

# Falcons flaunt it at prom, promposals prevail

By Sydney McGaha

The last nine weeks at PMHS are full of cheesy activities, plenty of tests and goodbyes.

Prom, however, is full of hairspray, stress, and pretty terrible music -- at least according to some outspoken teens.

For some it takes months to plan, but the pressure to have a date doesn't affect many Falcons.

A lot of people go with friends, or even alone.

Yet for some students, prom is the perfect romantic event to celebrate with their significant other.

Junior **Ryan Bryant** knows all about being a good boyfriend to junior **Reni Boyarov**. The couple has been together for almost two years now.

Still, Bryant wanted to officially ask his girlfriend to the prom in an extraordinary way.

"I got my idea from the fact that she is Bulgarian. I figured it would be very unique to hold up a sign that everyone will think I wrote backwards. In all reality, it's a different language (Bulgarian) with a corny catchphrase."

Bryant's sign for Reni spelled out in the Cyrillic alphabet, "I will give you bouquets, but you have to dance ballets. Prom?"

Boyarov said that she was surprised, not expecting a promposal so close to prom night. "I was actually quite happy knowing someone put in so much effort to come up with a creative way to ask me to prom."

Not every promposal is from

couples though. Senior **Purseh Gbadyu**, was asked to prom by her friend senior **Max Sandefer**.

"I was shocked when he asked me with a poster and my favorite candy," Gbadyu says.

Junior **Bethany Sung Tin Par** thinks that promposals should continue on forever.

"I'm from Burma and as far as I know, we don't have prom or any school dances, so this is something I really cherish after coming to America when I was five. If I had a boyfriend, I would definitely want a promposal."

Pinterest is full of thousands of promposal ideas. The askers often spell out words with candy, candles, balloons, and even chicken nuggets.

In 2005, the popular show *Laguna Beach* aired an episode about promposals. Afterward, the number of clever promposals escalated among high schoolers.

Any coming-of-age movie, book or TV show seems to include a prom. Some people spend hundreds of dollars on their prom night. They have elegant dresses, fancy dinners, and even the nicest corsage money can buy.

Not all Perry students make their promposals at school.

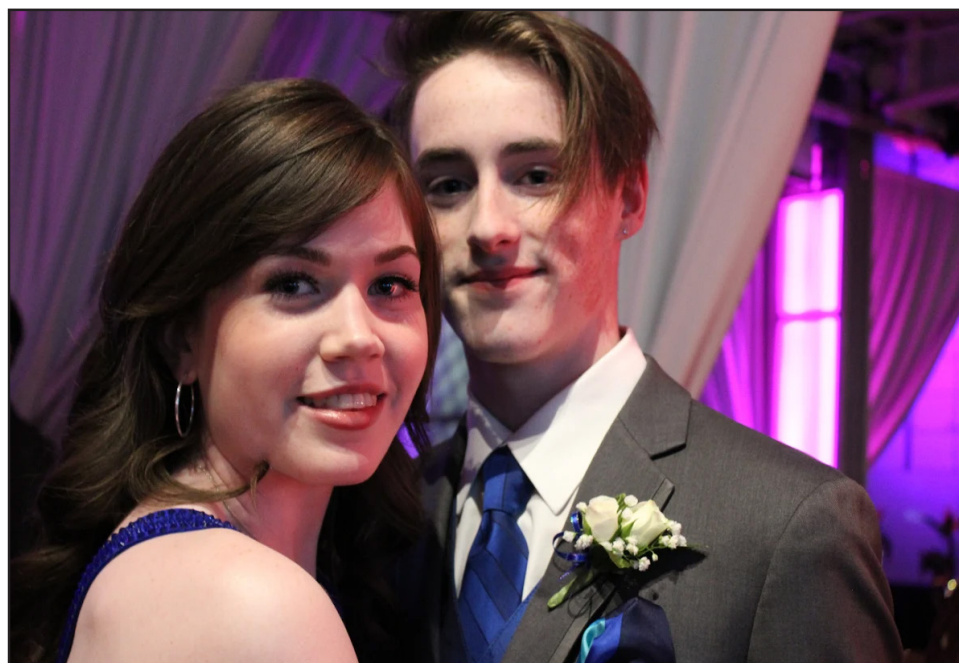
Junior **Halley Langhorst** was on stage after a dance competition, enjoying time with her team. Suddenly, the emcee calls her name and out walks her boyfriend junior **Austin Lane**. Lane was holding a sign that read, "You've been dancing through my mind, prom?"



After opening night of Perry's production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, junior **Ryan Bryant** proposes to girlfriend, **Reni Boyarov**. The sign translates to "I will give you bouquets, but you have to dance ballets. Prom?" (Photo provided by **Kalina Boyarova**).



