

Sports Center

Hoopsters win nail biter, season starts

by Rock and Ty

The seventh grade basketball team kicked off the season with a win over UVB.

Jamison Harward carried the team through a nail biter of a game eventually leading up to a 6 point win in the fourth quarter.

As the season starts off all the players are very excited to get back to together and play with each other again hopefully winning some basketball games this year.

The boys eighth grade basketball team line up is Lincoln Johnson, Vae Soifua, Ty Larsen, Jr. Higby, Shelton Lane, Cooper Christensen, Evan Jarmen and Rockwell Magleby.

This year the team is looking good. They had their first game on Wednesday and lost in a nail biter by five points to one of the better teams in the league.

They lost one of their key players Rockwell Magleby five minutes into the game with an ankle injury, he could not return into the game.

They had some issues with foul trouble as well. It looks like it might be a good season for the eighth grade Bulldogs, who are hard at work on their skills to be successful.



Kaitlyn



Rockwell



Brock

Sports Spot-- let it snow, let's board

by Sean and Ty

This month sports spotlight features students who like winter sports.

Brock Porter likes to play football, baseball, tennis and chess, but his passion is Snowboarding.

He doesn't really play any position, except for "shred-ing the Mountain".

He's not on a team but he "plans on hitting the mountain soon" and to prepare for snowboarding he listens to pump up music and gets hyped from listening to it.

His favorite pro snowboarder is Travis Rice. He also likes to go boating, do winter sports, and chillin' with his mamma.

Rockwell Magleby likes to play basketball, football, and tennis, but he especially likes to play basketball. He plays any position in

and for his team he gets the most blocks per game. His team is 0-1 in their first game.

He plays six days a week practicing by himself if he needs to, to get prepared for his games. His favorite college team is Duke University, and he also likes to buy shoes.

more on next page..Kaitlyn



Girls P.E. has started a volleyball unit.



Students donate to project teddy bear

by Sean

The students council is hoping to collect 4,000 stuffed toys as part of Project Teddy Bear.

These will be donated to children in crisis. Students can donate stuffed bears in the main office until Dec. 12. Project Teddy Bear is part of The Bank of American Fork's 18th annual Project Teddy Bear is going on, bring in new stuffed animals for children in crisis.

These will be given to the Family Support and Treatment Center in Orem, the Family Support Center in Midvale, House of Hope in Salt Lake City and Provo, the Family Connection Center in Layton, and The Greenhouse Center for Growth and Learning



Campbell and Katie encourage students to donate to Project Teddy Bear.

in Pleasant Grove. "This is a great opportunity for students to help others," said Mrs. Gaylord, student council advisor.

The student council has also planned various dress up days and will have a lip sync contest this week. Friday will be ugly Christmas/tshirt day and Dec. 15 will be Santa Hat Day.

There will be an oven mitts lunch activity on Dec. 14. Students have also participated in red and green dress up day and a jiggle bell lunch event.

Calendar

- Dec. 12 Orchestra Concert @6:30 p.m.
- Field Trip to Nutcracker Ballet
- Dec. 13 Band Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- Oven Mitt Lunch Activity
- Dec. 15 Early Out Santa Hat Day
- Dec. 16-Jan. 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 9 Guitar Concert @6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 12 End of Second Term Dixon Science Fair

LIA collects items to help homeless

by Braxton

Members of the Latinos in Action organization are asking for donations of warm clothing including gloves and socks to benefit the homeless.

According to advisor Lucy Ordaz, the annual collection benefits those who are in shelters and homeless. LIA students will travel to Salt Lake City Dec. 16 to donate the items and do service with the homeless.



Round campus news

by Katie and Campbell

TSA will be hosting their annual Christmas Gingerbread house activity Monday, Dec. 11 in Mr. Wardle's room. Students will be designing and decorating gingerbread buildings.

Mrs. Moody's English classes are reading Dicken's The Christmas Carol and will be writing an essay as part of that unit. They also created some amazing winter poetry and presenting it to the class in Google Slides. Her students also completed biography book reports.

