

Playing Games--Sports

Football teams lighting up scoreboard, season off to successful start

by Ty and Rock

The seventh grade football game last Saturday was one to remember, as Provo defeated American Fork 27-7.

Running back Mossy Toa lead the attack, racking up four touchdowns to seal the deal.

The team has played four games and boasts a record of three wins and one loss. Their one loss was a tough fought game down to wire and they lost by two points.

The eighth grade team is also off to a great start although Saturday was a disappointment.

The team took on the athletic, quick team of Westlake. After a tough first half, they managed to get on scoreboard.

The eighth grade team has a very tough schedule and they have managed one win over Lone Peak.

Some of their stand out players include quarterback Andy Jean and Longa Lesa.



Football teams are off to a successful season and play on Saturdays at Provo High School.

Volleyball--bump, set spike it!

In Volleyball Club action, the Provo Avalanche had a really great season. According to Grace Porter they lost a hard fought game for the championship.

Grace enjoys playing volleyball but her passion is softball. She plays second base and centerfield for the Provo Lady Bulldogs. Her team is about to go to St. George for a tournament and she is hoping they win some games.

Grace said she spends about six hours a week practicing softball. Her favorite college team is the BYU softball team.



Ultimate frisbee competitions were held in girl's p.e.

P.E. News

The ladies have finished their physical fitness tests. They did an excellent job with this under the guidance of Mrs. Devore.

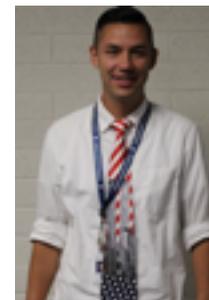
They are currently enjoying competing in ultimate frisbee.

According to Coach Hendrickson, the boys are doing a great job with a track and field unit.



Boys's p.e. work on hand offs as part of a track and field unit.

Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost. " 9/11 Never Forget



Students donate to Harvey survivors

Latinos in Action encouraged Dixon students to donate items that would go to help people in Houston, who are recovering from the Hurricane Harvey.

The service organization under the direction of Lucy Ordaz was taking donations last week.

Students donated everything from water to sock and toiletries to help those affected by the hurricane.

Some of the donations also included pet supplies. "This is a great way for students to be involved.



September Student News 2017

SBO plan spirit and red ribbon events

by Jessica

The student council has been busy planning lots of fun activities and dress up days.

This week students had a Hawaiian dress up day and this coming week there will be a mathlete versus athlete dress up day.

Dress as a geek or fan girl or guy.



Student compete in a doughnut eating contest as part of Spirit Week.

Students can wear your favorite jersey or sports team shirts that day.

There have also been some great lunch activities.

Spirit Week was held the last week in August and everyone had a super great time supporting school spirit. People dressed up all week.

On Monday, the students wore hats and sunglasses. Tuesday was Twin day. Wednesday was blackout day. Thursday was crazy hair and crazy socks. Friday was 7th vs 8th grade. Seventh graders wore blue and eighth graders wore yellow.

There were also lunch activities all week long. Including doughnuts and a pie throwing competition.

Calendar

- Sept. 19-22 PTA Book Fair
- Sept. 21 Student Parent Conferences from 2-7 p.m.
- Sept. 22 Dress Up Mathlete vs Athlete
- Sept. 25-29 Hope Week Activities

Sport spotlight-- ball is our passion

by Ty and Rock

The sports' spotlight in this issue will focus on athletes who plays many sports and do it well.

LinEatough lovescoln Johnson says basketball is his favorite but he also plays fooball. He plays for a Provo basketball team and football team bu he also plays basketball for a club team call Empire. That team is coached by Thurl Bailey.



Lincoln

He is a point guard on the basket- ball team and leads the football team as a quarterback.

“I have won a championship in football and basketball and worked hard to win eight individual basketball trophies,” Lincoln said.

He spends hours practicing and tries to go to the church five times a week to shoot.

