

! TIME TO BE REAL !

Students waited each day for the two-minute window for a BeReal moment.

By Arleigh Doehring

Multiple teachers have been a victim of the double-sided camera feature from BeReal. The social media app boomed in popularity as students subscribed to the platform and received daily notifications letting them know it was time to “BeReal.”

“I think I’ve had it since the second or third week that it’s been available,” senior Caleb Stemmans said. “The first week I heard about it was probably the middle of April 2022. Kade Terrell sent me an invite, it was just me and him for a bit.”

The app has been out since 2020 but didn’t grow in popularity until early to mid-2022.

This year, students often asked teachers to take a picture of them, which meant it also took a picture

of the teacher too.

Students always had certain parts of their day that they wished they would get the notification. For senior Keri Myers, it was English class.

“I know the most people in that class and I feel like Mrs. [Kimberly] Villegas would take it if I asked her to.”

When it goes off during school, kids pull out their phones and try to take their picture quickly. Some students will ask adults around them to take the picture to make it more interesting.

Everyone has their favorite BeReal moment too.

“The best timing was when I was at a cross country meet,” freshman Ella Barker said. “I was helping with the middle school cross country meet at Creekwood Middle School.”



LET'S BEREAL. Ashley Cox, 12, takes her BeReal with the student section at the football game against Porter with Renee Alcala, 12, Brynn Baldon, 11, and Zoie Rasmussen, 12. Photo by Arleigh Doehring.

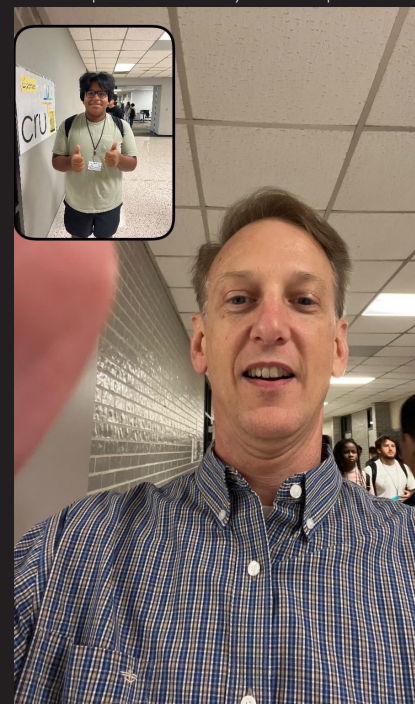
Front image: Reese McDowell, Madison Staggs and Chloe McKee. **Back image:** Ella Barker and Olivia Horton. Submitted by Chloe McKee.



Front image: Emma Green and Erin McLain. **Back image:** Erin McLain. Submitted by Emma Green.



Front image: Physics teacher Glenn Taylor. **Back image:** Andrick Lopez, 11. Submitted by Andrick Lopez.



Front image: Brynn Baldon, 11. **Back image:** The girls soccer team. Submitted by Brynn Baldon.



Front image: English teacher Kimberly Villegas. **Back image:** Seniors Harry Oclarit and Jody Pinter. Submitted by Harry Oclarit.



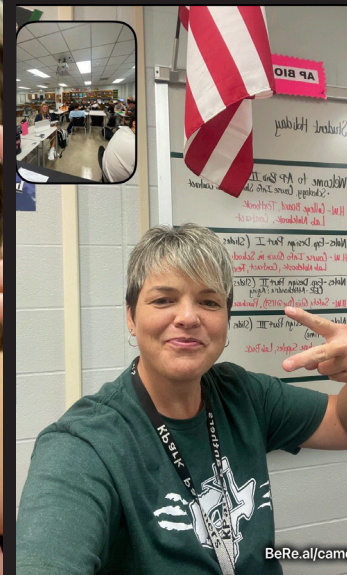
Front image: History teacher Jess White. **Back image:** Sophomores Lexi Gillinger and Kyndyll LeBlanc. Submitted by Lexi Gillinger.



Front image: Ellery Stanislaw, Jeremy Ave, Zanna Cradic, and Krisslyn Boyles. **Back image:** Sophia Saenz, Emma Yeager, Avery Guevara, Kynzie Wallace, Peyton Moore, Jessa Rennard, Olivia Brain, Emily Pavel, Ashley Cox, Kaitlyn Welsh. Submitted by Zanna Cradic.



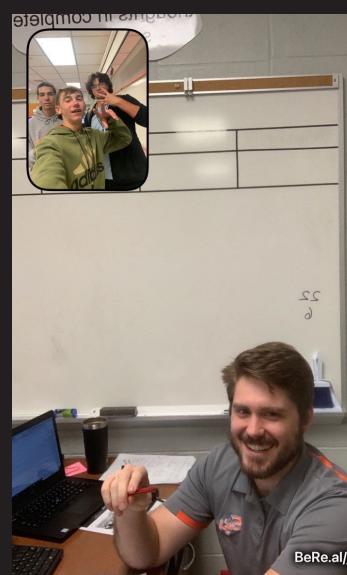
Front image: Juniors Bailey Kee, Shelby Holden, Mikaila Roseen. **Back image:** Shelby Holden. Submitted by Shelby Holden.



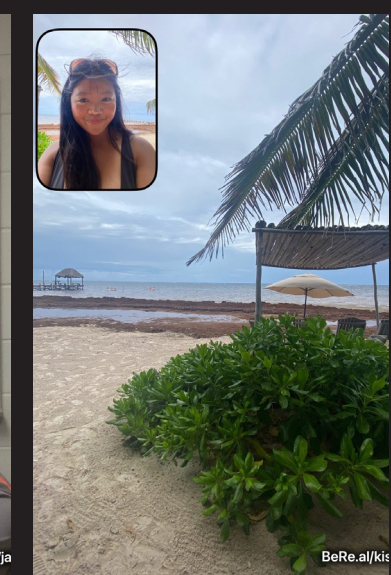
Front image: Biology teacher Kristen Lynam. **Back image:** Lynam's 6th period AP Biology class. Submitted by Cameron Maxey.



Front image: Jayden Romig. **Back image:** Hayden Anderson, Hayley Tappan and Madeleine Miranda. Submitted by Hayley Tappan.



Front image: Seniors Hunter Salas, Jayden Romig and Alex Gleason. **Back image:** Physics teacher Jacob Butcher. Submitted by Jayden Romig.



Kishi Manuel, 12, takes a cruise over the summer to Cozumel, Mexico. Submitted by Kishi Manuel.



Front image: Seniors Keri Myers, Kennedy Case and Zoie Rasmussen. **Back image:** Hawaiian-themed volleyball game. Submitted by Zoie Rasmussen.



Front image: Seniors Grace Byrd, Grace Cantu, Nora Critzer. **Back image:** Juniors Morgen Dozier and Carmen Ramirez. Submitted by Grace Byrd.