

Dms Sports Center

Up for tennis anyone?

By Asher

These two Dixon students are working hard on the tennis court.

Marianne Chambers plays tennis and is really good. She plays on the Dixon girls' team and has also participated in many of tournaments and got third place in doubles at the Fiesta Days tournament.

The girls' team is doing really good she says and they have won most of their matches. She practices hard on the simple things and says you have anticipate where the ball is going to bounce.

Adren Geertsen is one of the many boys that are on the Dixon tennis team. It is his first year and he has improved tremendously and the team is doing alright.

He plays varsity doubles and does really well. He attends the after school practices and Friday matches. He likes Rodger Federer and he loves sports because they are fun.



Savannah



Adren



Christian



Matthew



Marianne Chambers practices her strokes and is a member of the tennis team.

Baseball begins season

By Hayden and McKay

The sports spotlight in this issue falls on three students who love baseball. **Christian Carter** says his team is working hard but off to a rocky start. He plays first base and has a golden glove.

He believes you need to practice to become good. His favorite team is the Colorado Rockies.

Savanah Heideman loves softball and plays in the outfield. "I am super competitive and scores a lot."

She hopes to continue to have a good season at the plate. Her favorite team is the Red Sox.

Matthew Rhineer also plays baseball and his team finished in first place in Rocky Mountain School of Baseball Tournament.

"Our Provo team is all right and the Utah Hitman, a club team he is on is currently ranked fifth in the state." he said.

Matt continued that to get good your need to "practice, practice, practice. He is a New York Yankees fan.

All three are busy with practices afterschool and helping them teams to a successful season.

Calendar

- May 16 Tacky Tourist dress up
- Guitar concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- Dixon Dance Cotillion @ 7
- May 17 Eighth grade Honors night at 6 p.m.
- May 18 Choir concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 19 LIA field trip with Real Salt Lake
- May 22 Locker clean out pay fines
- May 23 Hats and sunglasses Finals week
- May 25 Eighth grade at Lagoon
- May 26 Yearbooks and early out!

Yearbooks still on sale, May 26 is signing day

by Hailey

This years yearbook *Thinking Outloud* is going to filled with great memories from this 2016-2017 year!

It will be 132 pages and full of life and color. Last year Mrs. Moody won a national award for theme and photography. Dixon was one of the schools across the nation whose cover and layout were featured in a book for yearbook's advisors. They received national recognition.

There are 20 more yearbooks still left! You can buy one for \$30 in the main office.

School's out for the summer... What's inside:

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New student officers selected, activites planned for end of year

Eighth graders will be a Lagoon, seventh graders will get an afternoon or fun and then it's yearbook signing time.

The school year ends with teachers and the student council busy planning activities. Eighth graders were recognized for their academics and skills at an honors night.

Eighth graders will held to Lagoon on May 25. They should have turned in a permission slip and bus money and pay Lagoon when they arrive.

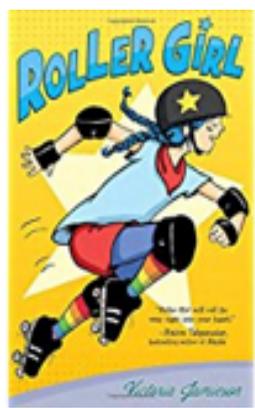
Friday May 26 is the last day of school and it is early out. Students will receive their yearbooks in PAWS class that morning. There will be yearbook signing and students will have an early out.



Student officers for next year are from left to right Nathan, Sean, Rockwell, Rory and Makayla.

Student leadership has been busy planning fun dress up days and Monday activities.

New student officers were recently announced. They are Rory Lillico president, Sean Gutzman vice president, Nathan Faulkner secretary, Rockwell MacGillivray activities and Makayla Milord publicity. *To meet these students see next page...*



Favorite graphic novels for summer

Summer reading logs are available from your English teacher and from Mrs. Moody and students are encouraged to read during the summer with a celebration held next September.

Have some reading fun this summer and curl up with a graphic novel. There are lots of great ones out there and some that I recommend include:

Last Kids on Earth with book two *Zombie Parade* combine text with graphic for exciting reads. A third book from author Max Brallier comes out in September.

The first book starts just after the monster apocalypse hits town and thirteen year old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew scavenged from abandoned stores.

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson is a Newbury honors winner. For most of her twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life as she struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp, hang on to the friend she feels slipping away.

