

# Justice Spy News

“You are not born a winner or a loser. You are born a CHOOSER!” - *Adrian Branch*

Help us select D’Nei Smith’s next article topic:

Submit your story idea in the box in the library.

If your topic is used for her next article, you will get a bag of candy.



Call me a curse or just call me blessed. If you can't handle my worst, you ain't getting my best.

By Tyanna Fritch

## Talking to the Mayor of Marion by *Ariah Blevins*

Our newspaper staff came up with 4 questions for the mayor.

1. “Can we get more basketball goals in Marion?” We might be able to have new basketball courts. Matter Park is one option. The only obstacle to courts at Matter Park is players would have to drive or walk a long distance to get to the courts.
2. “My mom always complains about the pot holes. What are you doing about this problem?” Pot holes are one of my priorities. We paved numerous streets last year and will paved over 3 miles of streets this year. The Marion Street Department is constantly filling pot holes when the weather allows.
3. “What can kids do to make Marion a better place?” Kids can make Marion a better place by working hard in school. Education is the key to Marion’s future as well as the key to each kid’s future. Kids can also make Marion a better place by picking up trash and helping their neighbors.
4. “What is it like to be Mayor of Marion?” Being the mayor is a non-stop job. The mayor worries about police, fire, streets, buses, parks, old buildings, unattended properties, etc. This mayor also worries about the drug epidemic. With all these worries, this is the most rewarding job that I have ever had. I love Marion and I hope you do too.

## **Chicago Trip** by *Shaylee Vermilion*

Our field trip to Chicago was totally worth the long drive. Mr. Porter added some of his thoughts on the trip. “It looks like the 6th grade did such a nice job on the trip that we will definitely be going again next year. At this point, it will probably be the same kind of trip, one day. But that could change before next year. Bus behavior was pretty good. It was a little rowdy on the way home because of the large amounts of Starbuck’s that was consumed before we left Chicago. No Starbucks next year. We are going to try to make the groups smaller for the Chaperones and not try to do too much at the museum. We learned a lot from this year’s trip that will help us do a better job next year. Overall, it was a very positive experience. Both the kids and the adults had a great time, and other than making a wrong turn on the way home the trip went very smoothly.” This is Shaylee saying I just loved it all especially the teeter totters.

## Field Trips for Newspaper Club by *Ky Rhodes*

The newspaper club was amazing already, but then we got to go to 2 very interesting places. We traveled to IWU and the Chronicle Tribune. The people at IWU and the Chronicle Tribune were very kind. We learned writing tips which were very helpful. I use those tips every time that I write. We also took tours of both locations. So, if you are a 5th grader and come to school here next year, you should join this club. If you are a 6th grader and have a little brother or sister, tell them about our amazing newspaper club with our amazing leaders Mrs. Schamber and Mrs. Persinger.



## Athletes Inspire

*By Ruby Saylor*

Game on! The game is on in life and on the court for Adrian Branch. At our Community Day, we learned many things. We learned that you can change your behavior, attitude, and respect others. Students thought that this was a very effective speaker.

When I interviewed Branch, I learned some information that was not revealed during Community Day. I learned that his love for basketball was inspired by his brother. Today, his son loves basketball and the tradition might go on. He has been happily married for 32 years.

His favorite quote is "Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend." -*Albert Camus*.

Sports have always been in his heart.

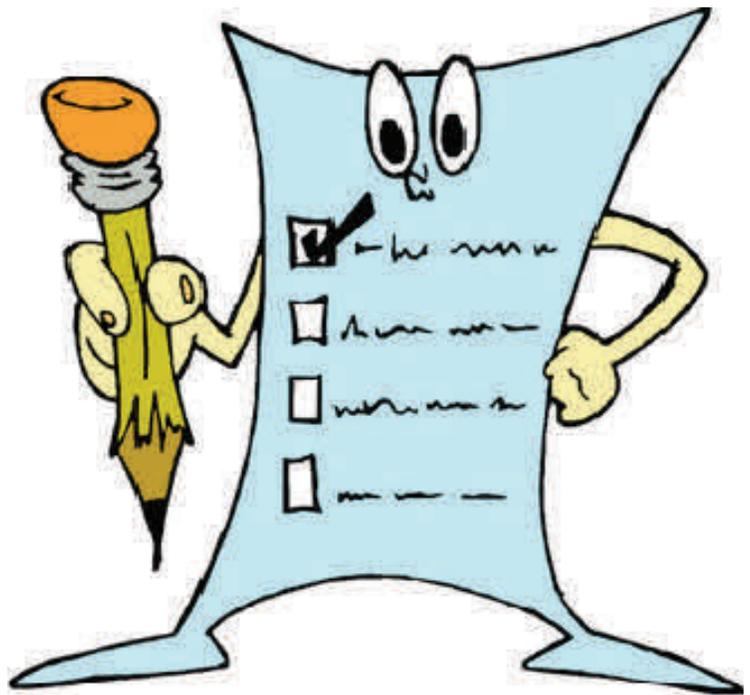
Stress Balls by D'ei  
*Smith and Ky Rhodes*

