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Stone Lake's Amazing Admin

By: Nylah Guillory

Mr. Beard, Principal

Hi my name is Nylah. This is my second year at Stone Lake. I wanted to learn more about our principal, Mr. Beard, so I thought I would ask him a few questions. Let's get into it!

I didn't want to jump into boring questions, so I decided to do a fun icebreaker asking Mr. Beard, "If you had a superpower, what would it be?" He responded, "Making all animals happy and for them to have a home." Awww how thoughtful and kind. I love animals too...

Now, let's get into the serious stuff. We all know that being principal is not an easy job, and I'm pretty sure he had to do a lot of training and practice. Which had me wondering, what inspired him to become a principal? And how was his experience from when he first started vs. now?



Mr. Beard

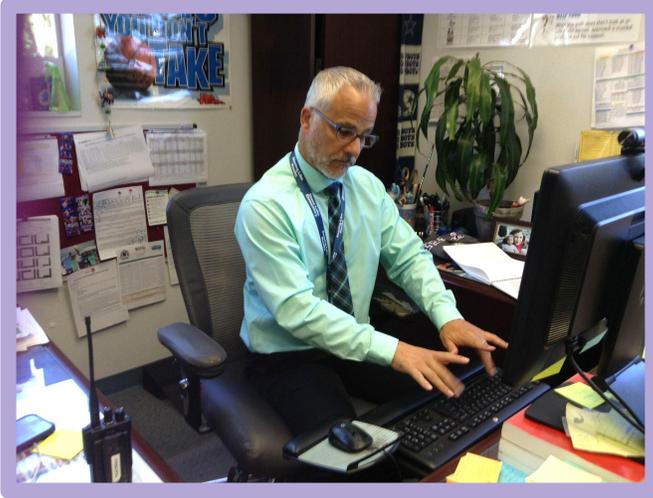
Mr. Beard stated that he always thought it would be fun to run a school and also make it a fun place to learn. He just wants kids to be happy while learning, and I totally agree. Learning in fun creative ways helps keep us interested in learning new things.

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Mr. Beard, Principal



Mr. Beard at his desk.

There's a lot to handle when you're principal, and Mr. Beard's biggest challenge is staying organized with his thoughts. There are so many things happening at once during school. One minute he's having a conversation, then he would get a call about something, or someone needs his assistance, and so on. He stated "It can be overwhelming and confusing! But in the end, you get to be around so many amazing kids and make new friends each school year."

Mrs. Bond, Vice Principal

Next, I wanted to find out more about Mrs. Bond. She is our amazing vice principal and the other half of our admin team.

During the interview, I hopped right into the ice breaker. I wanted to know what was Mrs. Bond's spirit animal? And... Its a goat! Mrs. Bond chose a goat as her spirit animal because she loves their characteristics. They are curious, independent, and determined. Sounds a lot like me lol.

Mrs. Bond felt the need for a career change during her career which led her to become vice principal of Stone Lake. Her favorite part about being a vice principal is that she gets to know so many nice students, and she met over 730 kids. Wow!.

Being in charge of that many students



Mrs. Bond

can be overwhelming. Mrs. Bond has an awesome attitude though. She believes that we should all leave a positive impression with others. I also learned that what Mrs. Bond enjoys most about Stone Lake is hanging with the staff and the students because she loves being around them.

I hope you learned as much as I did. Stone Lake is lucky to have Mr. Beard and Mrs. Bond at our school! Remember to keep being HAWKS and be kind to all!

