

# PHOENIX RISING

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## Fountain brings experience

By Haley Fischer and Morgan Lock

Phoenix Rising staff

As you probably know, we have a new vice principal this school year. His name is Mr. Chris Fountain, but how much do you really know about him?

Did you know he has worked with kids for 28 years? He has done a lot of jobs involved with education, including being a principal at an all-boys school. He also coached for wrestling, basketball, cross country, track and weightlifting.

The all-boys school was Norris High School in Mukwonago. The age groups were 10 to 21 years of age. The kids that attended Norris had criminal behavior and/or mental health issues. While he was working there, of the 150 boys that went to the school, 70 were court ordered to be residents (live at) Norris, while 80 went home after school. Usually, the boys who went home at the end of the day went to foster homes or group homes.

Two years ago, Norris High School got a new president. This new president didn't want to work with both kinds of kids. Having both there became very violent. (The school is located out in the country.) Norris school is comprised of 50 percent African American, 25 percent Hispanic, 15 percent Caucasian, 5 percent Asian, and 5 percent other cultures.

Mr. Fountain pursued a different work environment, and he was hired to be Phoenix Middle School's new Associate Principal. He reports that he really enjoys it here. "All the kids are great at being learners; I see many opportunities for them," said Mr. Fountain about his everyday experiences at Phoenix Middle School.

Mr. Fountain does many things in his free time. Lots of the time he stays at school very late, but he tries to be home by 7 p.m. so he can see his youngest son before he goes to bed. He has five sons - four of them are between 22 and 31 years of age, but the youngest is six years old.

Three of his children are in the military. One of his kids is in Germany, another in New Mexico, and another in California. He spends time with family on weekends. He enjoys hunting (bow hunting, etc.). He hunts with his wife and children sometimes, including turkey hunting in the spring. He hunts on his own 40 acres of land where he also lives. He fishes in one of his two ponds. And one more thing, he is a PACKERS FAN!

## DDHS soccer team wins state championship!

By Kaitlyn Guevara  
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On Nov. 4, 2016, the Delavan-Darien High School boys' soccer team, known as the Comets, went up against the Seymour High School soccer team.

My friends and I took the fan bus to the game in Milwaukee, which was really cool. (Shout out to Alex on the fan bus for pumping us up!) I could tell by the way we were supporting the team at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 3 state playoffs, that we all had a blast.

During the entire time, the Comets' fans were very supportive of the team, enthusiastically cheering them on. They were accompanied by some of the D-DHS and Phoenix Middle School students.

At the end of the game, D-DHS beat the Seymour soccer team with a slick score of 5-1 in the state semifinal game. The Comets' fans were very excited about the score. We shouted our lungs out and jumped up and down. I knew this will be a school moment that we would never forget.

The next day was even more dramatic. The Comets took an early 2-0 lead over defending state champion Mount Horeb. D-DHS then held on for a 2-1 victory to secure its second state championship in three years.

It was an amazing experience for all of our peers and friends. The soccer team made great decisions on plays, and how they applied their effort was incredible.



Where: Phoenix Middle School Auditorium

When: Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.

## Annual musical set to hit stage

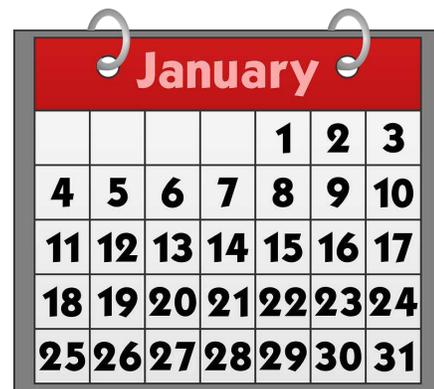
By Anna Lock

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The Phoenix Middle School annual musical is a production called Once On This Island Jr. and it is directed by Mrs. Ropers-Rosendahl and Mrs. Fumall. The musical, which will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 28 in the school auditorium, has great music and it is a way for Phoenix students to show off their talents.

In this musical there are two main groups of the townspeople - Grand Hommes, who are rich and fancy, and the peasants, who are poor and work for what they want. There are also the gods: goddess of love, goddess of the earth, god of death and god of water.

This musical is also a romance between a peasant girl named Timoune and a rich boy, who is part of the Grand Hommes. The cost is free, but you may donate. The musical staff and crew have been working very hard to give you a great performance, so come and watch! To find out more about Once On This Island Jr., the musical, see it performed by the lovely Phoenix musical cast.



## Sixth-grade students adjust to life at Phoenix

By Anna Lock

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Middle school can be scary, new, huge, colossal even. Many sixth graders, in the first few weeks of school think, "WILL I EVER GET MY LOCKER OPEN?" Or, "What if I'm late?" "How will I make a good impression?" "What if I get an F on an assignment?" "Where is lunch?" "What if I don't know anyone?" "Who will I sit by at lunch?"

