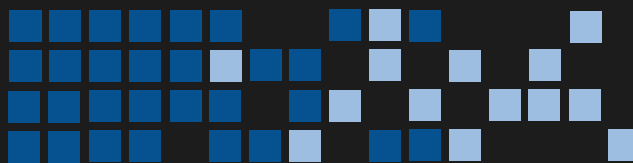


A RESTART



Rethinking our image: The use of Native Americans as emblems, such as the ones in the Gold Gym, have been seen as offensive by some.

NEW AVATAR

On October 12th, which happened to be Indigenous People's Day and Columbus Day, the Marion Independent School District school board voted to remove "The Indians" as the high school's mascot. The vote was 5-2, with lots of discussion leading up to the final decision. "The tone was cordial and conversational," said Mr. Semler, "there was a lot of good discussion." He explained that the vote came after years of questioning the ethics of having "The Indians" as our school's symbol, and even a letter from the Meskwaki Tribe condemning the usage.

As soon as the news broke about the retiring of the mascot, people aired their reactions. Some expressed their sadness at seeing the mascot go, one which has been around for decades. Others felt it was a step in the right direction, and putting the sometimes ugly past behind us. A town-wide rumor even sprung up the day after the vote, with some alleging that the school's mascot would become "The Mallards." The school district administration quickly addressed the hearsay and clarified that the new mascot would not be chosen until after the 2020-2021 school year. Good or bad, the change will go down in history.



Left: Jenna Heinricy, '24, glues together a science project.



Right: Lillian Lovejoy, '23, keeps her eye on the birdie.

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Teaching the Masses: Mr. Vanderziel lectures the school band on proper intonation.



Far Left: Joy Ringwald, '22, performs a dazzling Color Guard maneuver.

Middle: Blake Roling and Boeden Rahe, both '22, perform an experiment with a Bunsen burner.

Far Right: Austin Johnson, '21, works on a house as part of the Marion Community Build Project.

Bottom Left: Caylub Morehouse, '21, prepares to play his trombone.