In **Mrs. Moody's digital media class**, they recently enjoyed a guest speaker, Aaron Bristow works for the LDS church creating stop motion, special effects and other media projects.

He talked to them about his background, schooling and his job then also answered questions about stop motion and animation.

Her classes recently created stop motion public service announcement videos alongwith infographic posters and print pieces to address a social issue.

Their projects addressed everything from air pollution ti healthy lifestyles to heroes who don't wear capes

Their stop motion pieces included white-board animation, clay and paper animation using multiple layers of plexiglass.

Mr. Young and Mr. Lyman's seventh grade english classes are also reading The Christmas Carol and writing essays.

In **8th Grade Science, Ms. Robison** class, students are learning about the Law of Conservation of Mass. In This activity students are using molecular model kits to make the reactants of a chemical reactions.

Then they disassemble them and reform them into the products, demonstrating that there are the same number and types of atoms in both the reactants and products.



A special guest for history classes last week taught students about Native American culture.



Students in Mrs. Moody's digital media class listen to Aaron Bristow, who does special effects for LDS media. They asked questions about stop motion, animation and green screen.

Sport spotlight continues...

Kaitlyn Holman plays basketball and soccer but her passion is hoops. She plays the post position for the Provo Bantam team.

"We have won our first game together. However, the season just started, but we hope to do well," said Kaitlyn. When I was younger my team got to play at half time of a BYU women's game and that was cool to win our mini ten minute game.

She added the team works well together and is practicing hard. In previous seasons, our team hasn't lost any games. "I think to be successful you need to practice often, focus and pay attention," she continued.

Her favorite pro team is the Harlem Globe Trotters. She also likes biking, theatre, cooking, drawing and plays the piano.

Local author visits to discuss reading, writing in iTime

by Cameron

Ryan Sagers is the author of the two books, he writes music, and he is terrible at chess.

Ryan Sagers will be coming to Dixon in January and will talk about his new book, "The World's Greatest Chocolate-Covered Pork Chops."

The book is about a twelve year old girl named Zoey on a mission to start her own restaurant.

Ryan Sagers will also talk about reading and writing as



Ryan Sagers

well as the processes in writing a book. It will be held in the library during itime. Applications are available after winter break.

Sign up now for Battle of the Books

Sign up for battle of the books! All you have to do is find 3 friends to be on your team, and name your group. Then you assign 5 books to each of your teammates.

All students have to do now is read, and remember some of the main facts in the book, and submit your team's registration. Enjoy the competition in March 2018 to earn points and win prizes.

P.E. Notes

In PE, the boys are doing a basketball unit right now.

Following the annual free throw competition, the top shooters are Lincoln Johnson, Braden Shaw, Micah Garner, Bailey Hunter, Isaac Terry, Luke Allen, Jr Higby, Cooper Roscher, Benny Jensen, Cole Disbrow, Isaac Jessop, Kaden Craft, Scott Paul and Andrew Glen .

In girls' p.e, the ladies have finished a basketball tournament and now working on their volleyball skills.

Under Ms. DeVore the girls are working hard on their passing skills and to learn the rules.

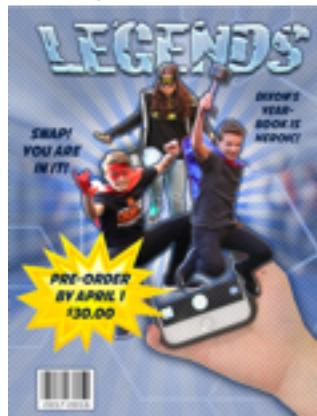
Ladies take b-ball court by storm

The girls' eighth grade Bantam basketball team has started their season off with a win. They are led by coaches Greg Wright and Kurt Edwards.

The players include Jessica Edwards, Kali Wright, Kylee Biorge, Jennifer Hertzil, Katelynn Holman, Sierra Walker, and Tyan Albert.

The girls' seventh grade Bantam is coached by coach Bobby. The two teams work with Grind Athletics every Thursday and can't wait to get into their seasons.