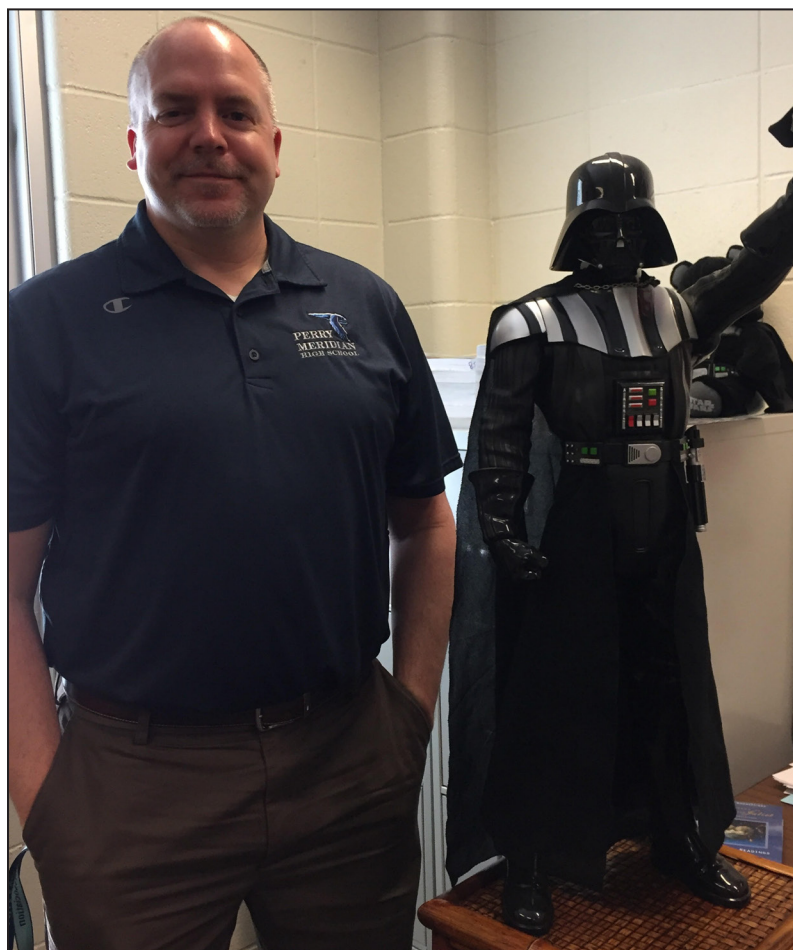
The smell of perfume and cologne floats through the *Havanna Night* as students dance to popular songs like "Meant to Be" and "Despacito." (Photo by **Sonia Ventura**.)



Juniors **Macy Miller** and **Dakota Smith** pose in between the dance floor and the buffet area (Photo by **Cheyenne Collins**).



# Star Wars galore, 'May the Fourth' be with you



English and speech teacher Neil Linville in his classroom with his model of Darth Vader (Photo by Cheyenne Collins).

By Cheyenne Collins

Today--May 4--Darth Vader and Jedi forces are invading everywhere, even the Indianapolis Indians vs. Gwinnett Stripers baseball game at 7:15 p.m. at downtown's Victory Field.

This is the annual celebration for the Star Wars media empire. After being coined in 1979, "May the Fourth" was set as the fandom's international day.

Star Wars fans all over the world get together to celebrate and cosplay on this day, including some students and teachers at PMHS.

Sophomore **Erin Downs** has an annual tradition with her family on May the fourth.

"I watch Star Wars marathons with my dad. My whole family is obsessed with it."

Perhaps the most satisfying thing for Downs is finding tiny details she's overlooked in the past.

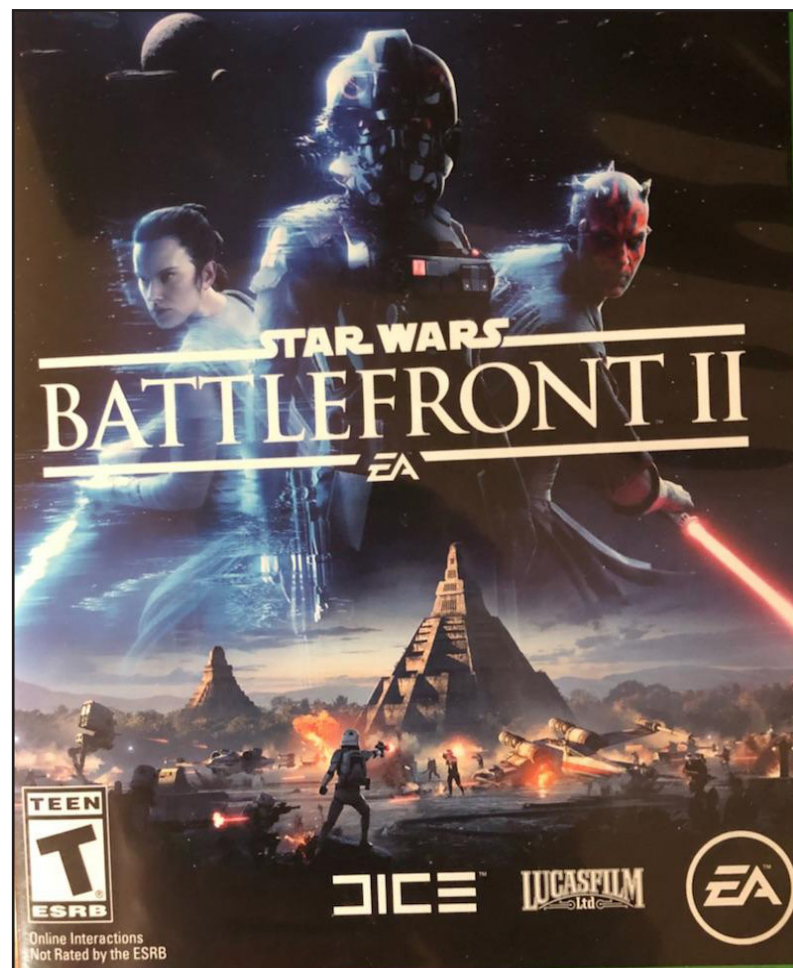
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Many TV channels run Star Wars marathons and specials. Announcements about future films or merchandise are often made this day.

