

# Sports Center

## P.E. news: class champions named

Dixon girls are beginning fitness testing, which tests the students cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility.

The first sport girls will be learning is volleyball. Students are excited to learn how to play this fun, social competitive sport. We would like to welcome a student teacher, Ms. Franks, from BYU.

Boys P.E. is currently competing in futsal and recently finished a floor hockey unit.

The class champions for second semester are 1st Period the team of Davila, Guitierrez, Magleby, Ruiz and Shaw; 2nd period Adams, Geertsen, Monge, Salazar and Wren; 3rd period Girrot, Miles, Rowell and Peterson; 5th period DeSena, Mahlquist, Rodriquez and Walters; 6th period Caballero, Dunn, Larbie and Rodas and Valdespino; 7th period Denis Polanco, Lino, Ramos and Sotelo.

Other P.E. records have been updated.

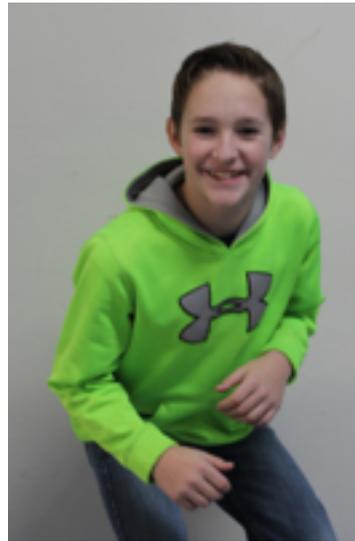
The top three finishers in each category are listed: softball throw Tyler Zeyer, Logan Wheeler and Kayjay Brady; Sit-ups Seth Gutzman, Tyler Belvins and Luke Johnson.

Other record updates include: One mile run Orlando Bell, Cole Disbrow and Drew Nielsen; push-ups Cole Disbrow, Isaac Barajas and Ismael Vazquez; Trunk Flexion Cole Disbrow, Andrew Glenn and Jose Perez.

Boys have been working very hard according to Coach Hendrickson.



**Provo Boys' basketball team takes it to the hoop as the season reaches midpoint. They are working hard to have a successful season and earn their way into post season play.**



**Tyler recently finished a strong wrestling season.**

## Wrestler wins on the mat

Tyler Blevins like music, soccer, wrestling and tennis.

His passion is wrestling and he has picked up enough gold medals to prove it.

"We won the Westlake Hammer at that tournament and that was a big moment," this year he said.

He added Provo wrestlers finished the season strong.

"I practice three days a week for an hour and half each day," he said. He has been wrestling for almost eight years.

His favorite college/pro team is Champions Wrestling.

"Wrestling is very hard, but it pay off," Tyler added.



# Panther Pride

## Kindness activities matter, count acts of friendship

By Kiemi, Lia and Kesslyn

Last week the Kindness Club sponsored a fundraiser for the places affected by the hurricanes including Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Puerto Rico.

This activity was one of many during Kindness Week sponsored by the Kindness Club under the directions of Counselor Kahea Clark.

Clark said, "the money will be used to help rebuild playgrounds. Thanks to everyone for donating your spare change!" He continued that during the week \$40 was collected.

"This is not a whole lot but still impactful as many did contribute whatever coins they had. We are thankful for all the staff and students who participated in our dress up days as well as those who completed the kindness challenges."

The theme for the week was "Ride the Kindness Wave" and students dressed as hippies, in their favorite sports wear and also as surfer dudes.

Students were also encouraged to participate in a kindness challenge and do something every day.

The Kindness Club also sponsors mix up lunches which encourage friendship.



**Kindness club members Chantelle and Taisha place signs in teachers' rooms for Kindness Week.**

## Leadership plans Friend Week

by Katie and Olivia

Student leadership is busy getting ready to sell friendship flowers for Valentine's Day.

Students can purchase flowers beginning on Feb. 8 at lunch time. These will be delivered to their friends.

There will also be dress up days and lunch-time activities. Friendship Week will run from Feb. 8-13.

They are also preparing for Boys' Week and Girls Week in March.

## GAME BYTES: TOP RATED FUN by Keith

This issue features some of my favorite top rated games, so check it out!

