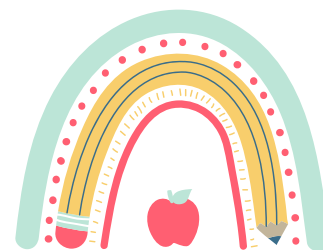


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## Interview with Superintendent Dr. Levy-David

**Zoya: How is Texas different from Bridgeport? What was Texas like?** Texas is completely different from Bridgeport. I lived in a place called Richmond. It's extremely big and very flat. It is also really hot. It's close to the coast like here. The highway system there is intricate. There are toll roads, which means you have to pay to drive. I like how easy it was to go from a crowded city to a rural setting.

**Zoya: What did you want to be when you were a kid? Who was your inspiration growing up?** I wanted to be a broadcast journalist. Felicia Jeter was my inspiration. I wanted to be on the news and I was determined to do that. The challenge was that I didn't speak English very well. I went to the library every day to practice my English. At the library, I would practice reading and writing with the help of the librarian.

**Zoya: How did you first know that you wanted to be a superintendent? Did you ever work as a teacher?** I began my career as a passionate teacher. I knew the power teachers had to help kids. I loved my first classroom. Later, I became a school principal. Several high-ranking administrators told me to apply for a higher position.

**Zoya: Why did you want to come to Bridgeport?** I wanted to come to Bridgeport because it is beautiful, interesting, and historic. I have always been fascinated by the history of Bridgeport. Part of the freedom trail is here. Bridgeport reminds me of the city I grew up in. Bridgeport is beautiful and diverse.

**Quincy: What are your plans to make schools in Bridgeport better?** I want to provide a lot of support for teachers. I want to make sure teachers have everything they need. I also want to celebrate all of the differences in our schools no matter what you look like. Lastly, I want the instruction to be tailored made for every student.

**Quincy: What has been the biggest challenge working in Bridgeport? How will you overcome this challenge?** The biggest challenge has been convincing everyone that students in Bridgeport are as talented as any other students in different districts. I will do this by putting Bridgeport on the map by celebrating our successes.

**Quincy: What are your hobbies?** I like to garden. I like being outside and seeing how what I do impacts the plants. I love growing things to eat. I also have two dogs named Oreo and Skittle.

**Quincy: What is your favorite movie?** The original Matrix. The first time I saw it, I watched it three times in a row at the theatre. I had never seen any movie like it before.

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## A Light that Never Goes Out

High up in the mountains, far from the rest of the world, lies a small, merry town. For the most part, the town is normal. Houses, a school, shops. There are Christmas decorations all over, covered with snow. There is nothing peculiar about this town at all. Except for, of course, the large garden at the highest peak of the mountain.

The garden looks rather nice. It has grand trees, that tower above everything else. Bushes that line a stone path throughout it. A beautiful array of flowers which bloom year-round. That is the strange part.

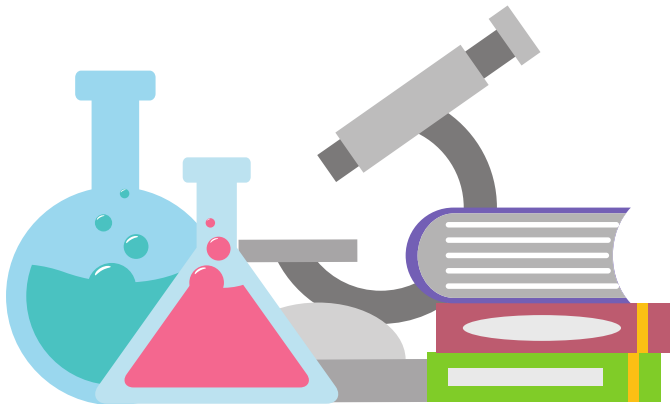
The garden is up on a mountain, yet the snow and cold weather never affect any part of it. The trees are left full and green. The bushes have no snow on them at all. The path is not wet and slippery. The flowers are not dead. The townsfolk do not know how or why the garden is like that. They do not know who grew it, they do not know who still takes care of it. They simply appreciate it. For almost the entire year, the town is covered with jolly decorations for the Christmas season. Snow never leaves the frozen ground. The garden offers something different for them to enjoy. Though they have many questions, the people have learned they can love more than one season.