Star Wars Academy series is a popular funny series that takes place in the Star Wars Universe and combines text with graphic. Roan's one dream is to leave home and attend Pilot Academy like his older brother, father, and grandfather. But just as Roan is mysteriously denied entrance to Pilot School, he is invited to attend Jedi Academy--a school that he didn't apply to and only recruits children when they are just a few years old. That is, until now.

P.E. Notes

Girls P.E. is playing soccer, ran the mile on Tuesday and walked it on Monday. They will be having a fitness test next week.

Lately girls P.E. have been doing soccer, dancing, yoga every Friday, mile runs, basketball, frisbee and volleyball

Finally, this week the event guys have been looking forward to. The annual all star soccer tournament.

This was held Wednesday afterschool and featured outstanding players from semester one against the top soccer players from semester two.

Utah Jazz move to semi final games

The Utah Jazz made it to the playoffs this year. Their first series was against the Clippers, and they took it into game 7, and won it at LA.

They are now in the second round with Golden State, and they are down 2-0. Rudy Gobert, their star player got injured in the clippers series, but luckily he came back to finish them off.

Dreymond Green, one of the stars on Golden State has been demolishing Utah all across the court.

Jazz fans are hoping for a couple of wins to get this series back together.



Guardians kicks off blockbuster films

Baby Groot and *Guardians of the Galaxy 2* kicked off summer blockbusters this week in an action-packed, funny journey through the universe.

The guardians must fight to keep their family together as they unravel the mystery of who is Peter Quill's parentage. Old foes become new allies as once again our favorite characters must save the universe. This move like the first one, has a great nostalgic soundtrack and baby Groot in the opening scenes has great dance moves mixed with the guardians fighting a gigantic space creature.

This Chris Pratt as in best, Drax is hilarious and Rocket, Gamora and the rest of the gang only add to the fun in this very entertaining sequel.

Counting down the days for this superhero movie --*Wonder Woman* opens June 2. This film is also unique in the hero world as it is directed by a woman.

Before she was Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), she was Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained warrior. When a pilot (Chris Pine) crashes and tells of conflict in the outside world, she leaves home to fight in a war to end all wars and where she discovers her full powers and her destiny.

Disney brings back Lightning McQueen and all your favorite Cars cartoon in *Cars 3*. Lightning sets out to prove to a new generation of racers that he is still the best. With the voice talent of Owen Wilson, Armie Hammer and Nathan Fillion this promises to be entertaining. This open June 16.

The minions are back in June with *Despicable Me 3*. Gru (Steve Carell) and his wife Lucy (Kristen Wiig) must stop former '80s child star Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker) from achieving world domination.*more on the next page....*

Guardians of Galaxy quiz

Are you a Guardians of the Galaxy fan? Test your knowledge by matching these characters to lines from the first movie.

- A. Star Lord
- B. Groot
- C. Drax
- D. Gamora
- E. Rocket

1 Nothing goes over my head my reflexes are too fast.

2. It's Guardian, why would it be Garden of the Galaxy?

3. I am Groot.

4. "Asleep for the danger, awake for the money, as per frickin' usual.

5. On my planet we have a legend about people like you. It's called footloose.

6. Ooh, ooh things will get easier, things will get brighter...it's a dance off bro.

7. "That's for if things get really hardcore and we want to blow up some moons."

8. "I am a warrior, I am an assassin, I don't dance."

Trending now...

Like and comment on next year's leaders

by Margaret

Rory Lilico, president, wants to raise the respect levels between teachers and students, and says all of the students are absolutely amazing! She is a vegetarian, was born in Whitehorse, Canada, and can do a backflip up a wall.

Makayla Milord is in charge of publicity. She wants to help make a change in Dixon's daily life. Her favorite thing about Dixon are the humorous and amazing teachers. A few facts about her are, she's been a dancer since she was 2, won the read-a-thon out of everyone in her school in 4th grade.

Nathan Faulkner, secretary, wants to make next year at Dixon fun for everyone. He says the school spirit is one of the great things about Dixon. He is a member of Hope squad and loves the outdoors.

Sean Gutzman is the Vice President! He hopes to make next year fun for everyone and the best thing to him about Dixon is the students and teacher! Sean is also in Hope Squad, he loves to play soccer, and go fishing.

Rockwell MacGillivray is the Activity Chairman! He wants to make better lunch activities and get more students involved and included! He says one great thing about Dixon is the after school activities. He plays football, he likes to act, and he also does Ballroom at BYU! Rockwell wants to make better activities.