### Minecraft

This game is a sandbox game, a game where you can make anything you want! *Minecraft* was originally named 'Cave Game' in the beta, or early stages of launch. It was officially released on the 18th of November in 2011. The game is most known for its blocky graphics, and different modes of gameplay.

Players can play in survival mode, where they have to gather resources and maintain health and hunger. You can also play in creative mode, where you can fly, have unlimited resources, and other perks.

One of the greatest things about *Minecraft*, is its 'modding scene,' meaning that players can design worlds, make new textures, add new items, create new ways to play the game, and everything more!

### Battleblock Theater

This game can be found on steam for PC gaming, and on consoles too. *Battleblock Theater* is a platformer game, kind of like Mario. It is about creatures with shapes for heads, and they are on a mission to save their friend Hatty Hattington! Players can earn gems in the levels they play, and can use their gems to unlock more weapons and new characters.

The gameplay of this game is very interesting, and encourages community creations! Players can create their own levels and playlists that can be published, and free to play by everyone. *Battleblock Theater* also has single player and multiplayer levels, so you can play with your friends, or with other people online!

### Portal

The *Portal* games are very popular, and have become legends among the gaming community. *Portal* is a game about a test subject in an abandoned laboratory.

The player has a portal gun, which can make portals that the player can go through. This game is a puzzle solving game, and some levels are harder than others.

## More from the sports center...

by Ty and Lincoln

This issue features some of the best Dixon has to offer on the basketball court.

**Evan Jarman** is the cornerstone to the 8th grade basketball team. He plays basketball and lacrosse but basketball is his passion and he plays power forward.

He said the team "hasn't reached their full potential." Evan has been playing for over 5 years and he says the way he prepares for each game is practice, practice, practice. He loves watching BYU play ball and he just wants everyone to know that "team work makes the dream work"

**Kali Wright** a WNBA all-star in the making, and a key to the 8th grade girls basketball team. She loves playing basketball and soccer.

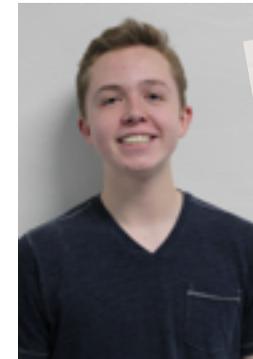
In basketball she plays guard and post and in soccer she likes to play defense. She says last year her team went all the way to the championship and won! Their team is doing amazing this season too, they have only lost one game.

Kali says that to prepare for her games she listens to music and practices a lot. She's been playing basketball for eight years and loves the BYU Cougars.

**Isaac Jessop** a great all around player. He likes to play basketball, football, and lacrosse.

His favorite is basketball, and he loves to play small forward when he's on the court. This season Isaac says his team is doing "okay".

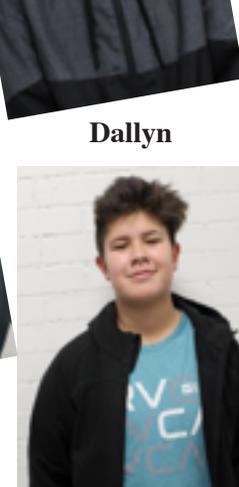
To prepare for games he shoots, trains, and lifts weights. He's been playing for four years and his favorite teams include the Los Angeles Lakers.



Evan



Kali



Isaac

## Spanish students create slide shows about family

Students in Mrs. Zurita's Spanish 1 classes are learning about family.

They made google slides introducing and describing characteristics about their families. The presentations were done in Spanish.



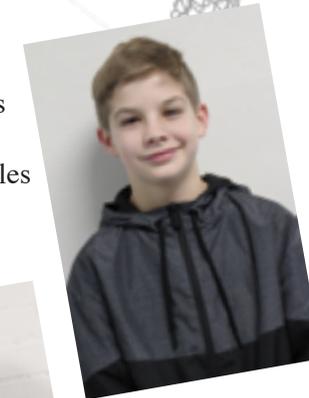
Students and Dr. Bones who are competing in the Sea Perch competition. They are designing and engineering underwater robots.

**Dallyn Mucune** is a star basketball, baseball, football and soccer, but is most passionate about basketball and football.

