

Meredith Myers Midtown Academy, Pinellas County 2024 Runner-Up

Meredith is Library/Media Technology Specialist at Midtown Academy in Pinellas County.

Meredith was chosen as a 2024 Runner-Up for using the Tampa Bay Times as a model for Midtown Academy's new student newspaper, the Next Gen News.

For this project, Meredith collaborated with fourth grade teacher Ms. Rae Breon during the Fall 2023 student enrichment model cluster, which lasted 10 weeks for an hour each week.

First, students used the print and online editions of the Tampa Bay Times to research and discuss all aspects of the publication and to decide which jobs students wanted to do.

They invited Tampa Bay Times Assistant Managing Editor Ellen Clarke to come talk to the students about her job and share her experiences working for the Times.

Students then wrote features, conducted interviews with staff and fellow students, took photos, created comic strips and even created an advice column.



Finally, they assembled all of the content into an online newspaper using Canva, which they then printed and handed out at the SEM cluster night to parents and guests.

Students learned all aspects of journalism from research, to writing, to understanding the differences between editorial and advertising materials.

Meredith writes, "Many students said they enjoyed the process and now want to pursue careers in journalism."

Lunch is Ready to Eat!

When interviewing Ms. Tran she shared some delightful treats to the Midtown Journalism. The new addition to the lunch menu is the The Pinwheel Munchable. When asked how she ended up at Midtown Academy Ms. Tran said "It was totally an accident. I applied to be a manager's assistant at another school. Three weeks after starting with Pinellas County Schools, I was sent to Midtown Academy as their cook. I enjoyed my job so much, I decided that I wanted to become a Cafeteria Manager."



Fun Fact:

Ms. Tran's teams favorite food to make are:
 Pizza, chicken nuggets, stromboli, cheesy bread and macaroni and cheese...

Cafeteria Expectations

Come into the cafeteria quietly, voice level 1, stay in a single file line. When choosing your lunch items, please only touch the item you want. Open lunch items cannot be exchanged. Wait for the cashier to let you know you can go down. She needs to see your tray because we need to enter all items you chose for lunch into the computer.

COMICS

by Eamon & Archer

ZOO-WEE MAMA!



Amazing Aliens

Modern Day Monkey



ASK EAMON

Dear Eamon,
 I am super anxious about this big math test coming up. What should I do?
 From Anxious

Dear Anxious,
 I also have a big test coming up I would do this. It's SO satisfying. And it reduces stress!
 From Eamon.

Dear Eamon,
 I recently tried to Skateboard. I broke my arm and have a cast. It would've been fine but I have a Major Test! Uh-Oh!
 From Troubled.

Dear Troubled,
 Ask A teacher for help because I have no idea. :(
 From Eamon.