

SPORT CENTER

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT.. THAT'S WHAT THEY DO THEY PLAY BALL!



Milo



Kayla



Treden

By Milo and Christian

Kayla Stoddard plays soccer. She also does run and track. But for soccer she's been playing since she was four years old.

She plays holding mid in soccer and she's a three time tournament champion.

She practices everyday, and works very hard.

Milo Rhineer loves to play basketball, he also plays Baseball. When he is playing Basketball he either plays shooting guard or on offense he plays as a small forward.

Milo has been playing basketball for four years. Milo has won multiple championships while he has been playing Basketball.

He practices most days during the week for basketball.

Treden Eyre's sport of choice would be football, he also likes to play basketball and baseball.

When he is playing football he plays as a wide receiver, running back, safety, defensive end and line-backer.

Treden has played football for eight years and has won three baseball championships, 1 baseball runner-up, two time #1 seed basketball team in Utah county and three undefeated football seasons.



Stretching to snag the pass, 8th grade football players look forward to post season play after a successful season.

Football ends season, 8th headed to playoffs

by Allison and James

The eighth grade green team is hoping for a post season slot. In a recent game they won over Lehi in overtime. It was a very good game.

They fought hard and It was really close for every quarter. Lehi started strong and scored on their first drive but Provo scored back with a long run by Oliver Mackay.

By the fourth quarter, the game was tied at 20 and they were going back and forth. The Provo kicker put a punt into the end zone to win.

The 7th graders didn't have a perfect season but they fought hard and made it to the playoffs with a record of 3-4(three wins and four losses). **Foot-cont. on next page**

Calendar

Oct. 26-30 Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 27 Retake pictures Group A

Oct. 28 Retake picture Group A

November -virtual author visit (see story)

Nov. 16-20 College Week

Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

Graphic Novel author hosts virtual visit

by Mia

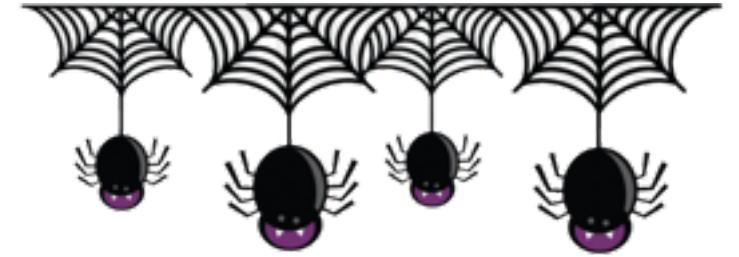
Dixon students will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual author visit with Dustin Hansen, who creates graphic novels.

Dustin Hansen spent years directing and creating video games before becoming a writer and illustrator, and makes his DC debut with *My Video Game Ate My Homework!*

Hansen, author of *Game On!* and the *Microsaurs cont. on next page*



Student news for October



Red Ribbon planned, student activities part of the new normal



Students sport masks as they pose for camera as part of demin dress up day.

by Macie

Student leadership is busy planning activities for Red Ribbon Week and for a coming 90th birthday celebration for Dixon.

The school board will be deciding this week if schools can go to Phase II.

Students will still wear masks, social distance, and eat lunch with their fifth period class. Phase II is students face to face Monday through Thursday and on line school on Fridays.

Fridays students are still expected to login to Canvas and

and do their work from home.

Spirit Week was in September. On Tuesday seventh graders wore blue eight graders wore white. Students also wore hats and crazy socks throughout the rest of the week. It was fun to see everyone participating and showing school spirit, even from home!

Red Ribbon Week is coming up the week of October 26th - 30th! Be prepared for some dress up days, and to say no to violence and drugs. More details to be determined later in the month.



Dixon has an A and B girl's soccer team plus some girls play on club teams. Both teams boast a good season this year.

Soccer Teams close out season

By Ashton

This past week in boys soccer, Ashton Post's side Nebo United tied in a rough game against Wasatch, they went up 2-0 early in the game with a left footed volley by Zach, and the second goal off great run by Ethan.

