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March Editorial

From Co-Editor Izabella F-B,

Art is defined by the way people react to it. Regardless of the creator's intentions behind a piece, everyone sees it differently. The ideas behind media tend to get lost in translation as everyone ties and relates art to their own thoughts and experiences. People's own interpretations of art are greatly affected by the world they live in. That world consists of, disagreeing parties, constructs, ideologies, and right in front of our eyes, unchangeable constants. So this leads us to the question, is art inherently political? It would be impossible to give you a simple yes or no answer. The factors that influence people's perception of art will be discussed in this editorial.

The way people interpret the media they consume is influenced by the ideologies that are pushed or rejected in the community they are living in. In my own experience, I have noticed that people want to see themselves or things they have lived through in art. They want to feel represented. They tend to find ways to connect and relate to it. In order to do that, they link their feelings and opinions that fill their head and almost automatically associate what they are looking at with those thoughts and ideas, no matter the medium, whether it be a play, book, painting, musical,

movie, etc. Our feelings and opinions are almost always a reaction to someone else's. Basically, the way we think is because of the world that we are living in. All art has some sort of original meaning or purpose, sometimes people are aware of that purpose, and others overlook it and assign their own.

There are some pieces about the natural world, the non-human made things that we do not create. Yet, people still find ways to tie them to political meanings, and if everything eventually gets attached to these ideologies, no matter what the creator's intentions were behind the piece, or the "real" or original meaning. Because I do not think this is a subject that can be condensed into a short editorial, I don't think there is a clear way to say art is inherently political, but it obviously has strong connections to it. Everyone is going to interpret art differently, as it is subjective. In addition, whether or not art is inherently connected to politics, the important thing is that it gives people an outlet to express themselves, which is something that should never be taken away from them. Thank you for reading my editorial.

Essay about Mrs. Brunetto

Mrs. Brunetto, baking extraordinaire, but you would never know thanks to her humility. Mrs. Brunetto is retiring after many extraordinary years of teaching, while positively affecting all her students' lives. She touched so many students' and teachers' lives during her time at Northwestern Middle School.

When we asked Ms. Perque and Mrs. Downey, two close teachers to Mrs. Brunetto, they both mentioned baking. Here is what Mrs. Downey had to say, "Mrs. Brunetto has 'THE LARGEST' kitchen island I have ever seen in my life. It's massive and beautiful. What an amazing place to cook, bake and feed a huge party of people, something I know Mrs. B. loves to do !!! It's incredible, it's probably the size of Mrs. Brunetto's heart" Mrs. Perque mentioned how amazing Mrs. Brunetto is at baking. Mrs. Perque even mentioned a recent cake Mrs. Brunetto made that looked exactly like a Chanel bag. She showed us a picture and it looked very lifelike. Mrs. Brunetto even sponsored a school baking club!

When discussing Mrs. Brunetto with a student close to her, she told us about how she loves her jokes. She had a sign in her room that said 'Sorry did I roll my eyes out loud'. I remember when I was in sixth grade, for a dress-up day she dressed up as a VSCO girl and wore a t-shirt saying 'Save the Turtles' and had SO MANY scrunchies up and down her wrists. She carried her hydro-flask around all day and Mrs. Perque wore the same thing. Mrs. Brunetto knows exactly how to make anyone laugh.

One of the best parts about Mrs. Brunetto is how she always keeps her cool, and always stays positive. Mrs. Downey told us about how "we are all born with different gifts that we then share with the people that we meet in our lives. Mrs. Brunetto has the gift of joyfulness, and she shares that with everyone that she meets. She is a special person with a boundless amount of joy and happiness in her spirit. Being around her just makes you happy. I am very lucky and proud to call her my friend." In her teaching and her friendships, Mrs. Brunetto is always a positive light in our lives. We are proud to call Mrs. Brunetto our teacher.

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How to play

The goal of sudoku is to complete a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each column, row, and 3x3 grid have the numbers 1-9. At the start, the 9x9 grid will have some squares filled in. The goal is to try to fill in the missing numbers and complete the grid. A row, column, and 3x3 grid can only use numbers 1-9 once. So, if a row has a number in it, it can't be used again in that row, even in another column or 3x3 grid. Good luck!

For more info check out... sudoku.com (inspo)

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