Snap! In an instant these guys will create

by Marianne

The yearbook editors for the 2017-18 school year are Ty Larsen, Tom Swindler, Cameron Gordon, Libby Jaynes, Katie Chambers, Kiersten Hansen and Campbell Gordon.

Ty is looking forward to expanding his horizon of knowledge by doing photoshop, yearbook design layouts, and taking pictures. He loves to draw, read, and play basketball.

Tom is passionate about anything that has to do with cameras. He enjoys cinematography and photography.

Cameron has had siblings in the past that have done yearbook and wants to keep the tradition going. He likes to build things and enjoys playing the piano.

Libby is excited about creating the yearbook next year. She loves to take pictures, play soccer, and draw. Katie Chambers is happy to be a part of yearbook.

Kiersten enjoys drawing and writing stories, She wanted to be in yearbook so she could get to know the school and the people in it.

Campbell likes singing, acting, and being social. She wants to learn skills in yearbook and digital media so that she can be in the yearbook staff in high school.



Yearbook editors for next year are left to right, back, Kiersten, Libby, Campbell, Katie and front, Cameron, Tom and Ty.

Student Life

DMS history teacher to retire, students will miss him

by Brooke

Dee Stevens will retire this spring, saying good bye to students and friends. He teaches history, Utah Studies, world cultures along with global issues, geography and world civilizations.

Stevens has been a teacher for 14 years with nine of those spent at Dixon. Four of those years he also taught ESL. He came to teaching after a career where he managed stores for Albertson's, Macey's and Smith's. This experience included stores from Spokane, Washington to Sierra Vista, Arizona and spanned 34 years.

He was born in Provo and graduated from Orem High School. He is married to Kathy Metcalf and they have nine children together and 20 grandchildren...read more next page



Mr. Anderson



Mr. Mangum

New administration for Dixon

by Marianne

Mr. Sites will be leaving Dixon for the district office this summer. John Anderson, vice principal, will be the new head administrator.

The new vice principal will be Mr. Mangum. He's worked at Edgemont Elementary, Timpview, and Canyon View Middle school. He speaks fluent Spanish and loves to be outside. He is very excited to be working at Dixon.

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He was born in Provo and graduated from Orem High School. He is married to Kathy Metcalf and they have nine children together and 20 grandchildren. Steven graduated from BYU at the age of 53 to become a teacher.

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One of the classes Mr. Stevens teaches is world cultures.

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He added that Dixon is a wonderful community and he has loved “the choice association with our teachers. I love the students and being part of their day. I have loved challenging them and seeing them step up and exceed my challenges.”

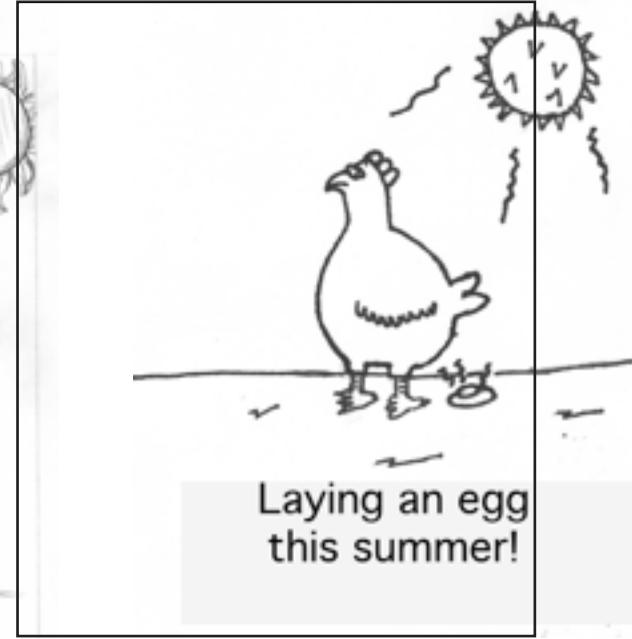
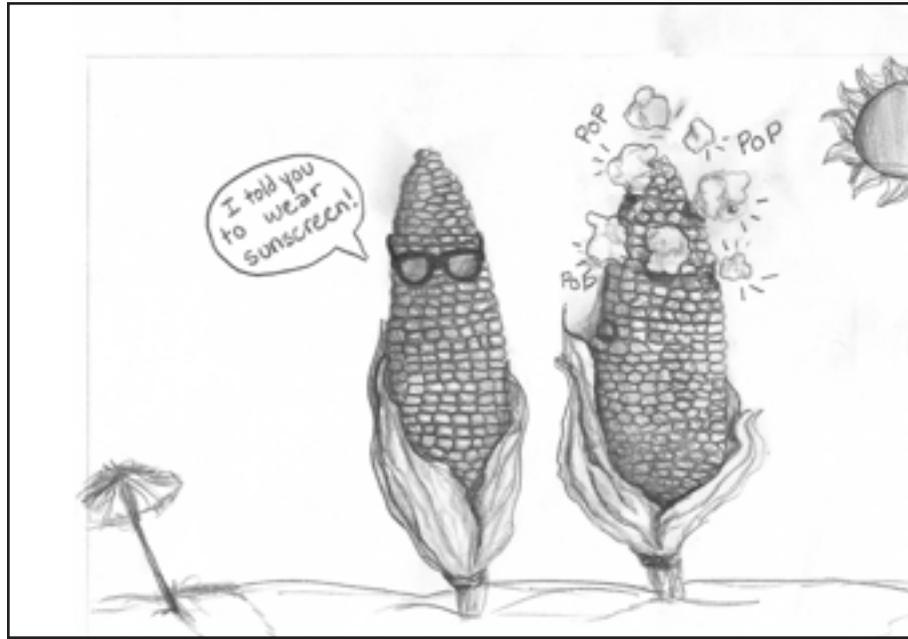
Blockbuster movies