Lincoln’s favorite team is the Uah Jazz and the Denver Broncos.

Nicolas Astle is an amazing athlete, who plays football, basketball and golf. His passion is football.

“I love all three but football is definitely my favorite,” he said. Nic plays for the eighth grade Provo team.

He starts at tight end and has won the medal of honor and a championship. He believes working hard at practice is the key to success. His favorite team is Provo.



Nicolas

Savannah Eatough plays soccer, basketball, track, cross country and swim- ming. She is passionate about soccer and swimming.

She qualified for state in swim- ming last year and won an IM read award. She plays soccer for UV United and UV Rays as basketball for Provo.

“Practice is important in being successful in sports ,” she said.



Savannah



Mean swing--tennis anyone? Dixon students practice during the week and play matches on Fridays.

Students come out swinging as tennis begins season

By Katie

Thanks to everyone who signed up for Tennis!

This week we started practicing and we had matches this Friday against our own team- mates.

Girls practice on Mon- day and Wednesday and boys practice on Tuesday and Thurs- day and matches are played Friday.

The Dixon tennis teams are hoping for a good season.

‘Campus News

by Tom and Aliyah

Students will have the opportunity at **lunch** to chill out and do some yoga. Septem- ber 22. We are having Jai come do Yoga with the students who want to participate during lunch. Students should also check their lunch balances.

In **eighth grade science** with Ms. Humphries, we are talking about the dimen- sions of atoms. To get an idea of how small things are, we had a microscope lab. Favorite things to look at: a bees mouth, fly legs, and live bugs.

Turn in your box tops to help buy equipment for Dixon. Get great prizes for the more **box tops** students turn in. Students and teachers can participate in the competition because there is even a prize for teachers.

Mr. Harris’ art class is drawing a photograph they brought into class. Using a grid his students will then draw the picture 1-½ times larger than the original. Any com- pleted artwork for art classes will be hung up on the art wall.

Mrs. Vassau’s English students are working on reading a short story called “Flowers for Algernon” and learning about Human Intelligence.

Mrs. Moody’s English students are learning about people living in the dust bowl. They are reading a class novel “Al Capone Does my Shirts”. They will be working on a research project.

In her honor’s English classes, they have been reading 1930’s novels in book clubs. They will also be completing research projects about a real person during the Great Depression and making a short video piece about them.



Students in eighth grade science learn about the di- mensions of an atom and participate in a microscope lab.

STEM classes have had two activities where they used the engineering Design Cycle to build a tower. Their second activity ws using Legos to build a structure identical to the model. Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Hill said these were great activities.

In **Digital Media**, students are learning about Black Light photography. They are learning how to use the manual mode on the cameras and playing with glow sticks. You can see their work and any future work on the bulletin outside room 100.

Yearbooks are on sale. With a great staff this year, pictures are being taken for the yearbook. The theme this year is Legends and the staff includes Tom Swin- dler, Libby Jaynes, Campbell Gordon, Cameron Gor- don, Katie Chambers and Kiersten Hansen.

Mrs. Moody’s media class shoots a commercial for the PTA using a green screen.



Panther Piks



Paris

by Kiersten and Grace

Parris Hoffman is a seventh grader whose favorite superhero is Dr. Strange. If she had a superpower, she would have the ability to talk to and understand animals.

Parris' favorite class is CCA Facs. Her favorite thing to eat while reading/doing homework is Goldfish crackers. Parris loves playing with her friends in the fall.

Ethan Palfreyman's favorite superhero is Spiderman. If he had a superpower it would be to communicate with animals. His favorite class is Ballroom.

Ethan's favorite thing to eat while reading/doing homework is Nutella. His favorite activity in the fall is to go to Cornbelly's, do mazes, and spend time with family.

Nick Robinson's favorite superhero is Spiderman. If he had a superpower it would be to be able to fly. His favorite class is Art.

