

Sports Center

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Hoopsters come on strong, prepare for postseason play

by Logan

The C team came on strong as they wrap up the season with a 29-21. This is their lone win so far.

We are approaching the end of the season for all Provo teams. Most of the teams have finished up the regular season and are gearing for the tournament, which will be single elimination.

The boys 8th Grade team finished the regular season 2-7 and are hoping to step up their game going into the playoffs.

The boys 8th grade B team finished 7-2 going into the playoffs with a strong momentum.



The boys 8th grade B team had a strong showing this season with seven wins.

Sports Spotlight

by Nathan and Logan

This issue's sport spotlight features athletes who heat up the court in the winter whether it's basketball, volleyball or wrestling.

Kamia Masuda serves up the action on the volleyball and basketball court. She plays middle and outside hitter on the Vinaka club volleyball team.

In basketball, she is a guard for the Provo team. She said "I need to know what to do with the ball, know where I am and pay attention. You also need to communicate with your teammates and practice," she added.

Ladies prepare for bball tournament, post great season records

With four wins and three losses, the Provo Bantam Ladies Basketball team is experiencing a pretty good season.

They are hoping to win their final game and working hard to do well in tournament play. "It's time to get down to business," said

their Coach Paulson.

Point guard Brinley Paulson and her twin Abby make sure the team is always ready to play. One of our post Savannah Hiedeman is always ready to take the ball to the hole.

"The direction we're heading in can take us pretty far," said team member Sadie Edwards. She continued it has been a great season.

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Calendar

Feb. 18 parent conference
March 10 Author Visit
March 14-18 Girl's Week
March 16 Choir Concert 6:30 p.m.
March 15 TSA conference
March 18 End of Term 3
March 23 Band Concert 6:30 p.m.
March 25,26,28 Pirates of Penzance musical 6:30 p.m.
March 28-April 1 Boy's Week
April 1 Last day to pre-order your yearbook
April 4-8 Spring Break
April 11 Sage testing begins

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Panther Pride

Heart attacks, friendship add to the fun

by Ashley

Student council has been very busy planning fun activities for us to do.

They sponsored a Dixon Olympics in January and that included human hungry hippos, long board plunger races, hula hoops contests, and tug of war. The Olympics were really fun and a big hit according to students.

Students also received flowers this week as part of friendship week activities. There were dress up days and lunch activities.

For \$1.25 students could purchase and send red, pink and white carnations to their friends.

The honors' society also heart attacked teachers doors, frosted and delivered heart shaped cookies to them.

Coming up in March, the student council will plan for Girls' Week and Boys' Week activities.

Girls' Week will be March 14-18 and Boys Week is March 28-April 1.



Author plans writing workshop

by Moea

Applications for a writing workshop with author Jessica Day George will be available at parent conference Feb. 18.



Author Jessica Day George will visit Dixon March 10.

The author visit will be held the afternoon of March 10 in the library.

George is the author of Silver in the Blood, the Tuesday's at the Castle series, Princess of the Midnight Ball, Princess of the Silver Wood, the Dragon Slippers series, and Sun & Moon, Ice & Snow.

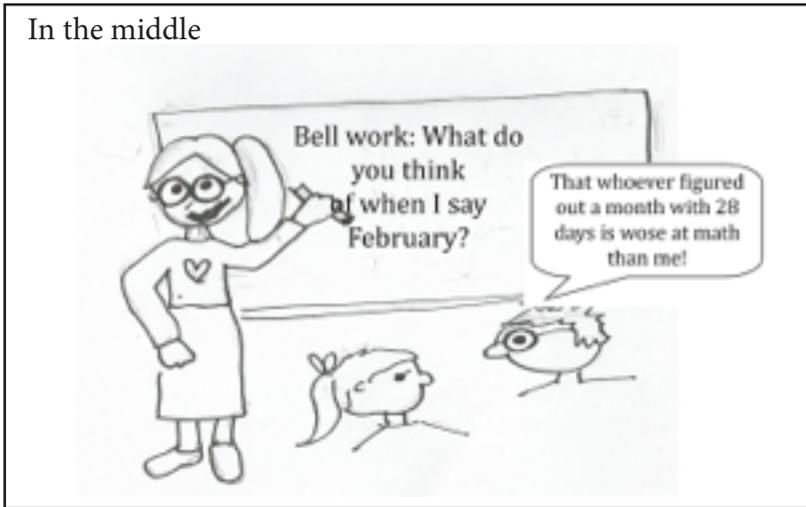
She is happy to return to Dixon and excited to introduce students to the wonderful world of creating characters and writing.

She will be doing some fun writing activities and books will be given away. Students can also bring books to be signed by Jessica Day George. Applications are due March 1.