Mrs. Perez, a sixth-grade math teacher, said she hears students saying they are worried about changing for P.E., not finding their classes, forgetting stuff in their lockers, and making new friends. Many of these things probably went through sixth-graders' heads while entering middle school. Yes, it is normal for kids to feel nervous, especially in the first few days, but you can learn many ways to make middle school outstanding!

Now, in just the first few weeks of school, students think, "I've got this locker thing down, piece of cake." Or, "I don't know why I was so worried; it's not that hard to get good grades and make new friends." See, if you have a positive attitude, everything is different! You see middle school differently.

"I already memorized my schedule," is another example of what lots of kids have been saying. Some more examples are, "I have already met so many new friends; I have at least one friend in every class!" Or, "Middle school is so cool; you have much more freedom!" I would say a lot of students agree with that statement. In middle school, there is a whole lot more trust and freedom.

### *Calling all writers!*

#### *Attention students:*

Do you like to write articles, stories, poems, reviews or interviews? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the newspaper club sounds amazing for you!

Phoenix Rising newspaper staff members work hard to fill you in on school events, and give you some interesting articles to read. If you like to write, and would like to get your writing noticed, then come see us!

We meet every other Thursday right after school in Mrs. Eglite's classroom in the eighth-grade wing. Mrs. Eglite and Mr. Aiello are our advisors. And we are welcome to all story ideas, as long as they are school appropriate, and they are reviewed before they

Tentative Meeting Dates:

1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23,  
4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1

## Review: Cold Water

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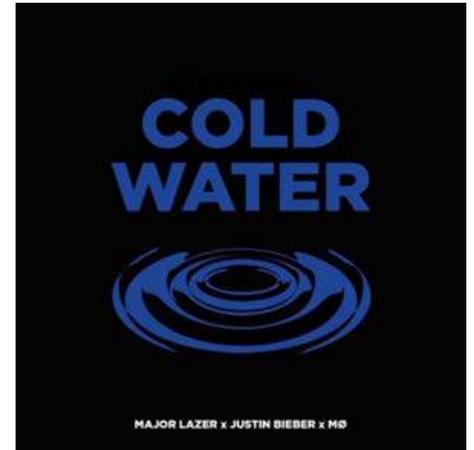
By Justin Bieber

By Kaitlyn Guevara  
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Cold Water is one of the latest released songs by Justin Bieber. It was released on July 22, 2016. It is a song that anybody and everybody can listen to on their free time or on their way to school or work. It falls under the genre of pop and a bit of romance.

"It's cheaper than therapy!" said Mike Wass from IDOLATOR.com.

Bieber says it was amazing to collaborate with Major Lazer this summer. Cold Water is personally one of my favorite songs to listen to because it consists of fascinating beats and lyrics. I absolutely recommend you listen to this song whenever you get a chance.

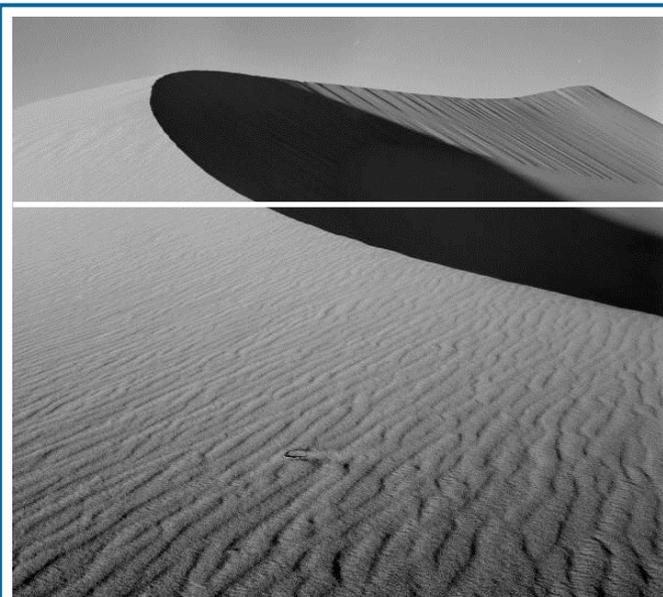


## Hi

By Morgan Lock

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A word,  
It might not seem like much,  
But it could mean a lot  
It can brighten someone's day  
Although it is just a simple greeting  
So simple, we say it everyday  
Sometimes without thinking  
Just think how much brighter  
The world could be if everyone just said hi



## Bye

By Morgan Lock, contd.

On the contrary, this word can mean a lot,  
Even to just a tot  
Goodbye, or bye  
Signals an end  
And then there's a broken heart to tend.