By Zoya

## Thank you Ms. Moran!

I would like to thank Ms. Moran for all the efforts she put into the science fair! She put the whole thing together which was very stressful! She has been a great motivator for me and many other people in both the 7th and 8th grade!

By Ana



## Snowmen

Snowmen, snowmen, snowmen! They are everywhere! I always thought of them as a lump of snow that melt within a week. I never thought they could be so special! Up until yesterday, I would have kept kicking them over until this crazy thing happened.

One day, I was walking home from school, and I tried to kick over a tiny snowman. "OW!!" I yelled as I heard it clank against my foot. "Hey, Bob!" I turned around and saw this tiny, small light orb flying around. "Bob! Why did you try to kick over that snowman?" it said. Now freaking out, I tried to run but I just started floating in the air as he asked again. "What is wrong with the snowman? Why don't you like it?" I shrugged as I tried to figure out why he was floating. "Do you realize how hard it is to build one of these? The middle piece is the hardest to put on top of the bottom one because it is so heavy. Have you ever tried to build one?" I shook my head. "Very well, then."

Suddenly, I was spinning in the air and then felt cold and wet. I could not feel my feet and I could not move my mouth or blink. "Bob, now you get to feel what it was like to be one of those snowmen who got kicked over." As I sat there for days, weeks passing, I was the only one left. Then I saw 3 people standing together across the street. They saw me and then said "Oh boy! Another one!" "Awesome, dude!" They swiftly crossed the street towards me and one of them lifted their foot and swung it towards me. "STOP!" I tried to yell, but nothing came out. I heard something whip past my head and it was the thing that turned me into a snowman. "I demand that you stop!" it yelled. Their feet stopped swinging, and they all stared at the little orb of light. "Let's get out of here dudes!" They turned around and ran away as I was left with the orb. "You've had enough time as a snowman. You will continue your life from the moment you first saw me, and you will never see me again." The snow melted around me and the warmth returned. I was me again! I was Bob! "Just remember, no kicking over snowmen again!"

And that was my story. I had been a kid kicking over snowmen. Then I was a snowman. I learned my lesson. Now you, make a difference in the world and stop kicking over snowmen! Ugh, those little kids always messing things up!

By Ana

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## Tips on How to Build a Gingerbread House

First, you could bake the pieces of the house or buy an outline of the gingerbread house.

There should be steps in the kit on how to build the house. But if you bake the pieces, you will need to use icing to be the glue to hold the house together either way.

Then the fun step is to decorate the house after making sure the house is stable.

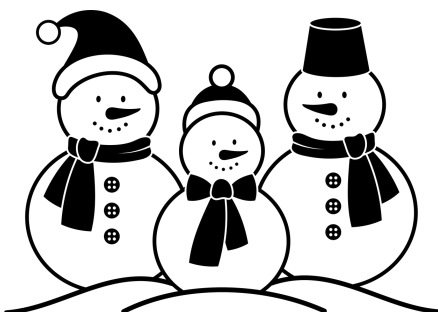
Then after decorating you are done!