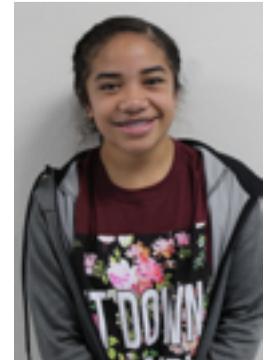
He plays safety in football and everywhere in basketball. And he has won city league baseball and bantam championships in fourth grade.

To prepare for games he said, "I shoot on my hoop at my house and I jump on the tramp."

Dallyn has been playing his whole life. His favorite teams are the Bulls and the Spurs.



Dallyn



Makeili

**Makeili Ika** is a star basketball and volleyball player.

Her favorite sport is basketball, she plays point guard and is #9.

Last year her team won a tournament, and this year her bantam team is undefeated.

To prepare for a game she said, "I listen to music with my brother." She has been playing for six years and her favorite teams are Uconn College and the OKC Thunder.

# "Round campus news

by Katie and Olivia

Here is the news that is happening at Dixon:

**In Digital Media**, new students have been learning photoshop basics. They have created an ad for something they are passionate about and learning the basics of photography.

They will be working on creating electronic books for first and second graders. This is a literacy project through the state office of education.

**In Mrs. Moody's English** classes students are learning poetry and will be creating some poem of their own. Her honor's classes will also be learning some Photoshop basics and creating some unique art along with their poems.

The students will also be writing responses to poems working on summary and main idea. In March Honor's students will be completing a dystopia unit and will be making short movie to show the theme and scenes from their novels.

The **eight grade STEM** class recently hosted a guest speaker. His name is Alex Lundquist. He talked to students about graphic design and 3D characters. His emphasis is on animation.

Are you following **Dixon on social media** so you know all the latest news and updates?

Find us on Facebook (@dmsprovo), twitter (@DixonProvoUT), or Instagram (@dmsprovo).

There will be a Dixon Day at **Provo High School** and a ninth grade parent night on Tuesday, February 20. Ninth grade registration is Friday, February 23.

The **Dixon Art Show** will be the first week of May, from April 30 to May 4, in the Dixon Library.

There will be an Open House one day that week where parents and friends are invited to come support our artists and be the first to see what awards were given.

Artwork from our first term art students has already been chosen, and a letter was



Top five finishers in the Dixon Geography Bee pose for the camera.

sent home about the show. We are looking forward to seeing what our current students create.

## Parent Information

**Night:** The PHS counselors would like to invite all parents of incoming Freshmen to Dixon Middle School for an information night.

Counselors will be discussing classes, graduation requirements, athletic programs, and special services. At the end of the night we will have time for questions and refreshments.

Parent Night will be held Feb. 20 in the Dixon Auditorium from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Geography Bee** participants are Tyson Ngaya, Luiz De Seha, Scott Paul, Yanalte Cardona, Cameron Gordon, Aubrie Miller, Conner Bowden, Spencer Gardner, Jayden Server, Makayla Milord, Gerardo Flores.

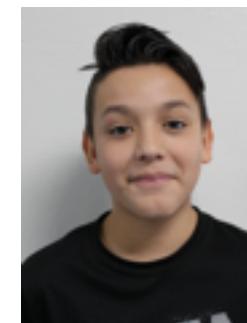
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Zyna



Jaden



Dylan



Maddison

## Panther Piks

by Kiersten

Featured students in this issue are:

**Zyna Pitts** is an eighth grader and her hobbies are playing softball, hanging out with her friends, and photography.

Her favorite superhero is The Flash and if she were to have a superpower, it would be the ability to teleport herself anywhere.

Zyna's favorite Valentines Day treat is Reese's peanut butter cups. Her favorite movie is *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

**Jaden Christensen** is an eighth grader here at Dixon. His hobbies are basketball, comedy and wars. His favorite superhero is the Green Arrow. If he could have any superpower, it would be super strength.

Jaden's favorite Valentine's candy is Rolo chocolates. His favorite movie is *The Greatest Showman*.

**Dylan Farias** is a seventh grader here at Dixon who likes soccer, eating, and football. His favorite superhero is Ironman.

If he could have any superhero in the world, it would be teleportation.

Dylan's favorite Valentine's day candy is lollipops. His favorite movie is "Daddy's Home," which made 242.8 million at the box office.