Last year, it was announced that all Star Wars movies would be allowed to air on TBS and TNT.

Freshman **Link Dooley** enjoys viewing the jokes and memes that originate from the Star Wars franchise.

"I personally enjoy watching old clips or looking at memes about both the prequels and sequels. I think it's a day that the communities can put aside their



Battlefront II is a favorite Star Wars video game for Neil Linville, playing it for an hour or two a few times a month (Photo provided by Jasmine Linville).

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differences in opinions and remember that they're all fans of the same thing."

Not only are fans watching the movies during this time, they display their enthusiasm with cosplay, including English and speech teacher **Neil Linville**.

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The first large May the fourth event was held in 2011 in the Toronto Underground Cinema.

Linville has collected more than 100

novels and has boxes full of collectables. He is looking forward to hearing the announcements that may be made today, particularly anything about the next movie, "Solo: A Star Wars Story," which opens May 25.

The highly anticipated film stars Emilia Clarke and Alden Ehrenreich. Ron Howard stepped in to direct the film last summer after the previous directors were fired. In media interviews, Howard said he has been a fan of Star Wars since the first movie opened on May 25, 1977.

The new movie is centered around Han Solo's background.

Lucasfilm, the studio, released this synopsis early in 2018:

"Board the Millennium Falcon and journey to a galaxy far, far away in "Solo: A Star Wars Story," an all-new adventure with the most beloved scoundrel in the galaxy. Through a series of daring escapades deep within a dark and dangerous criminal underworld, Han Solo meets his mighty future copilot Chewbacca and encounters the notorious gambler Lando Calrissian in

a journey that will set the course of one of the Star Wars saga's most unlikely heroes."

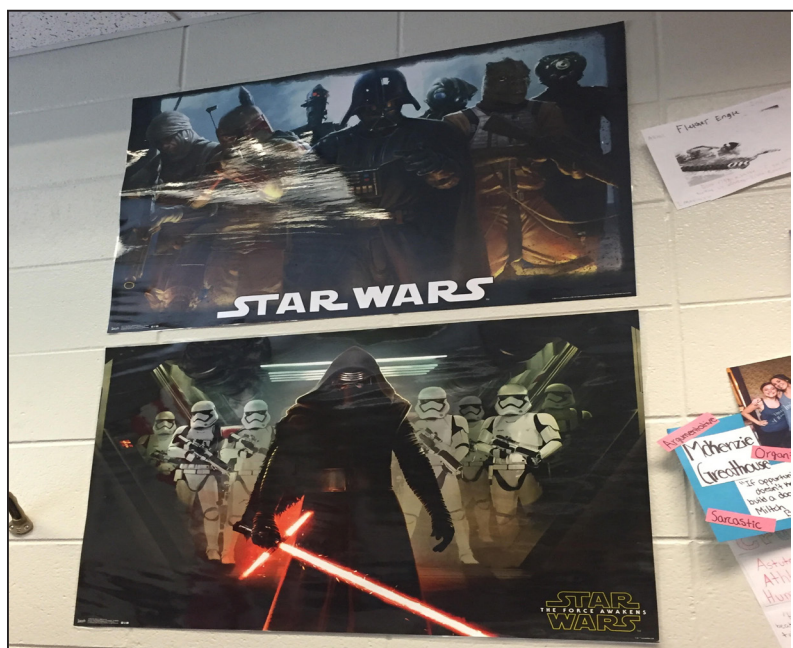
Dooley said the reason he is riled up for the movie is because "It should be interesting to see more of Han Solo's background."

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The hype for this upcoming film is expected by many to bring closure to some of the community's questions and theories, fans said.

"I think it will be a very interesting movie to see" said freshman **Jimmy Hale**. "Star Wars is one of my favorite franchises"



Entering Room 2-7K, students observe Neil Linville's passion for Star Wars via the posters and other mementos. (Photo by Cheyenne Collins).