This was a wakeup call for Wasatch where they countered and got three goals before half, two of them are very controversial calls.

At the half Nebo got some motivation from their coach and they came back to score one goal off a through ball by Ashton, and the goal by Ethan, that concluded the game in a 3-3 draw.

Tennis players qualify for region, state

by James and Christian

The girls tennis team so far has had a great season. They will all be competing at region Monday. If they win that they will move on to state.

With Allison Chambers as first singles varsity, Sophie Astle as second singles varsity, Claire Chambers and Jane Chambers as first doubles varsity, Izzy Moyes and Ruby Pop as second doubles varsity, Courtney Macfarlane and Olivia Thompson as third doubles varsity, Amelia Gardner and Mallory Gordon as first doubles varsity

In boys' tennis action, Dixon player Josh Edwards is playing first singles and the deadly duo of James Knudsen and Christian McFarlane or playing doubles.

Boys are also headed into regional play hoping to qualify for a state berth.

LCROSSE-STICKS TO RIBS

For nine years, James Bauer has played LaCrosse. The sport is his passion.

The position he plays is attack and he has won several tournaments including Box Winter Invitational and Ski Town Shootout.

James (pictured below) says he practices and trains a lot to be the best he can be. His favorite team is Maryland.



Library open before and after school

by Hope

Ms. Dudley, librarian, is going to be creating a game board to help motivate students to check out, read and try different genres. Each square they turn in will have them read a different book genre.

"Turn in for prizes from the Provo Reads. If you read a book go to the library and fill out a slip and be entered into a prize drawing," she said. Email her about your favorite books.

Students can come into the library. This will be before and after school, 7:30am - 8m and 1pm - 1:30. Students will be required to use hand sanitizer and social distancing. She says that during the day, students will be able to "stop by" to request or return books, but won't be able to walk around or browse.

Teachers can also schedule times for their classes to go to the library

New Sped Teacher

Melissa Lopez Kennedy is another new face and teacher at Dixon this fall.

She is teaching math strategies 7,8 and co-teaching math 7.

She was born in Mexico and has a bachelors in special education and a masters in middle school mathematics.

Her hobbies include dance, reading and hiking. Her favorite book and movie is The Count of Monte Cristo. She also likes the books Pride and Prejudice and Harry Potter.

She likes the feeling of community at Dixon and is enjoying working with students.

PANTHER PICS

by James K and James H

Get to know these Dixon students featured in this issue.

Isaac Lott is an eighth grader who loves to play tennis. He is also on the yearbook staff and likes to take photos.

His favorite movie is *WallE* and he likes to sleep when he is bored. He likes to slide down the stair railings at Dixon and his favorite food is ice cream.

Sierra Flake is a seventh grader who says she really likes the teachers at Dixon. She plays softball and volleyball and likes to hang out with her friends.

Her favorite scary movie is *My Boy*. When I am bored I just hang out with friends and eat sushi.

Mia D'Avila is an eighth grader who likes dance and to play sports. She loves all kinds of music and to hang out with her friends.

She likes the friending environment at Dixon. Her favorite thing to eat is chocolate chip cookies.

Jorja Robinson is a 7th grader here at Dixon that enjoys the classes. One of her favorite interests is dancing. She likes the movie *the Game Plan*.

When she is bored she enjoys watching her phone. One thing that she likes about Dixon are the classes. Jorja's favorite food is pasta.

Erik Arrhenius is also a 7th grader at Dixon. He likes hockey, football and dance. His favorite music is top pop.

He likes the movie *Hairspray*. Eriks favorite thing to do when he's bored is listening to music. One thing that he likes about Dixon is the panther payoffs. His favorite food is Ramen noodles.



Back to school with new teacher faces

by Kayla and Mia

One of our new teachers here at Dixon this year is **Robert Dayley**, who is teaching US History.

He is attending BYU and will be graduating in 2021. Mr. Dayley enjoys running, sports (playing, watching, and talking), and board games.