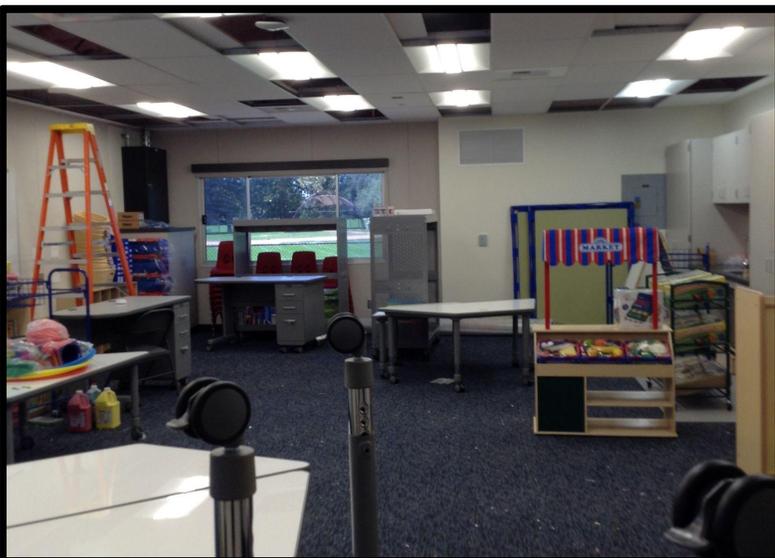
Portable on the Playground

By: Harlow Lallian

Have you ever wondered why there is a portable building on the playground? To find out why, I interviewed Mr. Beard about the portable.

Mr. Beard said they wanted Assist to have their own place, so they built this amazing portable for them.

You're probably wondering what the process was of building it? It was actually very long and hard. First they had to decide where this big portable was going to go, then they had to get power and water to the spot they chose.



A picture inside the portable!



This is the new portable on the playground!

Finally the workers had to take this huge building and move it!

This whole process has taken about six months! They still need to add the fire alarm and loud speaker.

Luckily, Mr. Beard let me go inside the portable to see what's there. I saw lots of tools, building equipment, and some furniture for Assist.

I really enjoyed interviewing Mr. Beard and learning more facts about the portable.

Kids In The Quad

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

By Aleeya Gonzales and Isla Wagner



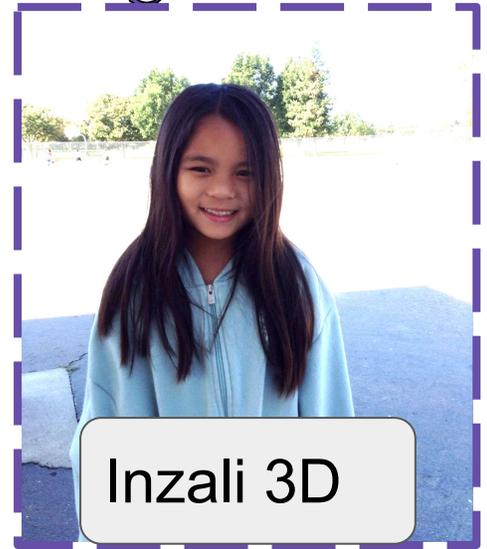
Alana 1A

I am looking forward to field trips.



Vincent 2D

I am looking forward to playing soccer.



Inzali 3D

I am looking forward to meeting new teachers.



Izzy 4D

I am looking forward to Honor role.



Jor'nae 5C

I am looking forward to making new friends.



Aria 6C

I am looking forward to to promoting.

Stone Lake Staff

Stone Lake's New Teacher

Mrs. Wilson

By: Emmia Hartley

This year, we got a new teacher to Stone Lake. Her name is Mrs. Wilson, and I went to her classroom to interview her about how school's going.

Mrs. Wilson has been a teacher for 15 years! WOW! She says she loves working at Stone Lake because everyone is very nice and supportive. Her commute is much shorter because lives only 5 minutes away.

For hobbies, Mrs. Wilson likes hiking and traveling. Her favorite place is Hawaii. but she likes going to Europe sometimes.



Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson has been married for 33 years, and she has 3 kids. Her oldest son is 27 and is a police officer, her middle daughter is 24 and works at Bel Air, and her youngest son is 21 and is at school to become a parametic.

Interviewing Mrs. Wilson was really fun, and she is going to be a great teacher this year.

Stone Lake **NEWS CLUB**

News Club is a combination of video production and school newspaper. During the video production meetings, students learn the basics of video production, film news segments, and edit clips. During the school newspaper meetings, students learn the basics of news writing, select news assignments, and work on their news articles.

Meet the Members!