Is a yearbook on your Christmas list?



Braxton Anderson

So far the Dixon yearbook staff has come up with something good. The theme this year is superheroes, and the title of the yearbook is Legends.

Not long ago, the yearbook staff hosted a dress up day where you could dress up as your favorite superhero. Those interested in a yearbook should pre-order theirs before April 1st. They will be available in the main office or online for \$30.

Some students working hard on this yearbook include Katie Chambers, Campbell Gordon, Cameron Gordon, and Libby Jaynes.

The staff is also looking for pictures related to sports, and you can email pictures of baseball, soccer, swimming, skiing, and more to Moodyenglish2013@gmail.com.



Honors Society attends Nutcracker Ballet

by Jessica

Members of the Honors society attended a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet. Thanks to parents who made this possible by being chaperones. The Utah Regional Ballet performance of the Nutcracker on Dec. 12 is an annual field trip.

The honors advisory council recently met to plan activities for the rest of the school year. Students on the advisory council include Olivia Chambers, Jaxon Humpheries, Kaleb Alhors, Kiersten Hansen and Rachel Fale.

They are also working to design t-shirts for the members. They had their first service activity in November and created some 100 letter and cards for service personnel for Christmas.

Dixon students excel at stock market trading

In the annual Stock Market game with Mr. Starling, Dixon students did very well and will be submitting to Investwrite soon. Out of 366 teams, Dixon finished 9th, 18th, 36th, 46, 53, 68, 84. Eleven teams were profitable and six teams were negative.



Zoe



Truman



Sophie



Tyler

Panther Piks

by Kiersten and Grace

This month Panther Piks features four Dixon students and they all like superheroes.

Tyler Blevins is a seventh grader here at Dixon. Three of his hobbies are Wrestling, reading, and playing the piano.

He thinks that the best part about Dixon is the teachers and says that they are really nice.

Tyler's favorite superhero is the Hulk. His favorite part about the winter holidays is seeing all of his relatives. Over winter break, Tyler plans on going sledding and Skiing.

Sophie Miller is a Seventh grader. Three of her hobbies are; painting, cooking, and dancing. She says that the best part about Dixon is the teachers.

Sophie's favorite superhero is Wonder woman. She thinks that the best part about winter in the snow. Over winter break, Sophie plans on watching tons of movies with all of her friends.

Zoe Fischer is an eighth grader who likes to play the piano, play tennis and to sew. She says the best thing about Dixon is her friends.

Her favorite superhero is Wonder Woman. She loves the holiday spirit at Christmas time and says her plans for winter break include going sledding with her "besties".

Truman Sothern is an eighth grader and a member of the ballroom dance team. He likes Legos, Minecraft and biking. His favorite class is creative coding.

His favorite superhero is Batman and he hopes to spend time with his family and sleep during winter break.

Student Life

Choirs, bands rock the season

by Megan

The band concert will feature members of the faculty rocking out to Christmas Music.

Panther band, percussion, beginning band, jazz band will perform in a concert held on Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm under the direction of Christy Giblon.

Choir will be performing at the senior center, also doing a shared experience with the Provo High School choirs on Dec. 14.

The concert that night is at 6:30 pm under the direction of Jeremiah Tijerina. Concert choir and seventh grade honors and other choirs will be performing.

Orchestra will be performing on Dec. 12 t 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Jennifer Lacayo. They will be playing seasonal favorites.

The Ballroom Dance team performed at Provo High and held a social at Dixon on Dec. 7. They will hold a cotillion at Dixon on January 17 according to director Nicole Marriott.

Bands, choirs and orchestra will perform this week.



Gifts for Christmas:electronics and socks

by Aliya

Here are some great ideas for gifts for both guys and gals this holiday? What tops your list?

Shot tracker is a new piece of tech that allows your to work on your basketball skills. It comes with two sensors, one that hooks to the ball and the other that goes in a special wrist or armband.

It allows players to see how many shots they make from a specific position and also comes with work outs to help you improve your skills.