Funny page--just laughin'

Some funny Valentine Pick-up Lines

1. You're so sweet you could put Hershey's out of business
2. Is your name wifi because I'm feeling a connection
3. Are you google because you're everything I'm searching for
4. Are you religious because you're the answers to all my prayers
5. If I could rearrange the alphabet I'd put U and I together
6. You must be a keyboard because you're just my type
7. Are you from Tennessee because you're the only ten I see



Favorite thing about Valentines

by Haley and Ally

Chocolate is definitely the favorite gift to receive for Valentines Day and many also said they love getting to eat all the good food.

For Kelli some of the traditions include heart shaped pizzas and chocolate dipped strawberries. She doesn't like over affection-ate couples and she did have her first valentine in fifth grade.

Kirsten said she loves herseys chocolate kisses and huts but dislkes the fact that everyone has a valentine and then she is sing. She added that her mom makes heart shaped pancakes for Valentines Day.

Mason loves to eat food and loves the food and the choc-olate that he gets on Valentines' Day He had his first Valentine in fourth grade.

Heart shaped cookies, peace and chocolate are what Katie likes about Valentines. She doesn't like it when her mom makes them dress in the same colors. Nathan like Pap Murphey's heart-shaped pizza and Haley just likes that her mom gives her her candy. She also really likes Doves filled with caramel that melt in your mouth.



On Valentine's Day
*I am writing just to say:
 Chocolate
 Hearts
 Balloons
 Pink and Red
 Stuffed animals
 BFF's
 sweet notes
 flowers
 and love
 Ick! Could we be nice all the time not just one day that is called Valentines!*

Its totally rocket science, team gets ready to compete in state event

by Jim

The Science Olympiad team is getting prepared for many events. They're studying anatomy, fossils, weather, lab skills, and CSI techniques.

They are also building a Rube-Goldberg like device, a cata-pult, a gravity-propelled car, and a bridge. There are even more events coming.

The Science Olympiad team will be competing at the region competition at Westminster College in Salt Lake City on Feb. 27. The team meets after school on Tuesday and Thursday to build, study, and practice their events.



Members of the Dixon TSA participate in team building activities are a recent conference.

Student tech organization prepares for local and state competition

By Jane

Come one come all and join TSA. State competitions are coming soon so now is your chance to sign up. TSA is short for Technology Student Association.

TSA is a national organization that has a goal to understand and help others with technology. We compete in different events on a local state and national level.

,TSA officers and students recently attended a conference, learning about the coming competition and participating in team building activities.

TSA is held after school every Friday and Wednesday in Mr. Wardles classroom. Come to TSA, we have a lot of fun.

Sports spotlight continued...



Kamia



Cal and Hayden

She plays for the eighth grade girls team along side Charlee Purser and the team only has one loss. They are working hard to prepare for post season play and hope to do well in the tournament.

Kamia's favorite teams include Washington or Texas for volleyball and for The Heat or Warriors for basketball. Cal Morris plays three sports including football, baseball and wrestling. He in on first place teams in football and baseball but is also proud of his gold medals for wrestling.

He said wrestling is tough because you have to condition, work hard and prepare yourself mentally. Cal adds once you step on the mat it's just you and your opponent. "Good teams are those that are good on and off the field," said Cal. His football team won 13 , lost three and took state. His baseball team won five and lost seven.

Cal's favorite teams include the Panthers and the Diamondbacks. He is pictured with another wrestler, Hayden Dixon.

girls bball cont.

The girls 7C team has done okay this season, winning two games. The team is now preparing for the tournament.

The team is lead by point guard Ashlye Hokanson and our guards are Adrienne Okelberry , Margret Mower, Faith Baumgardner and Marianne Chambers. Our posts are Bella Anderson and Sophie Poduska. The team hopes to continue to do well.

Sports Spotlight

Its all about ball

by Logan

Nick Price can be found on the basketball court and the baseball field.

He plays for the Dixon B 8th grade team as well as junior jazz. His team has only lost two games.

According to Nick you need to be healthy to play. His favorite professional team is the Spurs.



Nick



Winners of the science fair are pictured above. They will be advancing to the district even Feb. 19.

Music concerts planned

Choirs and bands are busy rehearsing for spring concerts.

There will be a choir concert on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. including concert choir, choir 7 and girls' ensemble.

The band concert will be March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

It's the year of the monkey as Chinese students celebrate

"It's the Year of the Monkey and we are celebrating in my Chinese classes," said Mr. Hagedorn.

The week of Feb. 8-12 was celebration time for his students and they enjoyed food and getting a red envelope.

Students were learning about Chinese customs and food that are part of the celebration of the new year.

Red envelopes/packets are money wrapped in red paper given to kids from their parents, grandparents and others as New Year gifts. They are called hongbao in Mandarin and lai see in Cantonese. Sending red packets is a well-observed custom at Chinese New Year.