A Track	B Track	C Track	D Track
1. Katrina Chang	1. Mallory Groesbeck	1. Alicia Garcia	1. Analis Frederiksen
2. Emma Cohen	2. Elise Meads-Braymer	2. Aleeya Gonzales	2. Nola Griffin-Willis
3. Isla Spitzer	3. Nalani Ramirez	3. Nylah Guillory	3. Akerie Han
4. Olivia Varela		4. Emmia Hartley	4. Devin Harris
5. Grace Zhang		5. Sage Johansson	5. Harlow Lallian
		6. Kayleigh Saepanh	6. Isla Wagner

Our first news assignment was to interview a fellow member, write a short biography, and format the article for our first edition. You will find them alphabetically by last name on the following pages.

KATRINA CHANG

By: Olivia Varela



Katrina is in 6th grade A track in Mrs. Houston's class! Katrina has been at Stone Lake for seven years, and she started in kindergarten. Katrina's favorite things at Stone Lake are the activities like, Library, P.E., computers, and buddies! She wanted to be in News Club because she loves writing.

A fun fact about Katrina is she has a mini poodle named Mochi!

Emma Cohen

By: Katrina Chang



Emma is a 6th grader in Mrs. Houston's class. She's been at Stone Lake for 6 years. What Emma most likes about Stone Lake is all the friends she's made! She's also in the Stone Lake Gazette like me! Wonder why she is in the Gazette? Well, Emma really likes writing!

Fun facts about Emma: she does swim, Girl scouts, NEHS, cheer, Gazette, and MMP (musical Mayhem) That's all about Emma!

Analís Fredriksen

By: Nola Griffin-Willis



Analís is a sixth grader on D track. She started Stone Lake in 5th grade and has been here for 1 year. Her teacher this year is Mr. Esguerra. Analís' favorite thing about Stone Lake is her friends. She wanted to be in News Club because she loves writing! When she first heard about News Club, she knew she wanted to join.

A fun fact about Analís is that her favorite color is orange.

Alicia Garcia

By: Kayleigh Saephanh



Alicia, who also known as Allie, has been at Stone Lake since kindergarten which means she has been here for 7 years. She has always been on C track. Allie's favorite thing about Stone Lake is being able to make friends. Her current teacher is Ms. MacRae who was also her 5th grade teacher. Allie applied for News Club because she likes being on screen, and she thought it would be fun to join with her friends.

Fun Fact: Allie's favorite color PINK!

Aleeya Gonzales

by Mallory Groesbeck

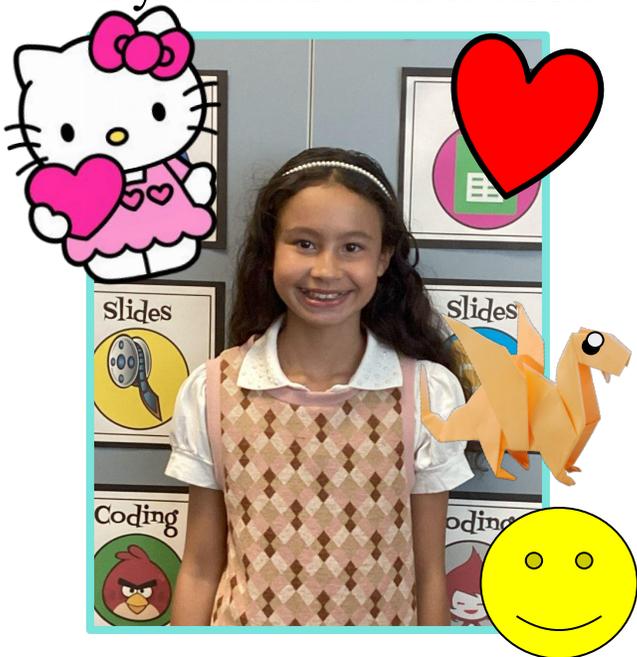


Aleeya Gonzales is a student at Stone Lake Elementary school. This is her first year at this school. Aleeya is in 6th grade C-track in Mrs. MacRae's class. Her favorite thing about Stone Lake is it's a cool school. Aleeya wanted to be a part of News Club because she wanted to be a part of something for Stone Lake.