**Maddison Willemin** is

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## Student Life

### TSA raises money for cancer

by Jasmine

Over the past few weeks, members of the TSA were raising money for cancer research. Overall, they have raised roughly about 500 dollars. All this money will go to trying to find a cure for cancer.

The drive was from January 18 to February 2. Many of those who have donated have gotten prizes.

The class who donated the most will have a doughnut party. Mr. Wardle worked with students to organize the fund raising event.

### Ballroom Dance team places in Provo High event

The Dixon Ballroom team went to the Provo High DanceSport Festival Jan. 27 and took 2nd place in their division.

They will be competing again February 24 under the direction of Nicole Marriott.



Ballroom Dance team prepares for a coming competition.

## On the book shelf...

### *Good reads for spring break*

Spring is coming and so our new books from some of our favorite authors. Jennifer Nielsen (*False Prince*) has a new series along with Marissa Meyer (Cinder) and Frank Cole (Great Adventure Machines) also have new books. You can check out some of these great reads on your spring break.

*Potion Masters* is new from Frank Coles and I found this book intense with some great comedic moments.

Gordy has a unique talent and is working on becoming a master elixirist or potion maker. His best friends are Max and Adilene.

The book begins with Gordy forgetting a key ingredient in a potion and conjuring a slime monster, which is getting goo all over the house.

When something happens to his aunt Priss and his mom disappears, Gordy decides to open the mysterious package, which was left on his door step.

He thinks he has the magical skills to handle it but things quickly fall apart. Sinister potion masters are on the hunt to steal the Eternity Elixir. It's up to Gordy, his parents, and his best friends, Max and Adeline, to prevent an all-out potion war

*Secret Identities.*

*Extraordinary Powers.*

*She wants vengeance. He wants justice.*

The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies, humans with extraordinary abilities, who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they remain a symbol of hope and courage to everyone...except the villains they once overthrew.

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. But Nova's allegiance is to the villains who have the power to end them both.

*The Traitors Game*-Finally Jennifer Nielsen has a book coming in February. For fans of this author it has been awhile and this one looks great. Nothing is as it seems in the kingdom of Antora. Kestra Dallisor has spent three years in exile in the Lava Fields, but that won't stop her from being drawn back into her father's palace politics.

He's the right hand man of the cruel king, Lord Endrick, which makes Kestra a valuable bargaining chip. A group of rebels knows this all too well -- and they snatch Kestra from her carriage as she reluctantly travels home.

## Take note--fine arts performances planned

Concert choir's next concert is on March 14. Choir is having another exchange with Provo High at the end of March. Choir will be singing "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman along with other festival pieces.

Concert Band and Jazz Band's concert is on March 13 and Orchestra's concert is on March 15.

## Students excel in Dixon's got talent

### by Hunter

Students took to the stage last week to show off their talents and entertain. This was an amazing assembly.

One of the most popular numbers was Will Ott with his Michael Jackson impression of "Billy Jean" complete with a sparkling white glove.

Those performing included: Eduard Ibarra piano solo, Koala Lee who did a Native America dance of health, Kaitlyn Kingston who sang a vocal solo "Jar of Hearts".

Also performing was Maya Sonnenber and McKinley Jorgensen with "This is Me". They did a duet with choreography. Tyler Blevins played and sang the Sam Smith favorite "Say Something."

Kate'lynn Mill-

ler wowed the audience with her violin solo and fast moving notes. Alana Toutai finished

assembly with a strong performance as she played the guitar and sang. "I knew I loved you".



Students who performed for Dixon's Got Talent last week.

## Science winners move to district event

Students recently participated in the annual Dixon Science Fair organized by teachers in the Science Department.

The following students qualified for the Provo District Science Fair: Rory Lilloco, Nora Ames, Jose Perez, Cameron Gordon, McKinley Jorgensen, Isabel Puertas, Sabrina Goncalves, Carson Shorts, David Martin, Elaine Taylor, Kate'lynn Miller, Aliya Featherstone, Spencer Verdoorn, Sarah Bartholomew, Jessica Redmon, Parker Barnes, William Ott, Ashlen Tuck, Christina Mieure, Keith Borrowman and Emilia Tolley.



## Two authors to visit Dixon

Two authors will visit Dixon. The first will be Jessica Day George, the author of the Tuesdays at the Castle series. Jessica Day George

She is a New York Times bestselling author, and she received the 2007 Whitney Award for Best Book by a new author for her book Dragon Slippers. She has a new series coming out in May.