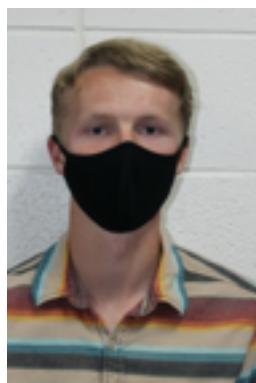
His favorite book is *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, and his favorite movie series is Star Wars.

Mr. Dayley's favorite thing about Dixon is all of the friendly teachers, staff, and students.

Another new teacher this school year is **Gavin Grow**, who is teaching English Support. He came from Timpvew High School teaching math and he has a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Information System, and an MBA.

Mr. Grow loves teaching people to learn and some of his hobbies are training his dog Hamish, learning about amateur radios and personal protection preparedness.

His favorite book is *Good to Great- Why Some Companies Make the Leap and Others Don't*, and his favorite movie is Hang'Em High (1968 Western).



Mr. Dudley

His favorite thing about Dixon is the passion that teachers have to help students be successful. He likes how the administration is so willing to help students and teachers.

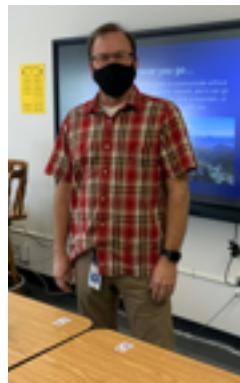
Kylie Ashcraft is a new seventh grade science teacher. She attended BYU and studied physical science.

Some of her hobbies include cooking and baking. Her favorite books and movies are Harry Potter.

Her favorite thing about Dixon is the community of kindness and care that there is at our school.

Mrs. Ott teaches integrated science. She has a Bachelor's degree from BYU in biological sciences.

Mrs. Ott grew up on a farm and she has had the best education. Some of her favorite



Mr. Grow

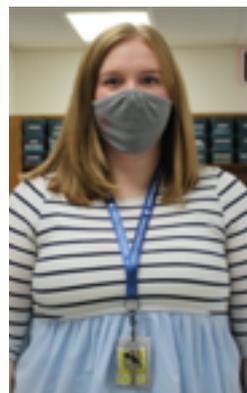
favorite hobbies and interests are cooking, plants, and watercolors. Her favorite books are anything that is by Brandon Sanderson. Mrs. Ott loves how friendly everyone is at Dixon, she also loves how everyone is super helpful. She also thinks that it's cool being a part of a school with so much history.



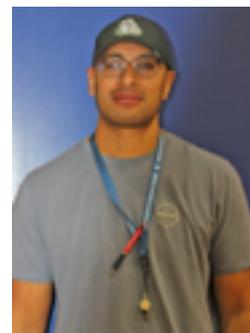
Mrs. Ott



Mr. Lush



Ms. Ashcraft



New P.E. teacher Coach Sitake

Latinos in Action do book challenge

Our Latinos in Action (LIA) students are doing their 40 book challenge again this year! Students are challenged to read 40 books in the school year. Our LIA students got some book recommendations today from Ms. Dudley our school librarian

Dance company rehearses for spring concert

Members of the Dixon dance company have been working on learning dance basics according to Mrs. Strauss, teacher.

In Dance Company they are rehearsing for our April concert, we won't be having a December concert. But the April one is 2020 based, "Good Riddance 2020" and all dances have a theme from 2020.

Honors Society applications available

Applications for the Dixon National Junior Honors Society will be available on the bulletin board by Mrs. Moody's room beginning on October 28 and due back to Mrs. Moody or Ms. Holley by Nov. 6.

To qualify for Honors Society you will need a Grade Point Average of 3.0 and have completed five hours of community or school service and this could be during the summer. We will begin by meeting virtual with an zoom escape room and doing a service project on line.

More football results

Quarterback Gehrig Orchard has been in the middle of both their wins and their losses but their hard work has paid off.

Some of the other Outstanding players are the twins Crew and Griffin Demartini Both playing at safety. These guys are the anchors of the team if there is a missed tackle, big hole, or an open receiver they are there to stop it.