A fun fact about Aleeya is she is the middle child.

Nola Griffin-Willis

By: Analis Frederiksen



Nola is a 6th grader on D track. Her teacher is Mr. Esguerra. Nola has been here for 5 years, and she joined in 1st grade. Her favorite thing about being in Stone Lake are all of the fun teachers here. Nola wanted to be in News Club because she comes from a lot of people who write newspapers, and her dad really wanted her to be in News Club.

A fun fact about Nola is she likes doing lots of activities, like origami.

Mallory Grosbeck

by: Elise Meads



Mallory Grosbeck is one of the newest members of Stone Lake's News Club. Mallory is in 6th grade B track. She has been at Stone Lake for 2 years starting in 4th grade. Mallory wanted to join News Club because she loves writing. Her favorite thing about Stone Lake is that all of the staff are very friendly and nice.

A fun fact about Mallory is that her birthday is on Christmas Eve.

Nylah Guillory

By: Sage Johansson

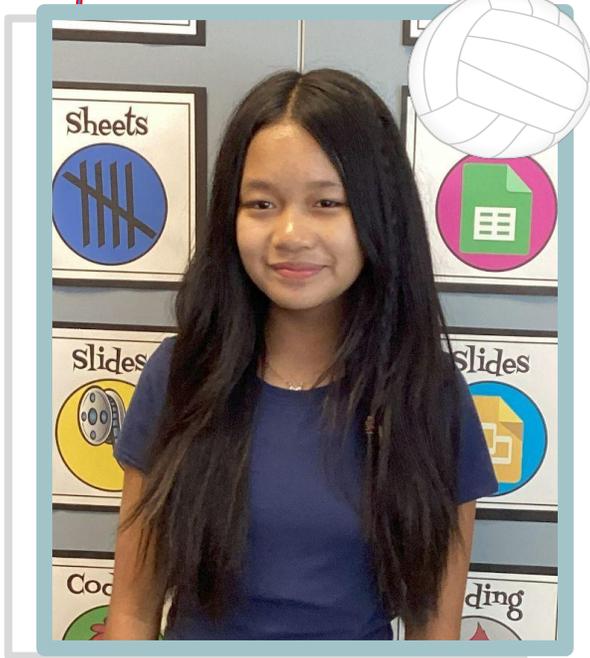


Nylah Guillory is in 6th grade C track, and her teacher is Ms. MacRae. Nylah started Stone Lake Elementary School in 5th grade, so she has been here for **2 years**. Her favorite thing about **Stone Lake is seeing her friends and playing with them**. The reason Nylah joined News Club was she thought it would be a fun experience to meet new people and **improve her writing skills**.

Fun Fact: Nylah has **4 siblings**.