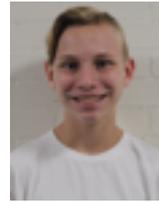
His favorite thing to eat while reading/doing homework is Chips and/or candy. Nick's favorite activity in the fall is jumping in piles of leaves and looking at the colorful trees.

Alyssa's Thurman favorite superhero is Superman. If she had a superpower it would be Flight. Her favorite classes are Math and Choir. Her favorite thing to eat while reading/doing homework is String cheese and Chocolate milk.

Alyssa's favorite activities in the fall are Corn mazes, carving pumpkins, and Thanksgiving dinner with her cousins.



Ethan



Nick



Alyssa

Library Hours change this year

Library hours are 8:45-3:15 Monday; 7:45-3:15 Tuesday-Thursday. Watch for fun reading activities and reading contests. Theme for this year is 'Once Upon a Time' and there will be fun activities for this year.

TSA meets Mondays

The Technology Student Association held their opening social last week with barbeque in Mr. Wardle's room.

The TSA is a fun student group that competes with technology, robots and also does a school service project.

They will be attending a state competition and a national competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

During the summer, Mr. Wardle took a dozen students to nationals where they had a good time competing and learning about technology.

Fall play is heroic

Mark your calendars for Nov. 2, 3 and 6 for the fall play. This year's play is titled The SuperHero Ultra Inferno.

There will also be a second shorter play. It begins at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 per family or \$3 for students, \$2 with a student ID.

The play is a comedy about superheroes and their adventures. Nicole Marriott will direct.

The second play is an adaptation of House of Celebrities. Rehearsals for the plays are underway after school and Marriott is excited to work with some really talented students.

Auditions for the school musical will be in November.



Students work with counselors to create posters for Hope Week Sept. 25-29.

Music groups rehearse for concerts

By Jessica

Dixon Middle School's Concert Choir is ready to perform. Mr. T said it best, "Choir is 100 voices strong." Second and fourth period choirs will come together to perform on Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 pm.

They will be singing The Autumn Reel, Swing Down Ezekiel, Homeward Bound, and Go the Distance. The choir would love your support and cannot wait to perform!

Dixon's Concert Band will be performing on the 17th of October. The Jazz band will also perform that night at 6:30pm. Come and see their amazing talents.

Under direction of a Jennifer Lacayo, a new director, the Dixon Middle School Orchestra will be showing off their skills on the 11th of October.



Jazz band students rehearse in preparation for their first concert of the year. These students meet each morning at 7 to play.

Student Life

Squad plans activities for week of Sept. 25-29

By Jessica

Hope week is to celebrate hope and promote suicide prevention throughout our school.

Students introduce the school to the Hope Squad and let them know that the group is here to help students who might need someone to talk to when life gets difficult.

Hope Squad is planning activities that will remind students that there is always hope, even when things are tough, and that suicide prevention is everyone's responsibility and that suicide is not an option.

Hope Week is coming Sept. 25-29. Monday will be yellow wristbands, which students will receive in PAWS. They are encouraged to wear them throughout the week.

Tuesday is wear yellow day, which is the color of Hope with Wednesday high five day:

Show friendship and support for your fellow classmates and teachers by giving them High Fives all day.

Thursday is Fake an Injury Day and Friday-Sports shirt/Jersey Day. Also, on Tuesday and Wednesday during both lunches, students can write nice notes to their classmates and teachers to say "Thank You for being my Life Saver".

Notes will be delivered in PAWS on Friday with a Life Saver candy.

Author of popular books to visit Dixon

On November 7th, author Jennifer Jenkins is coming to Dixon for an visit.

She is the author of Clanless, Fearless, and Nameless. The talented writer is also the co founder of Teen Author Boot Camp which is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting authorship and literacy.

She loves ancient battle warfare and loves teaching kids to appreciate George Washington and other historical heroes. This October find Mrs. Moody and sign up to meet Jennifer Jenkins!

Students devour waffles at reading celebration

Students were recognized for reading hundreds of pages during the summer with a waffle party during iTime.