Author continued...

series, was raised in rural Utah, where he spent many days hiking red rock canyons that once belonged to the dinosaurs.

Even the beautiful mountains couldn't keep him away from his love of pixels and controllers. He has been writing and creating art for the video game industry for more than two decades.

Dustin and his family live in rural Utah once again, where he is the current king of the family Mario Kart circuit.

His recently released *The Video Game ate my Homework* is a fun, fast read. Meet Dewey Jenkins, a 13-year old schoolkid who's about to fail science class. Follow him on an amazing adventure that leads Dewey and his friends to a virtual world where they will have to overcome all sorts of digital creatures and solve a number of puzzles in order to get home.

My Video Game Ate My Homework is a funny, fast-paced adventure that shows the importance of cooperation and teamwork, as well as the importance of using your own unique abilities to solve problems.

It's illustrated in Dustin Hansen's colorful, cartoony style, and filled with lots of sight gags and nods to vid-



Science students participate in a dry ice lab.

‘Round campus news

By Evelyn and Emily

Mrs. Benson’s science class is doing a phase change lab with dry ice. She will also be going outside with her students to float the solar balloon and for Halloween will be doing a lab about physical and chemical changes.

Mrs. Vassaus' English classes are reading “flowers for Algernon” and learning theory of multiple intelligence.

Mrs. Moody’s english 7 classes are reading the book Al Capone does my shirts. They will be doing a fun activity when they finish the book called 1930’s radio show. They will get to talk with book characters.

Mrs. Moody’s year-book class has been learning about photography. They went on

field trip of downtown provo and practiced the principles of photography. Right now they are currently working on lego memes.

Miss Hollis’s world cultures classes discussed what it would be like to live in the middle ages if you were a serf or a knight. Students got to try their luck and prove their skills by jousting.

Mrs. Holley’s English 8/pre-AP classes are reading “Flowers for Algernon”. They are also taking some of the psychology tests the main character has to do. They are also starting to learn about themes and will go onto summary soon.

Mr. Sheeder’s history students recently participated in debates over which was the best explorer.

They presented their evidence and gave rebuttals in front of a panel of teacher judges. Eventually winners were selected and presented with a trophy.

The winning teams are listed below along with the explorer. Mr. Sheeder said the students did an amazing job given their limited research and presentation time.

Debate winners by class period and teacher were: A Day, 1- Petersen (Marco Polo), 2-Sheeder (Christopher Columbus), 3-Sheeder (Marco Polo), 4- Worthington (Cortez), 5-Sheeder (Marco Polo), 6- Sheeder

(Christopher Columbus) and 7-Sheeder (Marco Polo). B day: 1-Petersen (Marco Polo), 2- Sheeder (Marco Polo), 3-Sheeder (Christopher Columbus), 4-Petersen (Christopher Columbus), 5-Sheeder (Marco Polo), 6-Dayley (Bartolmeu Diaz), and 7-Worthington (Cortez).



Art students hope to donate origami cranes

Students in Ms. Cellar's 3D Art class are working together to promote a peaceful future, and are using origami to do it. Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding, and there is a Japanese legend that says if you fold 1,000 origami cranes, your wish will come true.

Traditionally, Japanese people will come together to fold cranes when someone is sick, in hopes they will get better.

After learning about this tradition by watching some videos, students were taught about the World War II bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In 1945, America dropped two nuclear bombs on these Japanese cities, which were filled mostly with civilians, to put an end to the war. A Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki was two years old and living in Hiroshima when the bomb was dropped. She and her family survived, but ten years later, she developed a blood cancer called leukemia due to the radiation from the nuclear bomb. At the time, leukemia had no cure.

While she was in the hospital, Sadako heard about the legend of 1,000 paper cranes, and started folding cranes out of any scrap paper she could find. Sadako Sasaki died of leukemia at 12 years old. In the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in Japan, there is a monument dedicated to her, surrounded by cases filled with paper cranes donated by children from all over the world.