Akerie Han

by: Devin Harris

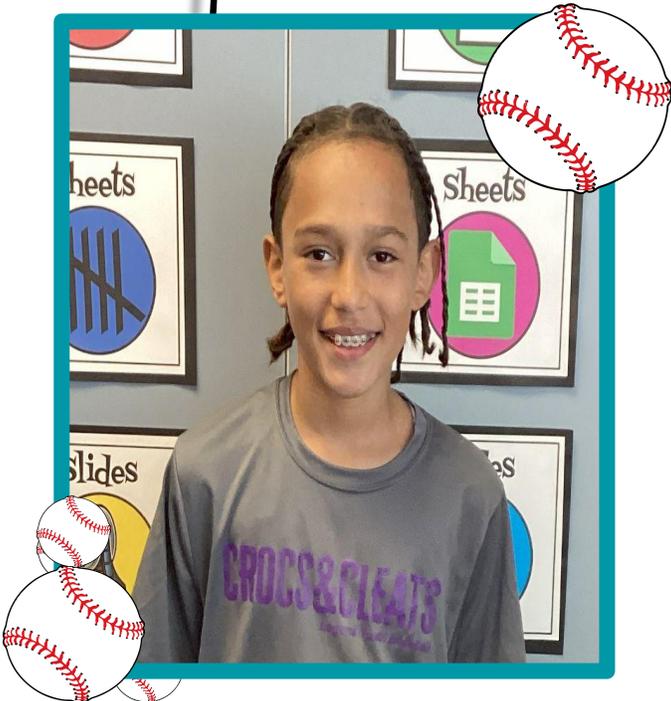


Akerie is someone who is in News Club. Akerie is in 6th grade D track. Her teacher is Mr. Esguerra. Akerie has been at this school for 7 years, and she started when she was in kindergarden. Akerie's favorite thing about Stone Lake is the nice teachers. Akerie wanted to do News Club because she wanted to interview people, and she thinks it will be fun.

A fun fact about Akerie is that she likes to play volleyball. Akerie favorite color is teal.

DEVIN HARRIS

By: Akerie Han



Devin is a sixth grade D track student who has been here since kindergarten. His favorite thing about the school is seeing his friends. Devin wanted to join the News Club because he enjoys writing. Devin likes many sports, but his favorite sport to play is baseball.

Emmia Hartley

By: Nylah Guillory



Emmia Hartley, also known as Mia, is in 6th grade C track. Her teacher is Mrs. MacRae. Mia has been at Stone Lake Elementary for 6 years. Wow, you know that means she's been here since first grade! Mia said her favorite thing about Stone Lake is the programs.

Sage Johansson

BY: EMMIA HARTLEY



Sage Johansson is in 6 grade C track, and her teacher is Ms. MacRae. She has been at Stone Lake for 7 years, and she started in TK. Sage's favorite thing about Stone Lake is her friends. Sage wanted to be a part News Club because she wanted to improve her handwriting and her social life.

FUN FACTS: Her favorite color is violet because it reminds her of her grandma and flowers. She can move her eyes in different ways

Harlow Lallian

By Isla Wagner



Harlow is a 6th grader in Mr. Esguerra's class at Stone Lake. She has been at this school for 7 years, and she started in kindergarten. Harlow's favorite things at Stone Lake are the sports teams and the teachers. Harlow wanted to be in News Club because she likes to write and interview kids. Harlow hopes to have a great time in Gazette.

One fact about Harlow is that she was on every sport team in Stone Lake.



Elise Meads-Braymer

By Nalani Ramirez

Elise Meads-Braymer is a student at Stone Lake Elementary School. She is in Mrs. Bohlmann's B track, 6th grade class. Elise started going to school at Stone Lake in T-K which means that she has been at the same school for eight years! Elise's favorite thing about Stone Lake is the staff because they are very kind to others. Elise wanted to join News Club because she enjoys writing.

A fun fact about Elise is that she likes to do art.



Nalani Ramirez

By: Aleya Gonzales



Nalani Ramirez, who is in 6th grade B track. Mrs. Bohlmann's class, has been at Stone Lake for 7 years. What Nalani likes most about about Stone Lake is hanging out with her friends. Nalani likes to write, that is why she wanted to be a part of NEWS CLUB. Did you know that Nalani's cheer team got First place out of 100 teams! That is pretty cool if you ask me.

Kayleigh Saephanh

By: Alicia Garcia



Kayleigh Saephanh joined News Club because she thought it would be cool to interview people and write articles. Okay, let's get to the basics. Kayleigh is in 6th grade, and her teacher is Ms. MacRae. Kayleigh came to Stone Lake when she was in kindergarten. Her favorite thing about going to Stone Lake is making friends.

One fun fact about Kayleigh is that she is my bestie, and we have known each other before we came to this school. We knew each other since kindergarten. Another fun fact is that she like K-pop and anime.

ISLA SPITZER

BY: GRACE ZHANG



Isla Spitzer is a 6th grade A track student at Stone Lake. She has attended the school for six years ever since first grade. P.E. is her favorite subject, and she enjoys baking and art. According to Isla, she wanted to join the News Club because she enjoys writing and getting the news out.

Fun Fact: Isla has better handwriting in cursive than in printing.