Her visit will be a writing workshop and students wishing to attend can get an application from Mrs. Moody in room 100 starting February 11. She will be coming at 1:30 p.m. on February 28th.

Dixon will also be visited by author J. Scott Savage, author of the Cove, Farworld, Case File 13, and Covington series. He will be coming at 1:30 p.m. March 13th to do a writing event with the students. See Mrs. Moody in room 100 starting March 1st for applications.



## Rehearsals undersay for King & I musical

by Lia, Keimi and Kesslyn

Save the date for this year's Dixon Middle School musical. The King and I will come to the Dixon stage March 23, 24 and 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale at the door and will be \$10 for families, two dollars for students.

The play is under the direction of Nicole Marriott with Jeremiah Tijerina helping with music, Chelsea Cellars helping with costumes and Jereny Harris helping with sets.

In this junior version of the popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, a governess named Anna Loenowens goes to Siam to tutor the wives and children of the King. Anna and the King clash as she rushes to prepare the court for a party of European diplomats who will be returning their countries to change people's opinion of the King.

Rockwell MacGillivray will play Louis Loenowens, Maren McGinn plays Anna with Joseph Folau as Kralahoe, Evan Jarman as the King of Siam, Sasha Larsen as Lady Thaing, Ben Romero as Lun Tha and Emily Bond as Tuptim.

Some of the familiar songs include "Hello Young Lovers", "I Whistle a Happy Tune" and "Shall we Dance."

**Pre-order a yearbook by April 1!**  
**Get tons of Legendary memories**  
**On sale for \$30 in the main office**



## Pre-order legendary yearbook before April 1 in main office

By Cameron

Students need to pre-order their yearbooks by April 1. Yearbooks are on sale in the main office and online for \$30.

his year's yearbook theme is Legends. It is full of fantastic pictures and memories. This year's staff is Katie Chambers, Libby Jaynes, Kiertan Hansens, Cameron Gordon, Thomas Swindler, and Ty Larsen.

The yearbook staff will be sponsoring a photo booth for two days at lunch in Marc photos will be used at the end of the yearbook. There will also be sweet and sour sucker sales in March to help raise money for a new camera. Students need to pre-order their yearbooks by April 1. After that there is no buying of yearbooks.

## Students prep for Science contest

By Keith

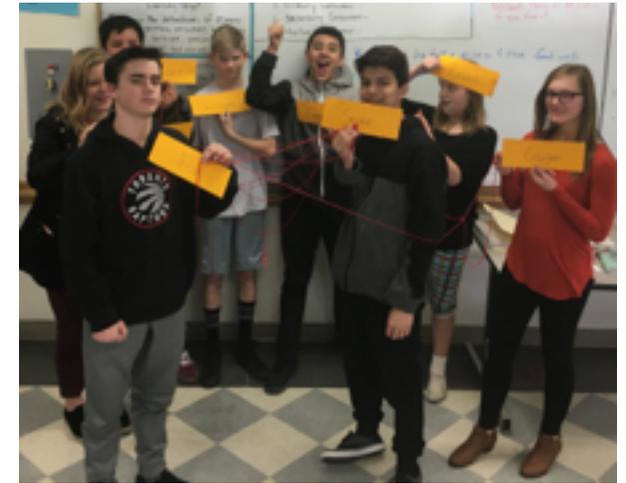
Students in the Science Olympiad club will be going to Snow College in February and the University of Utah in March for the Region and State competitions.

The students are now working on the engineering projects, which include a hovercraft, a tower, a roller coaster, and a rubber band powered plane! And soon, those in the club will be training for labs and tests in many areas, such as optics, anatomy, weather, stars, and much much more!

## continued Panther Piks

a Seventh grader whose hobbies include reading, playing volleyball, and playing basketball. Her favorite superhero is Wonder Woman and the power she would have would be the ability to fly.

Maddy's favorite Valentines day candy is anything chocolate related. Her favorite movie is "Princess Bride". What Maddy likes most about Dixon is all of the people she gets to see and spend time with.



Mrs. Robison's science classes learning about food webs and the food chain.

## more 'Round Campus News

The winner of the **Geography Bee** is Spencer Gardner, Jayden Server was our second place winner. Thank you to all those who participated and congratulations to the winners.