Student life

Science fair winners move on to district



By Kayla and Aileena

Science fair projects were judged recently and more than a dozen Dixon students were selected to move on to the district level.

Afterschool parents and students were invited to view all the wonderful projects while waiting to hear the winners. All the projects were well done. Some 15 students made it to the next level which will be held Feb. 19.

Congratulations to Myesa Gilland, Neve Black, Darayan Sebresos, Alison Cook and Lily Tessem, Hannah Jorgensen, Brooklyn Powell, Margaret Mower, Mackey Barry, Lidia Medina and Leslye Nunez, Sophie McRae, Kristen Stavast, Asher William, Simon Arrendondo and Mason Robinson, Isabela Anderson, Savannah Heideman and Ella Parsons, Hallie Gee and Kaitlyn Rasmussen.



Students celebrate the Year of the Monkey with red envelopes and food in Mr. Hagedorn's Chinese class.

On the book shelf...

Great reads for winter days

My bookshelf has some new reads from some of your favorite authors.

Rise of the Wolf is book two in the *Mark of the Thief* series by Jennifer A. Nielsen. She is also the author of the False Prince series.

We have been waiting, not to patiently, for the book. Nic feels like his grandfather's prisoner and is chaffing at the loss of the magical bulla. The Praetors have captured his mother and Nic realizes he will do anything to get her back safe. He also knows that they not stop will his mom but will move on to his sister and others that Nic holds dear.

He challenges the Praetors to a chariot race and if he wins the Praetors will release his mom. If he loses, Nic must hand over magic that will surely spell the end of the Roman Empire. A unicorn, chariot races, mad dashes through the sewer and mysterious new magical events make this book an exciting and intense read.

Artic Code by Matt Kirby

Perfect for fans of the *Percy Jackson* and *Seven Wonders series*, *The Arctic Code* is the first book in an epic, fast-paced middle grade adventure trilogy by acclaimed author Matthew J. Kirby. It is the near future, and the earth has entered a new ice age. Eleanor Perry lives in Tucson, one of the most popular destinations for refugees of the Freeze.

She is the daughter of a climatologist who is trying to find new ways to preserve human life on the planet. Dr. Perry believes that a series of oil deposits she has found in the Arctic may hold the key to our survival. That's when she disappears—but not before sending Eleanor a series of cryptic messages that point to a significant and mysterious discovery. Now it's up to Eleanor to go find her.

Friday Jessica Day George

Princess Celie and her companions have made it home safely from the Glorious Arkower, and everything is back to normal now that the Eye of the Castle is where it belongs. With more magical griffins to care for, Celie, Lilah, and Rolf have their hands full. But when the dangerous ancient wizard Arkwright escapes the dungeon and goes missing within the Castle, no one can rest until he is found.

Only Celie knows where he is most likely hiding--deep within the secret passageways behind the walls of their beloved Castle. With danger lurking behind every tapestry and under every trap door, Celie must find the wizard and save her family.

Readers will be swept away by another charming magical adventure featuring Princess Celie and her very special Castle.

What's happening round campus...



Eighth grade science students construct a roller coaster as they learn about gravity, friction and energy.

picture of their choice. They are using a special technique: a grid.

Mrs. Moody's English classes are working on creating poetry. They will be putting the poems into a book. They will do poems for multiple voices and doing some rap.

In **digital media** class will be doing photography and "popcorn" art using photoshop. They are also going to be writing and illustrating picture books!

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Seventh and eighth grade **STEM** classes recently attended a Stem Fest at the Salt Lake South Towne Expo Center.

by Brooke and Moea

In **8th grade science, Mrs. Humphrey's class**, students are studying gravity, friction, and energy. They have learned that on a roller coaster, the chain motor takes the cars to the top of the first hill; the rest of the ride is all gravity, friction, and potential and kinetic energy.

In our class, students created roller coaster tracks for marbles. They were required to have one loop and two hills. These were very successful.

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Mrs. Harris poses with her class who help Dixon recycle each week. The program has been very successful.

A big thanks to **Mrs. Harris and her class** who have worked so hard this year to help us recycle. Teachers report that this is a great service.

In fact their recycling efforts are so successful, they now pick up two days each week. The bottom floor on Thursday and the upper floor on Friday.

Her class recently went on a field trip including peer tutors Luz Madrigal, Michael Hansen, Jessie Hemingway, Alycia Weir, Emlyl Frampton and Natalie Kingston.

Mrs. Hutchings reports that her students are working hard. Students have created a clothing item that they could add to their everyday wardrobes.