If your are really into that sport you can also ask for a mini basketball pump or an LED basketball.

One of the hottest gifts for the ladies is Instax mini instant camera and if you get it in a bundle you will have all the supplies you need to get great photos of your friends and fun.

Ladies, wouldn't you love to find some 3-D socks under the tree or a pair of cool headphones. Of course makeup, makeup brushes and iPhones are on the list.

There is also the latest gaming system called Switch, but this item might be hard to find as many stores have sold out. From Nintendo it's a gaming system that you can play at home and on the go.

Then there is my favorite gift which is gift cards and money. Many responses to are survey had that on the list. Gift cards to amazon and Google Play are the most popular but cards for movies and to sodalicious are also popular.

Gift Ideas For Teen Girls



Math teacher is super heroic

by Kiersten

Mr. Smith is one of Dixon's amazing math teachers. His favorite color is blue and his favorite superhero is either Batman or Iceyman.

His favorite hobby is to read and his favroites books include The lord of the Rings series. Mr. Smith's favorite song is the "Stone In Love" by Journey.

A few more awesome facts about Mr. Smith are that his favorite word is groovalicious and his favorite day of the week is Friday.

His favorite place to go on a vacation to is Disneyland and his favorite animal is an Orang-utang but to be more specific, it is King Louis.

Mr. Smith's favorite decade is the 80's. He has been teaching since 1987. He has been teaching for 31 years in total and 26 years here at Dixon.



Mr. Smith

Christmas in the DownUnder

By Grace

A tribute to Stanger Things Sung to the tune of "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"

It's beginning to look a lot like the Upside Down Everywhere Will Goes, There's letters on Joyce's Wall

Lights hanging everywhere for all, And we don't know if Joyce has gone crazy!

It's beginning to look a lot like the Upside Down Monsters roaming everywhere, But the greatest thing to see is that Will is with his family And with all his friends.



Congratulations to Libby Jaynes, video, and Kaitlyn Post, photography, winners in the Reflections contest.

'Round campus news continued

They have also been to balance chemical equations and presenting science fair project boards.

In Mrs. Humphreys eighth grade science is learning about the Law of Conservation of Mass. In this activity students are using molecular model kits to make the reactants of a chemical reactions.

Mrs. Haacke and Mrs. Gaylord are excited to have a guest speaker coming on Dec. 14 for the seventh grade STEM classes.

Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Hill along with their students recently learned about chemistry and explosions from BYU students. This was a great experience for their honors and STEM students.

Mrs. Drussel's honors students were recently featured in The Provo Way and on the school district's website for their work with the novel Fahrenheit 451. They went five days without technology after learning about a society where books are burned and people are obsessed with technology.

Students in the Honors classes are now presenting their science projects in their science classes. There are some fantastic experiments and engineering projects underway.

Science students prepare to compete

by Katie

Dixon will be taking a group of 15 science olympiad students to Snow College in February and University of Utah in March for the Region and State competitions.

Students are now working on the engineering projects which include building a hovercraft, a tower, a roller coaster, and a rubber-band powered plane.

Soon, students will begin training for labs and tests in many areas such as optics, anatomy, weather, stars, and much more.

Science Olypaid students work with Mrs. Tippets to design a rubber band powered plane. Mr. Lockwood is also working with students on various science projects.

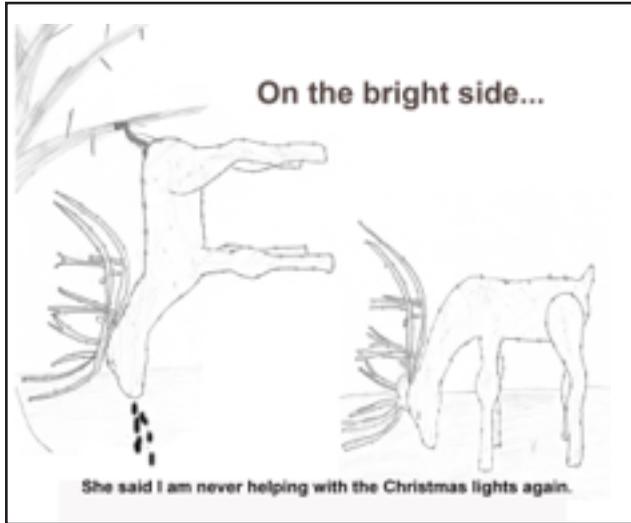


The Cartoon Page

Why did Santa bring 22 deer to WalMart?

