

THE WAY WE SEE IT.



YAA YEET! Seventh grade clique dominates the upper level of the recess area on the bamboo bars. Having fun! Throwing up peace signs! Dabbing on them haters! "We were just standing on the bars. Being cool kids." Dominic Tedesco (7) said.

people...

Make our school unique. Make us US.
From the teachers to the students.
We are the heart and soul of WJMS.
Ms. Baker and her hugs.
Ms. Buffington and her dad jokes.
Mr. Sage and his high fives,
and Mr. Squires with his sarcasm.

6th, 7th, and 8th graders...All students, all Colts,
but oh so different.

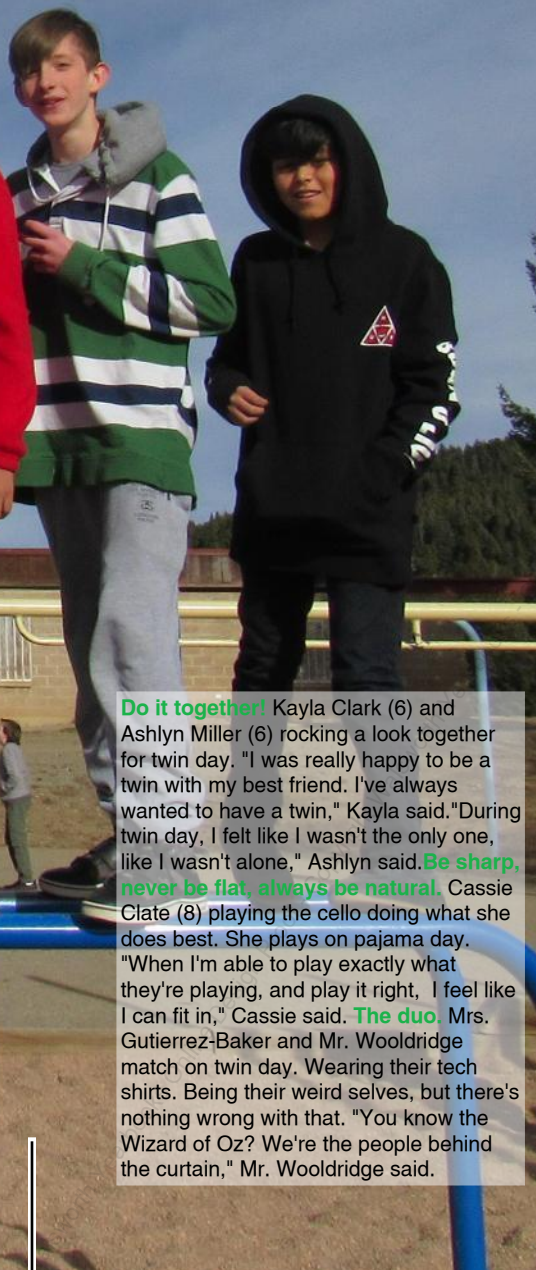
6th graders felt lost.
Nervous, scared, confused.
From day one, they leaped into the unknown.
Worried about their lockers, teachers, friends.
Would they last? Would they change?
They took it all in and put on a brave face.

7th Graders felt indifferent.
Happy to be back, but stuck in the middle.
They floated aimlessly...
Not as newbies, not as experts.
They were the middle child.
They knew the routine.
Knew the expectations,
but still tried to find their place.

8th Graders felt confident.
Ready to rule the school, to be at the top.
They knew how it worked.
Fake it 'til you make it.
Don't get caught in the drama.
Pretend to pay attention and do your work.
Ready to close a chapter, soar onward...
Ready for their story to continue.

Teachers felt overwhelmed.
But, it was all worth it, because...
They loved, cared, protected, and challenged us.
They were proud of us.
Proud that we kept going.

Even though we saw it differently,
Experienced it differently.
We got through it together.



Do it together! Kayla Clark (6) and Ashlyn Miller (6) rocking a look together for twin day. "I was really happy to be a twin with my best friend. I've always wanted to have a twin," Kayla said. "During twin day, I felt like I wasn't the only one, like I wasn't alone," Ashlyn said. **Be sharp, never be flat, always be natural.** Cassie Clate (8) playing the cello doing what she does best. She plays on pajama day. "When I'm able to play exactly what they're playing, and play it right, I feel like I can fit in," Cassie said. **The duo.** Mrs. Gutierrez-Baker and Mr. Wooldridge match on twin day. Wearing their tech shirts. Being their weird selves, but there's nothing wrong with that. "You know the Wizard of Oz? We're the people behind the curtain," Mr. Wooldridge said.