We hope our school can send 1,000 cranes to this memorial by the end of the year, along with our personal messages of peace and hope for the future inspired by Sadako's story.

As of October 6, we have folded 80 cranes. Wish us luck! If you want to help, come talk to Ms. Cellar to learn how.

On the right, Landon and Alexandria perform a hilarious scene as part of Dixon’s night of Shakespeare. The performances were directed by Nicole Marriott.



On the left, students fold origami cranes to donate to a memorial in Japan.

Virtually--A night of Shakespeare

by Kaitlyn

“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players,” and our Dixon panthers are all Shakespeare ‘d up and ready to perform.

Even through COVID and practicing through zoom, Dixon’s actors and actresses are very excited to perform. They had less time to rehearse than usual, but they are all in and performance ready. Due to Utah being on orange, they cannot have a live performance, so it will be filmed and put on YouTube for everyone to enjoy.

The Awards Ceremony for Shakespeare Festival will be held on October 9 and pieces were turned in digitally. .

Shakespeare Team students competing in the festival include Andrew Ashton, Kaitlyn Jaussi, Eliza Bartholomew, Landon Romero and Alexandra Taylor and Megan Hoffmann and Kyra Crandall. The students performing monologues are Harmony Bartholomew, Taylor Bobo and Anna Jaussi.

The students performing scenes as Ellie Beals and Rysa King, Eleanor Wardell and Alisa Seegmiller, Ashton Post and Natalie Verdoorn, Jessica Ochoa Counter and Brizia Dircio Alcaraz, Xane Clyde and Linda Rivera, Arianna Matchie and Nataley Harrison an Camila Sanchez and Emma Hicken.



Editors for this year's yearbook are front, Christian MacFarlane, back l to r, Allison Chambers, Kayla Stoddard, Kaityln Jaussie, Ashton Post and Emily Fiorucci.

Yearbooks on sale!

By Sdyney

Get your yearbook for \$30 in the main office!

This year's title is Our Journey. It will be about magical spells, quests and adventures. "We are excited to get to work with fantasy and some of our favorite movies and books including Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and Onward." said Mrs. Moody.

The staff this year is excellent and hard at work taking photos and getting started even though this has been a challenging year so far. Hopefully this year's book will be delivered on time.

If you have a cool mask or would like to pose for yearbook action shots come to room 100 and talk with Mrs. Moody.

Spooky, scary shows to stream By Issac

Scary stories to stream this just include *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* released in 2019 is to put it simply, thrilling. It's pretty dark, but still enjoyable, and really takes the viewer for a loop. Watching it alone was less fun than it would have been with a friend, but it was still interesting to see how it all played out. It can be streamed from Hulu, Netflix, and Amazon Prime Video.

Another good one is *Goosebumps*. Upset about moving from the big city to a small town, young Zach Cooper (Dylan Minnette) finds a silver lining when he meets his beautiful neighbor Hannah (Odeya Rush). The teen is surprised to learn that Hannah's mysterious father is R.L. Stine (Jack Black), When Zach accidentally unleashes the monsters from the fantastic tales, it's up to Stine, his daughter and Cooper to save everyone and return the beasts back to the books where they belong.

Gaming Bytes: Our top picks for fall by Boston

The first video game is Among Us. Among Us is a game where there are two types of people, the imposter or a crewmate. If you are a crewmate, you try to complete tasks and try not to get killed by the imposter. If you are the imposter, your goal is to try and kill everyone before they complete all of their tasks. To win as the crewmate, you have to do these tasks and when a dead body is reported by someone, then you can vote someone out until you vote the imposter out. Right now it is free on mobile and 5 dollars on computer.

The second video game is Minecraft. Minecraft is a blocky survival game. You can also play creative. The blocky sandbox game has so many different blocks and mobs, it allows you to do just about anything. The game is consistently being updated and improved. Mojang, the creator of Minecraft, is adding a lot of new things to the game. You can get this game on almost all devices.