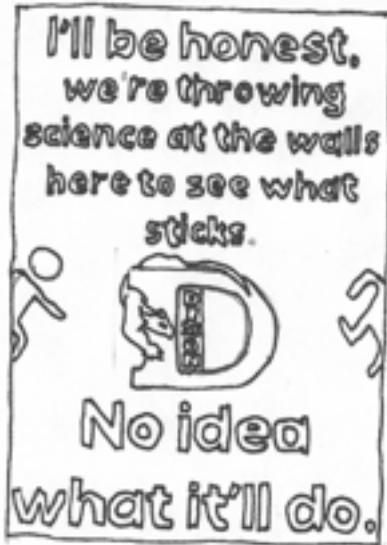
**Mr. Monson's history** class watched a movie on the Louisiana Purchase. They also watched a movie that recreated the journey of Lewis and Clark.

They will be learning about the War of 1812 and find out how the ship Constitution got the nickname of "Old Ironsides".

The Dixon Science Fair was held recently. The following students will be advancing onto the Provo District Science Fair: Rory Lilloco, Nora Ames, Jose Perez, Cameron Gordon, McKinley Jorgensen, Isabel Puertas, Sabrina Goncalves, Carson Shorts, David Martin, Elaine Taylor, Kate'lynn Miller, Aliya Featherstone, Spencer Verdoorn, Sarah Bartholomew, Jessica Redmon, Parker Barnes, William Ott, Ashlen Tuck, Christina Mieure, Clark Barry, Keith Borrowman, and Emilia Tolley.

Thanks to science teachers for their hard work on this event.

# LOL the dixon funnies



## Valentines' Jokes

Knock, knock. Who's there?  
Olive. Olive who?  
Olive you and I don't care who knows it!

*What did one boat say to the other? Are you up for a little row-mance?*

How can you tell if a calendar is popular? It has a lot of dates!

*What did the calculator say to the pencil? You can count on me!*



*By Keimi  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
It feels like déjà vu  
When I'm not with you!*



**By ty  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
You look like my mother  
And but I'd rather have another!**



by Cameron  
Roses are red,  
Violets are blue  
I would rather eat tofu,  
Than spend time with you.



## Bruno Mars win big at 60 Grammy Awards

Bruno Mars swept the three big categories at this year's Grammy Awards taking home honors for best album 24K Magic along with best R& B performance for "That's What I Like" and also for best R&B album.

Ed Sheeren also took home a couple for "The Shape of You" best song and best pop vocal album *Divide*.

Kendrick Lamar got the not for best RAP performance for "Humble".

It was a long night as the awards ran for three hours.

## Marvel fans wondering if Black Panther will live up to expectations?

The much awaited next installment from the Marvel Universe comes to the screen in time for Valentine's Day weekend and hopefully you have tickets.

If you are hoping to see the action packed film the first weekend you want to pre buy because many showings are already sold out. Apparently there are a lot of Marvel fans in Utah County.



The film starts Chadwick Boseman, who we got glimpses of in Civil War. After the events of that film, King T'Challa a.k.a. Black Panther returns home to the reclusive, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to serve as his country's new leader.

However, T'Challa soon finds that he is challenged for the throne from factions within his own country. When two foes conspire to destroy Wakanda, the hero known as Black Panther must team up with C.I.A. agent Everett K. Ross and members of the Dora Milaje, Wakandan special forces, to prevent Wakanda from being dragged into a world war.

March 9 sees the novel *Wrinkle in Time* brought to the screen by Disney. Starring Chris Pine as the missing scientist father, a group of young teens travels through time with the help of three peculiar beings.

Reese Witherspoon, Oprah Winfrey and Mindy Kaling play the beings with Storm Red as Meg, who is searching for her father, who recently discovered a unique form of space travel.

Set at the dawn of time, when prehistoric creatures and woolly mammoths roamed the earth, *Early Man* tells the story of Dug, along with sidekick Hognob, who unites his tribe against the mighty Bronze Age in a battle to beat them at their own game.

This is a stop motion film from the makers of previous Wallace and Gromet films. It features the voice talents of Eddi Redmayne as Dug, Maisie Williams as Goona and Tom Hiddleston as Lord Nooth.