The July 4th weekend is the slot selected for *Spiderman Homecoming*. Following the events of *Captain America: Civil War* (2016), Peter Parker attempts to balance his life in high school with his career as the web-slinging superhero Spider-Man.

Starring Robert Downey Jr., as Ironman and Peter’s mentor, Tom Holland plays the webslinger in this reboot.

There are still yearbooks for sale! Don't be left out the last day of school! It's heroic! **POW!** **KABAM!**

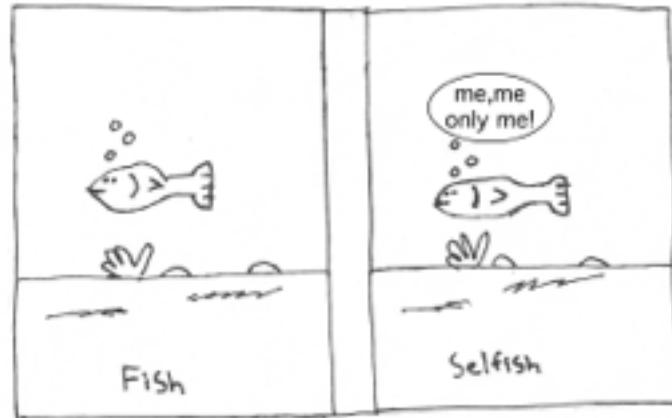
Dms Comics



Star Wars Jokes

Luke and Obi-Wan walk into a Chinese restaurant. Ten minutes into the meal, Luke’s still having trouble with the chopsticks, dropping food everywhere. Obi-Wan finally snaps, “Use the forks, Luke.”

Q: How do you get down from a bantha?
A: You don't. You get down from a goose.



Jokes and Giggles

Mother (muther)- noun

One person who does the work for twenty. For free.

Math for mothers: 1 toddler + 30 seconds of silence in the bathroom = \$300 in plumbing bills

Testing

Teacher: Bill, I hope I did not see you looking on Fred’s paper ?

Bill: Me too!

What kind of school do you go to if you’re...
...an ice cream man? Sundae school.
...a giant? High school.
...a surfer? Boarding school.
...King Arthur? Knight school.

Art winners picked

Congratulations to the following students recognized for their hard work and artistic success in Dixon's Student Art Show.

Hundreds of parents and students came and viewed our students artwork.

Lily Young won best in show, Camille Breen won Teachers Choice and Aiden Lueken won Principals choice!

Our First Place Winners were Ben Romero, Yashley Saenz, Brin Penrod, Marlie Cowan, and David Martin.

Second Place winners were Addy Fell, Jessica Davis, Sophia Luke, Siara Espino, and Max Francis.

Third winners were Lia Buenrostro, Kambree Thomas, Hollyn Lamont, Allison Bartholomew, and Hannah Jorgensen.