Mrs. Moody hosted the party for students turning in a summer reading log with 1200 or more pages of reading. Some 40 students attended the event.



Outstanding gold readers with thousands of pages received a book.



**Cierra Peters
Science**



**Jennifer Lacayo
orchestra**



**Travis Patten
special ed**



**Tori Henderson
History, math**

New teachers, new faces...

by **Katie and Campbell**

Lisa Robison

Subjects taught: Science; Background: Grew up near Lake Tahoe, Nevada, Bachelors from BYU in School Health and minor in Biology. five kids that all go to school in Provo School District; Favorite Book: Wonder; Hobbies or interest: Likes to water and snow ski, hike, cycle, mountain biking, run, watch TV, and eat ice cream; Likes about Dixon: Loves the teachers and the students

Alex Wheatley

Subjects Taught: Functional Literacy 7&8, and Literature Support 7&8; From Memphis, TN. Wife teaches 4th grade in Orem, earned his B.S. in Communication Disorders from BYU and M.Ed. in Special Education from University of Idaho; Previous teaching: Resource and upper elementary grades in OremHobbies: Reading, Movies, sports, designing things; Book: The Bourne Identity

Movie: Back to the Future; Likes about Dixon: The teams of teachers; they are all very knowledgeable and willing to help

Kahea Clark

Counselor's office; Bio: He is married to Josephine who teaches at Franklin. I am the youngest of eight children and was born in Hawaii. I completed my undergraduate work at BYU and am currently pursuing my Master's at the University of Utah; Previous teaching: Worked as a mentor for UVU Student-Athletes; Hobbies: Long walks on the beach; Book: Bud, not Buddy; Movie: Space Jam; Likes about Dixon: Dixon has a wonderful family atmosphere. The diversity of students, staff, and ideas make this place wonderful to be apart of.

Leanne Poduska

Education: BA masters in Education with Library media focus; Background: Born in Auberry, CA (little town) Moved to Utah in 2013, married and now has five kids; Favorite Book: Ender's Game, Beauty, and Harry Potter series; Hobbies: Hiking, Reading, and Road Trips; Likes about Dixon: Friendly people, students and staff.

Shyrel Petersen

Subjects Taught: US history and World cultures; Bio: Grew up in Mapleton, Utah. Earned my associate's from UVU through concurrent enrollment while in high school. Finished her Masters degree of Arts in Education; Previous Teaching Experience: Taught US history at DMS then taught resource math and English at Payson Jr, High School now back at Dixon; Hobbies: Loves the outdoors, hiking, kayaking and loves to play with dog Koda; Favorite Book: Loves to read new things

Favorite Movie: Loves Disney and Pixar animated movies; Likes about Dixon: Favorite thing about Dixon is the students

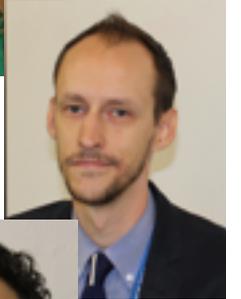
Mitchell Smith

Subjects Taught: US History; Bio: Born in Provo, raised in American Fork. Attended American Fork High School and graduated from Utah Valley University with a degree in History Education. Oldest of four boys; Previous Teaching: Taught Seminary at Lone Peak, American Fork, Lehi Hobbies: Loves watching John Wayne movies, traveling, reading, and watching BYU sports Favorite book: 1776 by David McCullough; favorite movie: Ben Hur (the 1996 movie, not the new one!) Likes about Dixon: The school is only as good as its students, and Dixon students are amazing!