Because what he wanted to buy cost \$20 bucks but he brought extra in case he needed some more doe.

In the Middle by Ty



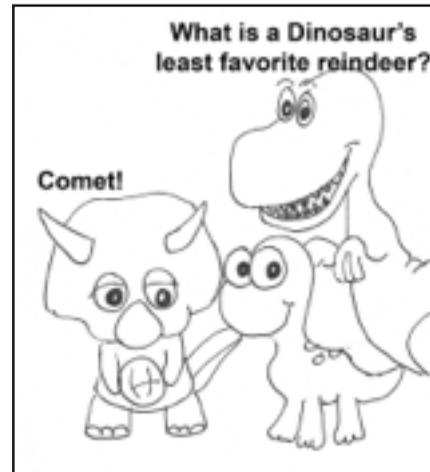
Dog News by Evan



Just Laugh by Carter



Dino-mites



HOLIDAY FAVS INCLUDES STAR WARS, FERDINAND FLICKS

by Jillian

D.C.'s Justice League opened with strong competition with Marvel's Thor, but the film holds its own and for once, writers actually came through with a strong script.

The film has a great cast as Batman (Ben Affleck) is gathering a team to combat an alien force coming to earth because Superman has died. He is joined by Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), Aqua Man (Jason Momoa) and the Flash (Ezra Miller). Eventually they are all rescued by a resurrected Superman (Henry Cavill).

Directed by Zach Snyder with some help from Josh Whedon the film balances action with humor.

If you don't have your Star Wars tickets, it might be tough to find them as many theaters are already sold out for the week before Christmas as fans anticipate the next installment titled The Last Jedi.

Rey is back along with BB-8 and more than five seconds with Mark Hamill. Creators are keeping the plot close but The Last Jedi, the Skywalker saga continues as the heroes of The Force Awakens join the galactic legends in an epic adventure that unlocks age-old mysteries of the Force and shocking revelations of the past.

Ferdinand is an animated comedy based on the adventures of a giant bull. This one promises to be pretty funny.

SUPERHEROES by Jillian



On your book shelf for Christmas

What is on your Christmas list of great books to read? Something from John Flanagan or Marissa Meyer? Want to curl up with a thrilling, adventure read from a new author?

Santa can grant that wish. New from author Marissa Meyer is the book *Renegade*. Secret identities, powers, vengeance and justice.

The Renegades are humans with extraordinary abilities, who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned.

Nova has a reason to hate the Renegades, and she is on a mission for vengeance. As she gets closer to her target, she meets Adrian, a Renegade boy who believes in justice and in Nova.

New from Rick Riordan is *Magnus Chase, Gods of Asgard—Ship of the Dead*. Magnus Chase, a once-homeless teen, is a resident of the Hotel Valhalla and one of Odin's chosen warriors. As the son of Frey, the god of summer, fertility, and health, Magnus isn't naturally inclined to fighting.

Magnus faces his most dangerous trial yet. His cousin, Annabeth, recruits her boyfriend, Percy Jackson, to give Magnus some pointers, but will his training be enough?

In Emily R. King's thrilling fantasy debut, an orphan girl blossoms into a warrior, summoning courage and confidence in her fearless quest to upend tradition and overthrow an empire in *The Hundreth Queen* series.

As an orphan ward of the Sisterhood in the ancient Tarachand Empire, eighteen-year-old Kalinda is plagued by fevers, she's an unlikely candidate for even a servant's position, let alone a courtesan or wife. A visit from the tyrant Rajah Tarek disrupts Kalinda's life. Within hours, she is ripped from the comfort of her home ordered to fight to the death.