## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Editorial Cartoon

Sometimes pictures really are worth a thousand words. But sometimes, as in the case of Editorial Cartoons, pictures are worth a concise paragraph, some explaining, and some deep thought. According to Mrs. Buedding, the reading teacher, "An editorial cartoon uses pictures and text to make a statement about a controversial topic or idea. Editorial cartoons are a way to express opinions about a wide range of topics, such as politics or culture. We worked on using visual metaphors, exaggeration, and keywords to make strong statements." During the natural disaster unit, 7th grade students analyzed several editorial cartoons related to some of the most destructive natural disasters in history, as well as other major environmental issues like global warming. Then, the 7th graders got to try their hand at creating their own editorial cartoon. If you want to see some impressive results, scan the QR code below.



**FBLA Co-Presidents** 

This year the Cashton Middle School FBLA will be enduring many changes, including a new advisor and new officers. The enormous class of eighth graders prompted a new form of election. "Last year we had a president and a vice president, but this year we are going to have a co-presidency. I think that we will have more cooperation and it will work smoother," says Carly Butzler, one of this years co-presidents. "I am excited to help other people understand what we do in FBLA and help them experience it to a better extent," says Jaiden Hansbery, the other co-president this year. For those not familiar with what one can do in FBLA, they compete in a variety of events including speaking events, computer based events, and written tests. It can help you develop public speaking skills, become an effective leader, and give back to your community.

## **Cross Country**

Cross country is not a sport for everyone. You have to train a lot, like other sports, but you also have to be able to push with all you've got, and more, at the end of a race, even though it feels like your legs are on fire or you are going to faint. In this sport, you have to be mentally and physically tough. This year the team was amazing, and with the help of the awesome coaches, the cross country team did very well. It was a huge team, with 40 kids from 6-12 grade. Being the first year that 6th graders could participate in this sport, there were many athletes trying it out. With the abundance of team spirit (not forgetting spaghetti suppers!), challenging goals were met and surpassed, and many athletes are looking forward to next year's cross country season. Congratulations to Lydia Korn at State!



## **Gaming Club**

The gaming club is something that everyone can be successful in. It's a place where you can harness and use your unique abilities. It's not only an entertaining way to spend your time, but it also involves learning how to fix electronics when they break, and how to setup new and modern devices. The sixth through eighth grade members meet on Tuesday and Thursday every week from after school until 5:30. Now that the computers are built and ready, the gamers can make use of their many different high tech functions. In the club, the members will be creating objects with a 3-D printer. Mrs. Vonruden has also invested in some 3-D pens. Gary Kohl has confirmed that if you own a device that requires fixing you are welcome to bring it along and he will help you repair it.