is the reason for shamrocks as a symbol of St. Patrick's day, as it is said that he explained the Christian holy trinity using the three leaves of the clover. Parades are traditionally held on March 17th, but commercial products like McDonald's popular Shamrock Shake keep up the momentum all month long. The holiday is a celebration of Irish culture, and honors the contributions of Irish immigrants and Irish Americans today.

