

## a little love goes a LONG WAY

Written by Allison Hollis

### DOGS ARE A PERSON'S BEST FRIEND



Kona and Kobe are Mrs. Kaminski's dogs. Kona is a golden doodle, who is trained to help people who are stressed and anxious. Kobe is a golden retriever who is trained to sniff out gluten to help Mrs. Kaminski with celiac disease. Kona is a therapy dog while Kobe is a service dog, but Kobe is currently being trained to also be a therapy dog. "Kobe is a really cute dog and is really sweet," Lyric Newsome (8) said. You can find Kobe in the Spanish 1B room on Monday and Friday and then on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday you can find Kona. Both of the dogs, described as sweet and energetic, seem to love their jobs. "Just seeing the dogs in the morning brightens my day. I feel like they light up the room," Alison Hollis (8) said. *Photos by Allison Hollis and Jacob Giacometti*



## create your own MAKE THE MOST OF IT ADVENTURE

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**1. AROUND THE WORLD** World Cultures class gives students an opportunity to learn about the world around us, Feb. 8. "Getting to do group projects and all the new things I get to know that I didn't even know were there," James Rand (8) said. *Photo by Jacob Giacometti* **2. STEPPING INTO A NEW LANGUAGE** Mrs. Keefer's French class includes learning the language and more about the culture and environment in France, Nov. 29. "Mrs. Keefer is really nice and won't judge you when you make a mistake," Hanga Kiss (7) said. *Photo by Allison Hollis* **3. TRAVELING WITHIN LANGUAGES** Mrs. Nash and

Mrs. Kaminski are both Spanish teachers who create interactive projects for their students to partake in. These projects help students have more fun and create an interesting learning environment. One of the projects included in Mrs. Kaminski's Spanish 1B class was to make a food truck and bring in a food from that country, Mar. 14. "I really enjoy making food and doing crafts because it is another interesting way of learning about Spanish culture," Samantha Buehler (8) said. *Photo by Maria Trueman*

A total of 313 students take a language elective. The language teachers include Mrs. Kaminski, Mrs. Keefer, Mrs. Nash, and Ms. Rui. Mrs. Kaminski has been teaching at Cresthill for 17 years. Her therapy dogs, Kona and Kobe, can be found on various days throughout the week in her classroom. Mrs. Kaminski added Kona as apart of her team in March of 2023, while Kobe joined this school year. "Mrs. Kaminski is really fun and always tries to connect with her students," Maria Trueman (8) said. Many students seek out Kona for the emotional support that she offers. In addition, Kobe has the ability to sniff out gluten, and alert people when gluten is present. Kobe is also a someone you can go to if you need emotional support. Mrs. Keefer has been at Cresthill for 14 years and teaches World Cultures and French, both 1a and 1b. "She really cares about her students and if you have your head down she will ask if you are okay, and talk to you if you need to," Hanga Kiss (7) said. Mrs. Nash teaches Spanish 1a and is a sponsor of Student Council. She is expecting her first child, a baby girl, this spring. "I like Mrs. Nash because she is really nice and relaxed and she helps us whenever we ask," Riley Stern (8) said, a member of Student Council.

This year marks Ms. Rui's second year teaching Chinese at Cresthill. The class has condensed down to one Chinese 1b class, offered to the students who took Chinese 1a as seventh graders. "The teacher is very kind and always helps when we need help. The language itself is very fun to learn. The class is very fun and we are doing new things to learn about the Chinese language and culture," Sarah Freeman (8) said.

## all we need is LOVE

WITH BRIDGET AND JONATHAN

Written by Philip Jones

Dating is a big part of people's lives. They support, appreciate, and enjoy each other's company. Two students, Bridget Keefer (8) and Jonathan Alegre (7), have been dating for 6 months. "My favorite thing

about Jonathan is his positivity," Keefer said. Common things that couples do at Cresthill include going to dances together and walking together during passing periods. *Photo by Philip Jones*