Olivia Varela

By: Emma Cohen



Olivia is a new part of the Gazette! She is in sixth grade and on A track. Her teacher is Mrs. Houston! Olivia has been a student at Stone Lake for seven years now. Her favorite thing about Stone Lake is the different activities that the school has. For example, computer lab, library, and PE! Olivia joined News Club because she loves to write ... especially informational.

A little fun fact about Olivia is she does martial arts and is on the advanced red belt. She also does Musical Mayhem Performances and her last show was Junie B. Jones.

Isla Wagner

By Harlow Lallian



Isla Wagner is a 6th Grade D tracker, and she has been at Stone Lake for 7 years. Her favorite thing about Stone Lake is how nice and caring the teachers are. She really wanted to be in the Gazette because Isla enjoys writing and typing.

A fun fact about Isla is that she enjoys playing soccer everyday on her soccer team.

Grace Zhang

By: Isla Spitzer



Grace is in 6 grade A track, and this is her first year at Stone Lake! So far, Grace prefers the computer lab. She wanted to sign up for the News Club because she is a really good writer, and she likes to spread news. She is passionate about writing and having a good year.

One fact about Grace is that she has loads of nicknames!



**HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**

September 15 to October 15

Bad Bunny	_____	18
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Bad Bunny

By Devin Harris



Who?

Bad Bunny

birth date

March 10 1994

death date

N/A

Early Life

Bad Bunny grew up listening to music, and he love singing. Bad Bunny went to college to become a singer. He went to the university of Puerto Rico.

Character Traits

Bad Bunny has fearless self-expression creating gender-bending music and having a unique style.



Made a Change

Bad Bunny made a change by singing Spanish language music to all of the world. He was the first musician to be the most streamed artist on Spotify for 3 years.. Bad bunny also won 3 Grammy awards.

Fun Facts

- Bad Bunny got his name from the the clothes he wore in high school.
- Bad Bunny moved to Miami when he was 22 so he could become a singer.
- Bad Bunny's first Grammy was in 2021.



Gloria Estefan

Author Analis Frederiksen

Who?

Gloria Estefan

birth date

Sept. 1st, 1957

death date

Not yet

Early Life

Gloria was raised by Gloria García and José Fajardo. She had one sister, whose name was Becky Garcia. She was born in Havana, Cuba, but later moved to Miami in 1959. She attended St. Michael the Archangel school, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, and University of Miami.

Character Traits

Gloria is hard-working and polite, because she always tries hard to sing her best for her audience and is usually kind to other people.

Made a Change

Gloria made a big change in the music industry by being the first Hispanic woman to be awarded into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. She also got awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from our former President, Obama.

Fun Facts

- Has 2 children and 1 grandson
- Gloria's grandson is also a musician.
- Gloria's mother was nicknamed "Big Gloria".
- She was in a band before becoming a solo artist.

Selena Gomez

By: Akerie Han



Who?

Selena Gomez

birth date

July 22, 1992

death date

Still alive

Early Life

Selena Gomez was born in Grand Prairie, Texas, and was raised by her mother after her parents divorced. She began her career on the PBS kids show, “Barney and Friends.”

Character Traits

Selena is light-hearted, joyful, loyal, generous, and has a passion to aim for new opportunities.

Made a Change

Selena Gomez has given gifts of time to her role as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador. She has also been open about her struggles with depression, anxiety, and bipolar disorder, raising awareness about these conditions. In 2020, she launched Rare Beauty, a cosmetics company.

Fun Facts

- Selena Gomez’s full name is “Selena Marie Gomez”.
- Her favorite food is fried pickles, and even eats pickle-flavored snow cones!
- She enjoys surfing, skateboarding, cheerleading, and playing basketball.



Jennifer Lopez

Alicia Garcia

Who?

Jennifer

LOPEZ
birth date

July 24, 1969

death date

Still Alive

Early Life

Jennifer Lopez was born in The Bronx, New York. She started taking singing and dancing lessons at 5 years old.

Character Traits

- Confident
- Poised
- Charismatic
- Kind

Made a Change

Jennifer Lopez made a change by breaking barriers for Hispanic and Latino Americans in Hollywood.

