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American Education Week



Student Council President, Kassi Bright stands with State Representative, Rick Francis.

By Madison Younger

American Education Week spotlights the importance of making sure that every kid in America gets a quality education. This week our school has a dress up week, as a fun little activity to recognize American Education Week, and its importance. Tuesday was *Camouflage Day*. Students dropped everything and read a book for 15 minutes each class period. Wednesday was *Nerd Day*, Thursday was *Dress for Success*, which is dress our best, and Friday was *Rock Star Day*. Each year we have an assembly on the first day of the week and talk about the importance of American Education Week. This year we had two guest speakers, County Commissioner Roger VanGennip, and State Representative Rick Francis of District 145.

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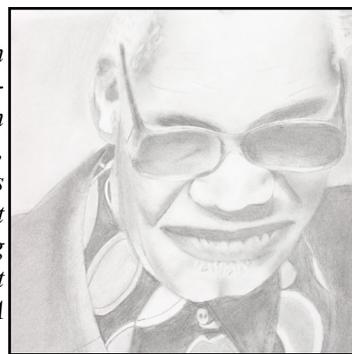
ZOE COOKSON



By Kiara Cato

Zoe Cookson is a 13-year-old 8th grader at Zalma High School. She likes to sketch things, usually the likeness of people who she admires. From a young age, Zoe has enjoyed drawing. She is mostly self taught, or at least that was the case until this past year when Mrs. Shelby, Zalma's resident art teacher, began helping her. Zoe says having a mentor has really helped her out. Zoe enjoys the reactions her art brings from others, namely their astonishment at her life-like sketches. Zoe would like to turn her talent into a career.

Zoe's work in progress- a portrait of musician Ray Charles, which she plans to enter as part of the sketching competition at the Junior BETA competition



Calendar

- 11/22 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 11/23 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 11/24 No School-Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27 HSBB Tourney @ Woodland TBA

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JACOB BORDERS



By Dakota Isenman

Jacob Borders, a senior at Zalma High School, is very talented at karate. Borders started karate almost four years ago in 2013 in Advance, MO. He started karate because it looked like fun. Borders has been in many tournaments, and won almost 50 trophies throughout his years of participating in karate. Borders is currently a brown belt.

"I find nothing to be too hard for me, except for katas (forms)," Borders answered, when asked what he thought was the hardest aspect of his karate training. He also said that he had a lot of things that he likes about karate, but his favorite is learning self-defense. Borders said there was not much he does not like about karate, but he did not like it when he fractured his elbow.

Borders is not the only member of his family that participates in karate. His little brother, Nate also does karate. Jacob plans to continue participating in karate.