When they were finished, Mrs. Hutchings took a picture and they appear in the virtual fashion show with the completed project. "They did amazing and you can see all the projects at the web address below," she said. Check out www.mrshutchingsweingroom.weebly.com.

Mr. Young's Seventh Grade English His classes are reading the novel *Freak the Mighty*. They are going to have a "mighty" lot of fun reading about freaks! Reading is so much fun!

The Lunchroom: The lunch ladies are in need of three more helpers for second lunch. The helpers will have to come regularly every day, and they will get free lunch. They will be excused a few minutes before the bell in their classes.

Its **CTE month** and students are learning about college and Career Awareness, an intro series of class that allows students to explore the areas of business, technology and engineering.

Dancers place in competition

The Ballroom Dance team over the last two weeks has been to two different competitions. With their formation routine Palladio, a tango, they placed third at Provo High DanceSport.

In a second competition they took second place at the Utah DanceSport Championships.

Individually they swept the finals of Swing, Cha-Cha, and Foxtrot against other schools at their level.

Maddison Eagan and Max Jamirillo took first in Swing, Jacob Benson and Araya Seamons took first in Foxtrot and John Reid and Kristy Armstrong took first in Cha-Cha, with other Dixon couples filling out the final.



Members of the award winning Dixon dance team. They recently placed in two competitions.

Buy a yearbook before April 1

Buy a Yearbook! Yearbooks should be pre ordered by April 1. The theme this year is in motion.

In March, yearbook staff will be sponsoring a lunch activity titled Peeps in a Nest. Join us for a fun food tossing game.

Also in March, the staff will be selling brain suckers at lunch because those who have bought a yearbook are very smart. The suckers will be one dollar and shaped like a brain. Students will also get to look through a draft of this year's book.

The Yearbook staff includes Mason, Katie, Jim, Moea, Logan, and Nathan. It is 30\$ of 128 fantastical pages. Get yours today! Check out our Facebook page at DMSYearbook13@Facebook.com

Sign up for blind book date

This month in the library students can fall in love with a new kind of book.

Students can sign up for a mystery companion. They then take their book and read, spending time together.

Step three is to write a review telling why you loved the book and then post your review in the library so other students can learn about this great title.

Students will be voting the end of February for their favorite book reviews. There will be prizes.

Also remember that March is Book Battle month so the time is drawing close for you to have finished reading books on the list. Get ready to compete.

Cast rehearses for annual musical, Pirates come to Dixon stage

by Mason

Rehearsals are underway and students are working hard on their parts as they prepare to bring Pirates of Penzance to the stage March 25, 26 and 28.

Tickets for the production are one dollar for students, \$2 per person or \$10 per family.



Maybelle (played by Kristy Barnhart) rehearse scenes from the musical Pirates of Penzance.

Directed by Miss Marriott with Mr. Tijerinia working with the music, the production include "Oh, Better Far to Live and Die and Poor Wandering One."

Fredric, who has spent his formative years as a junior pirate, plans to mark his 21st birthday by breaking free of the Pirate King and beginning his courtship with Mabel.

Because he was born on Feb. 29 a date that arrives every fourth year, Fredric isn't 21--and the Pirate King is still his master. Unless something gives, he is on a collision course with their new nemesis, Mabel's father.

Panther Piks

by Ashley and Haley

Grace Higginbotham loves playing Mario-Kart and going skiing in the winter. Her favorite movie or music is *Hundred Foot Journey*.

Her favorite place to hang out is Barnes and Noble. She loves eating french fries and her favorite Valentines' candy is a cookies and cream hersey bar.

Cole Mason loves to play football, baseball and basketball. His favorite movie is *Blind Side*.

His favorite place to hang out is on the football field, basketball field and basketball court. He loves to eat orange chicken and enjoys a good winter snowball fight. Valentines' favorite--chocolate.

Jim Tucker favorite activity is karate and parkour. Students can thank Jim for the great photos in their yearbook. His favorite band is The Killers.

He likes to hang out at home and loves popcorn chicken. His favorite thing to do in the winter is play video games. For Valentines he likes to get suckers.

Sophie Luke loves to play sports especially soccer. She likes all kinds of music. Her favorite movie is anything Disney and Sophie is an Avengers fan.

She loves chocolate and chocolate cake. Her favorite thing to do in the winter is to ski.

Mataio Lesa loves to play football and lacrosse. His favorite movie is *The Blind Side* and he likes to hang out a friend's houses and the park, playing sports.

Mataio's favorite food is pizza and he loves chocolate for Valentine's Day. His best thing to do in the winter is have a snowball fight.

Abby Martin likes chocolate for Valentine's Day and loves all things Disney movie. In the winter she likes to hang out with her friends.

She loves all kinds of music, is in the choir and her passion is soccer.



Grace



Jim



Cole



Sophie



Mataio

