

# Headlight



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## U.S. - Russia Relations Remain Unknown

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On April 6, the Trump administration launched 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles from the USS Ross and USS Porter in the eastern Mediterranean. The missiles were directed at a Syrian airfield base in response to Bashar al-Assad regime's use of chemical weapons against civilians. President Donald Trump, who previously seemed "comfortable" with Assad's power, changed his position after seeing images of children gassed to death in Idlib. U.S. actions were met with some anger; the Russian government described the strike as an "aggression against a sovereign state in violation of international law." Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said the strike was based on "absolutely made-up pretext" and promised that Russia would demand to know the motives behind the attack.

Since the attack, Moscow has called for a UN Security Council meeting to address the strikes, and the Russian foreign ministry has suspended its negotiation with the United States to "exchange information about military flights"(1) in order to avoid incidents in the trafficked sky over Syria. Lavrov said that he hopes this "provocation will not lead to irreparable damage" in U.S. - Russia relations.

At the time of this writing, the Trump administration's political goals in Syria are unclear. It remains difficult for the American people and Congress to understand the United States' role in Syria, as we still do not know the relationship between the Trump Administration, the Russian government, and intelligence services.

I urge you to read the source of my information, "Syria missile strikes: U.S. launches first direct military action against Assad," found on The Guardian online.



## The Magic Hat Supports MHS

MHS would like to thank the Magic Hat for its continued support! MHS recently received \$12,778 from the Hat; these funds allow the PCO to sponsor numerous enrichment activities for MHS students, including the recent presentation by Chris Herren. The Hat is located on the far back side of MVMS, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays. You can support the Hat by volunteering your time, donating goods, or shopping there. Like the Hat on Facebook or visit their website for more information!

\*Note: The Magic Hat will close on April 14th for April break, and reopens on April 25th.

## Integrating Technology for Efficiency in Schools

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Public school systems across the country should strongly consider increasing the role of technology within the educational system. Schools would benefit dramatically from converting to a device-based learning network.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, integrating technology will allow students to properly retain learning material at a far more efficient rate. Additionally, tablets and laptops allow access to various forms of online classrooms and learning resources. As a result, hundreds of books and assignments can be stored in one accessible location. Furthermore, online textbooks would eliminate the need to purchase new textbooks periodically. So while the initial expenses may be rather steep, online textbooks will save money in the long run.

It is clear that technology-based learning is far superior to the methods currently in use, because it allows for greater organization within a more efficient system.



## Working on Our Sustainability

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As we all know, in recent years the topic of global warming and climate change has dominated the news cycle. Things like irregular weather patterns, melting polar ice caps, and dramatically rising ocean levels are proof enough that something significant is happening. In fact, according to NASA, 2016 was one of the hottest years recorded since 1880, and temperatures are only going to continue rising.

So, what can we do about this issue? Well, there are a number of things that you can do within your home and community to make a difference for the future of this planet!

### 1. Recycle as much as possible

Dosomething.org says that Americans get rid of 28 billion bottles each year; if each of these items were recycled, the amount of waste eliminated would be tremendous.

### 2. Use reusable shopping bags

This may seem like a very small adjustment, but the amount of plastic bags you will save adds up to make a difference.

### 3. Substitute a car ride for a bike ride

Car exhaust is a major source of pollution, and although biking may take a little bit longer to reach your destination, the environment will thank you.

### 4. Grow your own food

Food production is another detrimental factor in the destruction of the environment, so by growing your own food, you can save the planet while simultaneously embarking on a healthier nutritional path.

### 5. Compost your excess food

Composting is an easy and efficient way to eliminate your food waste while also turning it into soil, which in turn can be used to feed your plants.

All of these strategies are easy but effective ways to minimize your impact on the environment, and also provide some personal benefits that will help everyone in the long run.



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