Aiden thinks homemade stress balls should be banned. He has seen people tossing and squeezing them. He thinks that sometimes they do help people. But other times the people just brag about them. People think it is a big deal, so they go get one and it starts a chain reaction with stress balls. He said he likes stress balls when they are used in a respectful way. Damari thinks they should be banned because it makes more mess for the janitor to clean up. However, she said she has seen them thrown at people. She thinks it helps people get calmed down sometimes. Jazzlyn thinks yes and no. No, because the homemade stress balls bust a lot. So it makes a big mess. Yes, because they are helpful to some people by calming and stop fighting. She had only seen people squeezing them. My comment is that they are awesome. All these answers are great. Now you decide which one; yes or no?



2nd Round of ISTEP by Ella Topping

On April 17th to May 5th we will be doing our 2nd round of ISTEP testing. This test will be paper/pencil with multiple choice questions. This test will take place in the classroom. Remember to eat your breakfast and sleep all night so that you can do your best on the test.



National Junior Leadership Conference by  
Mason Delgado

The National Junior Youth Leadership Conference is a conference where kids from around the U.S. come to Washington D.C. Student have tours and conference about leadership issues. Ms. Masion-gale submitted my name and I was selected. Overall, it should be a great experience.



# THE POPULARITY DISCUSSION

## Popularity by Angel Mosier

What does popularity mean to me? Well, in our school, popularity depends on your hair, shoes, and the phone you have. It also make a lot of people mad because if you don't have a lot of stuff, then some people pick on others. I tell myself and my friends to not care about what people say, but I want everyone who is not popular to know that there is someone who loves you. That is what popularity means to me.



## Popularity Problem By Da'Vaja Fouce

We surveyed over 150 students and here is their response:

“Are you popular?” Students said that they are not popular but still have friends, kind of popular, or they do not know if they are popular.

“Is popularity important?”

\*No, it is not popularity that is important it is about who you really are.

\*No, because I think popularity is saying you are more cool or you are powerful so you can like tell people what to do.

\*No, because God didn't put you in this world to be popular. He put you in this word to be REAL.

\*No, because you don't need everybody to like you.

\*No, because when you get older people will be sorry for making fun of them when the non-popular become famous and the popular people won't be famous.

\*No, I don't think popularity is important. Having lots of friends or nice hair or pretty smile shouldn't make you popular.

\*It definitely isn't important because getting good grades and becoming successful is more important.

\*Yes, it highlights most bad kids.

## Lucky but Deserving Teachers By Emily Luckey

Lucky teachers — technology for them. I interviewed Mr. Wingert and Mr. Boggs. Mr. Wingert truly loves the new technology which allows teachers to use them on a consistent basis. The teachers will be able to put more on-line, work on items at home, and model around the classroom. Wingert felt that current technology is so important. These computers will help interact with students and increase knowledge of their technology skill for when they get older,” Mr. Boggs was said.

**What do you think of his new MacBook?** I think mine has the new Mac smell. MMMM. I just love the smell of new technology. Honestly, though, I have loved Macs for a long time, and must say I am enjoying the small and light MacBook Air. I haven't gotten the chance to run it through its paces yet, but I'm sure it will be more than up to the task.

**How is this technology going to help your teaching abilities?**

**I am really excited to be able to implement a LOT of really cool technology improvements into how I currently teach. You students just WAIT!!! Like, I am so EXCITED and wish I was a student so I would have had the chance to learn how you all will be able to. We are talking MIND BLOWN, Ms. Luckey!!! MIND BLOWN!!!!!!**

**Could the money have been spent elsewhere?** I'm sure that some people might think so, but in all honesty with all of the technology that is continuing to develop, especially for how all of you students will be able to learn. No, these will definitely prove to be worth the investment. If the students buy into all of the new technology that is coming like we teachers are, there is NO STOPPING THE GIANTS!!!