Fun Facts

- Early in her career, Jennifer danced in music videos.
- Jennifer began her career as a Fly Girl in the series, "In Living Color".



Lin Manuel Miranda

KAYLEIGH SAEPHANH

Who?

LIN MANUEL MIRANDA

birth date

JANUARY 16, 1980

death date

STILL ALIVE

Early Life

Lin Manuel Miranda was born January 16, 1980 in New York. He started writing his first musical in 1999 called "In the Heights". He then wrote his well-known musical Hamilton, opening in Broadway in 2013.

Character Traits

- ENTHUSIASTIC
- VERSATILE

Made a Change

The way he made a change was by his musical, Hamilton. It is the life story of Alexander Hamilton and represents the beginning of America. The story is told by several historical figures like Aaron Burr, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and many more figures in well known history.

Fun Facts

- He has written and starred in a musical called "In the Heights".
- He made the well known musical Hamilton.
- He composed the song "How Far I'll Go" for the animated movie Moana.



Rita Moreno

Name Rita Moreno
By: Sage Johansson

Who?

Rita Moreno

birth date

December 11, 1931

death date

N/A

Early Life

Rita Moreno was born on December 11, 1931 in Puerto Rico. When she was five, Rita's mom brought her to New York.

Character Traits

- brave
- courageous
- authentic
- honest

Made a Change

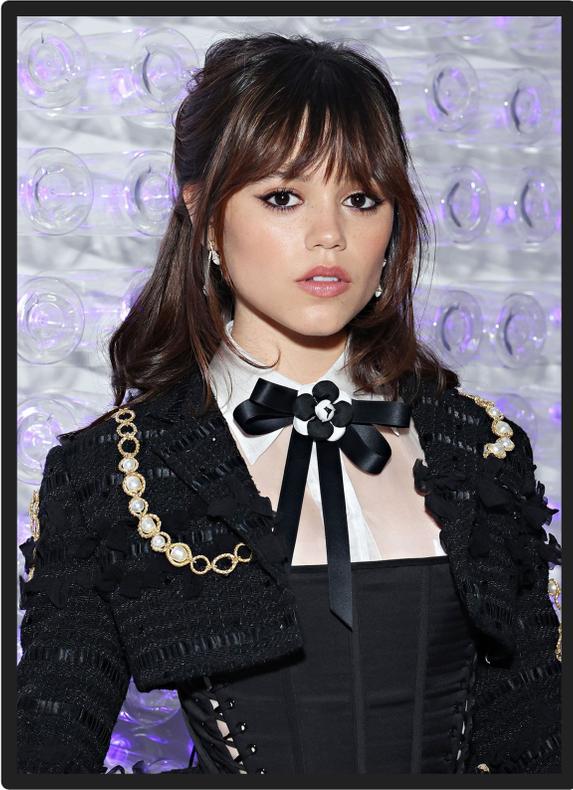
Rita Moreno is a Puerto Rican actress. She is known for her role in West Side Story in 1961. Rita Moreno broke new ground for Latinas in entertainment.

Fun Facts

- First Latina to win a Oscar for the best supporting actress
- She was known for her performance West Side Story because she would do dramatic dances.

Jenna Ortega

Author Nola Griffin-Willis



Who?

Jenna Ortega

birth date

September 27, 2002

death date

NA

Early Life

Jenna Ortega was born on September 27, 2002, in Coachella Valley, California. She is the fourth of six siblings. Her parents are of Mexican and Puerto Rican descent. Jenna became interested in acting and began pursuing acting opportunities. Her mother helped her and started homeschooling Jenna to make it easier for Jenna to pursue acting.

Character Traits

- Private
- Creative
- Hardworking
- Thoughtful
- Talented

Made a Change

In 2023, Ortega's nomination for Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for Wednesday was a historic moment for Latino representation at the Emmy Awards. It was the first time in over a decade that a Latina was nominated in that category.

Fun Facts

- Jenna Ortega is known for her role as Wednesday Addams.
- She started acting at the age of 9.
- Her favorite snack is popcorn.
- One of her favorite hobbies is writing.