The third video game is Fall Guys. Fall Guys is a Battle Royale game. But with a twist. There's no guns or explosives. Instead you're just trying to survive the map. There's multiple game modes you can play. A few examples are, Block party, Door dash, Fall mountain, Hex-a-gone, Slime climb. Just to name a few. You can get Fall Guys for 20 dollars on PC or Playstation.

The fourth and final game is Rocket League. Rocket League is a soccer game. But instead of running around as a character, you're a car. Another thing that makes it different is the ability to boost. You get boost by running over boost pads around the field. There's different modes. There's casual, where you just play a game with teams of 1, 2, 3, or 4. There's competition, which is the same but ranked. Then there's extra modes where you can get power ups and stuff. You can get the game for free on PC, Playstation, Xbox and switch.

On the bookshelf: Great new reads

***The Rider's Reign* by Jessica Day George**

The third and final book in the Rose Legacy series and you have to love a good horse story, especially if the horses and riders can talk with each other.

Anthea and her friends are on a mission. Anthea's mother has kidnapped a Coronami princess, the herd stallion, and half a dozen more horses--enough to start her own herd. Suspecting that she is making a deal with the antagonistic emperor of the neighboring land, Kronenhof, Anthea and her friends race there to meet with the emperor and try to find Princess Margaret and the horses.

***City of Gold* new from Will Hobbs**

I like all the books this author has written because of the adventure and survival. Weeks after arriving in Colorado to start a new farm, the Hollowell family is looking at disaster when fifteen-year-old Owen witnesses the theft of their mules. Learning that Hercules and Peaches will likely be sold to the mines, Owen sets out to track the rustler over the mountains.

The outlaw's trail leads to Telluride, the turbulent "City of Gold. Telluride's notorious marshal finally takes an interest when he identifies the rustler as one of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch.

***When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jameson**

Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food, achingly dull, and without access to the medical care Omar knows his nonverbal brother needs.

So when Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might be a chance to change their future . . . but it would also mean leaving his brother, the only family member he has left, every day.

Scary Stories for Young Foxes

These tales are not for the faint of heart. And once you start, you cannot stop until you've reached the end....Terrifying and wonderful.

A weird, creepy and thoroughly entertaining romp for readers gather around this collection of finely written stories that will raise your hackles and tingle your whiskers. But beware, the dangers within this book are very real.

Student officers planning the fun

by Allison and Kaitlyn

Cora Toutai is this year's student body president. "I would like to create a community where everyone feels like a valued member and because middle school can be a tough time when you lacked confidence I want to share the spirit of comfort." I also hope activities we plan help students get to know each other.

Cora likes student government, math and also plays instruments and sings. She also loved making crafts.

Rachel Faulkner is this year's vice president and she knows that the pandemic has been hard for everyone so she makes to make this year fun and friends.

She loves helping plan activities and they are working hard on the 90th celebration. She also likes English, to dance, play basketball and baking.

Maddox Dansie is the spirit chairperson and is in charge school spirit "and getting everyone hyped. He hopes to plan fun events that will make everyone happy and feel safe.

He plays basketball , loves to be in the outdoors and also to cook with Milo.

This year's secretary is Sydney Jarvis and she helps plan activities.

She likes to help others and enjoys being a part of leadership. She also likes to watch movies, hike and participate in sports.

Ashton Post is in charge of publicity for student leadership and is also a yearbook editor. He wants to make sure that students know when activities and dress up days are.

Ashton also plays soccer and likes sports and photography. He was also part of the recent Shakespeare performances.



Cora



Rachel



Sydney



Maddox



Ashton

SPOOKY LAUGH OUT LOUD JOKES

Why did the zombie decide to stay in a coffin? because he felt rotten.

How do you make a witch scratch? Take away the w.

Why do ghosts hate the rain? Because it dampens their spirits.

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? Because he didn't have the guts.

Why are vampires so unpopular? Because they are a pain in the neck.

Why are ghosts so bad a lying? Because you can see right through them.

What music do mummys like to listen to? Wrap music.