By Chaarip

## Olaf at 3 AM Gone Wrong

On December 24th, the two sisters Elsa and Anna lay awake, tossing and turning, trying to sleep. It's 2:37AM, and a rustle is heard outside in the bushes. 15 minutes later, the rustling is still happening, and the two sisters are concerned. Elsa, being sick of the noise, grabs a flashlight and shines it into the bushes, and she sees a snowman. The snowman was eating snow, and it stared right back into her soul. Elsa quickly turns off the flashlight and tells Anna, who was half-asleep. Anna doesn't believe her, but they close the blinds anyway. When the clock hits 3AM, they both hear a loud noise from downstairs, and the thud of the door falling. Terrified, both hide under their blankets. Little did they know, downstairs, Olaf had stolen all the carrots and the ice cream! After stealing their carrots, ice cream, their door, and kitchen cabinets, Olaf left to do the same to the next house. The two sisters fall asleep in fear. In the morning, they went downstairs to find their door and all their kitchen cabinets missing. Snow was coming inside the house. Olaf still continues to terrorize houses during the late winter nights. For what reason? We'll never know.

By Hajar and Kelly



## UConn Basketball is Back

College Basketball is starting back up! This means the UConn men's and women's basketball teams are back. Our reigning champs are gearing up for another great season. Our beloved women's team is ready to play with their best player who is coming off the bench.

The UConn men's team are the reigning champs. But the question is can they keep up without their star players from last year? Last year, the UConn men were led by Adama Sanogo (forward), Jordan Hawkins (guard), and Andre Jackson Jr (guard). Those three were the leaders of the Amazing UConn Championship team.

Of course, the women were great, but they just couldn't quite work as a team. Also, their best player and point guard was hurt. And most of UConn's team in 2021-2022 were seniors, so the absence of the veterans was a little scary.

Wishing good luck to UConn, our school teams, and our local teams here in Bridgeport!

By Aly

## Christmas Eve Dinner Gone Wrong

It was Christmas Eve morning and it was busy. There were Christmas shoppers left and right, you could barely get anywhere with all the bustling people rushing to wrap presents and cook Christmas Eve dinner. Everything was going perfectly except for one family, the Karlson's. In the Karlson's house Mrs. Karlson was screaming at the triplets Marie, Terrie, and Karl for not helping their dad with dinner and watching TV all day. Mr. Karlson was making dinner, and the triplets were cleaning their rooms and setting up decorations for Christmas dinner and cookies for Santa and carrots for the reindeer. Everything was done when suddenly Olof burst through the door and started walking toward the Karlson's, but Olof looked different. Olof was a zombie. Marie kicked Olof and Karl the third triplet looked out the window to see they were surrounded by zombie Olofs. Suddenly, Karl heard an alarm go off. He woke up and realized it was all a dream. He then sat up and looked to the right and saw a zombie Olof. The zombie Olof then started eating at Karl's arm and Karl heard an alarm go off again. He woke up again on Christmas morning, realizing it was a dream inside of a dream.

By Lyric

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By: Dallas

## The Winter Wasteland

We've accidentally, and unfortunately, landed on this desolate planet. There is not any sign of life existing on this frozen planet. My crew is not likely to survive very long off the ship, because they are humans. I might last longer, since I, Captain Chrystifor M. Czenus, have become a humanoid robot. Although I would last longer than humans, I would not last for a long time. The air temperature is so low that it will slow and shut down machines by building up frost in their joints and hindering their electrical systems. Since landing, though, I've had the unbearable feeling of being watched by cold, dark, unwelcoming eyes. Because of the cold-related reasons, we've decided to stay inside the ship and try to insulate its interior, using spare furs that we had in storage. We thought that there might be some resources outside that could allow for the ship to be repaired. I am sent out to the surface to explore for those materials. Now I have found the materials that were needed to repair the ship, as well as an entrance to some ancient complex, with a deeper shroud of blackness inside. When I returned to the ship, though, I found the ship empty, and there were not any remains of the crew I had been with. Suddenly, I was just struck by some beam that took away all my heat, the thing attacking with it wa-as an E-----YSTEMS S H U T I N G....D O W N.....

By Michael

## Top 10 Christmas Movies

1. Home Alone
2. The Grinch
3. Elf
4. A Christmas Story
5. The Santa Clause
6. Polar Express
7. Christmas Vacation
8. The Christmas Chronicles
9. Noel
10. A Muppets Christmas Carol



By Kayden