**Lisa Robison
science**

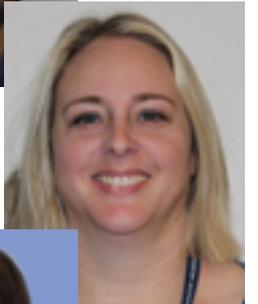
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**Leanne Poduska
Library**



**Sheryl Petersen
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**Mitchell Smith
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top tunes

A list of the top music singles and CD's according to iTunes:
"Too Good at Good-byes"-- Sam Smith
"Look What you Made me Do "--Taylor Swift
"Thnder" --Imagine Dragons
"Sorry Not Storry" --Demi LaVato
"Believer"--Imagine Dragons



Mrs. Moody poses for a picture at comic con last year.



IN A GAMING WORLD...

by Carter and Connor

In the gaming world there is three top games for you to check out.

1. Rocket League
2. Star Wars Battlefront
3. Portal

Rocket League

This is a game that combines racing and soccer. You have five minutes to score as many goals as possible. You can get this on PS4, Xbox One, and Nintendo Switch.

Star Wars Battlefront

This game is a first person shooter. The aim of the game is to kill the opposite team. You can gre this game on PS4, Xbox One, and PC

Portal

This game is a puzzle game. To beat the game you have to finish all the obstacles. You can get it on PC, PS3, and Xbox 360.

Comic Con this week, get your fandom on

By Jillyn

Students are excited for this years Comic Con held on September 21-23. Some of the stars that they are excited for are, Christopher Lloyd, Jess Harnell, and Elijah Wood.

Readers are looking forward to seeing are, Brandon Mull, Brandon Sanderson, Richard Paul Evans, and Sara B. Larson.

Mrs. Moody said, "I am really excited for my photoshoot with Elijah Wood. I got my hobbit feet, my ring, and am looking forward to dressing up like a hobbit for a day."

So what is Comic Con and what do you do there? It's all about being a fan according to Mrs. Moody whether that is movies, games, tv shows or books. There are vendors, panel discussions and presentations as well as photo and autograph opportunities. There is also a cos-play and costume competition.

Many local authors take the opportunity to meet with their fans including Brandon Mull, the author of the Fablehaven series and the Beyonders; Richard Paul Evans, who wrote Michael Vey, The Christmas Box, and The Gift along with Sara Larson, author of Dark Breaks the Dawn and The Defy Trilogy and Brandon Sanderson the author of Mistborn, The Stormlight Archive, Reckoners Trilogy, and is the co-author of The Wheel of Time Series.

Fashion scene: What's cool for fall

It's back to school time and we know you are so excited about that. This is from my favorite fashion bloggers and will get you super inspired as you pull together your fall outfits.

Some fall basics are jeans, leggings, demin jacket, ripped jeans, comfy sweaters and sneakers.

Fall outfit idea #1 put together skinny jeans with ballet flats and a comfy sweater in brown or orange.

Fall outfit idea #2 sweatshirt, boots, read scarf and skinny ripped jeans.

Fall outfit idea #3 dressing up? Try a swing dress in autumn colors or some rolled up jeans with a comfy sweatshirt.

Hero Up Matching Game

Match the hero up quotes to your favorite super hero. No internet please!!!

A. Wonder Woman B. Spiderman Homecoming C. Thor D. Captain America E. Batman F. Thor G. Avengers H. Firefly

1. "So to become an avenger are there like trials or an interview?"
2. "Who ever holds this hammer, if he be worthy, shall possess the power of..."
3. "If you're nothing without the suit you shouldn't have it!"
4. "Do I look to be in a gaming mood?"
5. It's not about deserve, it's about what you believe. And I believe in love.
6. "This drink, I like it. I'll have another."
7. I will fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.
8. "It's not who I am underneath, it's what I do that defines me."
9. "Oh, curse your sudden but inevitable betrayal."
10. "Enough! You are, all of you are beneath me! I am a god, you dull creature, and I will not be bullied by.."
11. "I don't want to kill anyone. I don't like bullies. I don't care where they come from."
12. "Genius billionaire playboy philanthropist."

Funny Pages

Super hero Jokes

Where is Spiderman's home page?
On the world wide web.
What is Thor's favorite food?
Thor-tillas!