Honorable Mentions were given to Emma Carter, Sadie Edwards, Kaiya Craft, Trevan Staker, and Victoria Amistad.

TSA prepares for national competition

by Brooke

A record 11 students qualified for national Technology Study Association competition this summer. Mr. Wardle says students are working to prepare. They will be showing off an amazing service project.



Ashley



Nicco



Courtney



Andrew

Panther Piks

by Josh

Ashley Elmer is a seventh grader at Dixon Middle School. One of her favorite classes at school is orchestra. If she could be a superhero, she would be Superman.

During the summer, Ashley likes swimming and listening to her favorite band, The Band Perry. She also enjoys eating her favorite candy, Three Musketeers.

Nicco Astle is a seventh grader. His favorite class is Utah Studies. If he could be any superhero, he would be Iron Man.

His favorite summer activity is football. Skittles are his favorite treat and his favorite song is "Through the Late Night".

Courtney Scott is an eighth grader. Her favorite class is ballroom with Ms. Marriot. If she could be any superhero, she would be Wonder Woman.

During the summer she likes to swim with her friends and eat ice cream. Her favorite singer is Taylor Swift.

Andrew Palfreyman is an eighth grader. He enjoys History with Mr. Thomas and if he could be any superhero he would be Batman.

His favorite summer activity is longboarding. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite music artist is Chance the Rapper.



Students in digital media has spent many hours creating stop motion movies.

Music concerts planned

by Libby

Here at Dixon Middle School, we have many concerts coming up. Everybody has been working really hard for this. The Band concert is on May 11. Ms. Giblon is also in charge of the guitar concert.

The last choir concert is at 6:30 p.m. on May 18. The choir classes are excited to perform. They took superior ratings at the district festival. Mr. Tijerina also has several small groups who will perform musical numbers.

Ms. Marriott is directing the ballroom dance cotillion. The dancers will perform May 16. Come and see these concerts the students and teachers have prepared for you.

Her ballroom dance teams will perform numbers they have choreographed.

What's happening around campus...

By Kamia

Registration has begun for **summer school** classes. Students are remediate iCans and also work on their skills. Classes are offered in math, science and English and the fee is \$20 per class.

Classes run Monday through Thursday from June 5-22 at 8:30-11:30 a.m.

There is also a special Stem class in which students can have a space adventure, design cars and rockets and participate in fun projects that pass off math and science iCans. This class is \$40 and it runs from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Summer school is strongly recommended for students who failed to pass off two or more of their iCans during the school year.

Students can get more information about summer school in the main office and in counseling.

From the library--Dixon had 92 Panthers sign up for and post their reading in the library during this school year. All ninety-two participants were invited to a pizza lunch on May 10 in the courtyard.

Eight panthers have met their goal of 40 books and continue to race forward adding more every day. Ms. Ordaz and Ms. Marriott have set a great example for this challenge.

As of today, six students have completed this challenge, Neve Black, Katie Tuinei, Allison Bartholomew, Spencer Gardner, Daniela Flores Mendoza and Alex Kohler. Panthers who read and posted twenty-two or more books were invited to the prize drawing, which will be held in the Presentation Room during I-Time.

Teachers will have a zip bag with tickets to hand out to students eligible for that drawing.

Mrs. Drussel's eighth grade honor's English classes are reading The Hiding Place and learning about the holocaust. They recently completed their end of year state testing.

Ms. Marriott's drama students will be presenting their final projects. Drama students will be presenting



Sydney Dean and Cassidy Fife were recently elected to be the ninth grade reps at Provo High.

scenes while advanced students will be doing monologues.

The Dixon Dance team along with others dancers will show off their moves and their created choreography on May 17, 7 pm., in the gym.

From the cafeteria—students are asked to please check your lunch balances before eating and pay the negative balances. Summer feeding programs at Timpanogos and Franklin in June and July, those who are 18 and younger eat free breakfast and lunch.

Mrs. Moody's English classes are finishing the year with a survival unit and are learning about river running. They are reading Take me to the River and will be creating projects based on the inner canyons of the Rio Grande River.

Her honor's class students are reading Shakespeare's The Tempest and will be performing scenes and create some fun Renaissance videos.

In **digital media**, students have finished some amazing stop motion projects. They are modeling Pixar and telling stories including a project with origami birds, lego martians, lizards taking over the world, a fruit romance and a story about boats and starfish.

In **Mr. Stevens, Thomas and Mrs. Johnston's history classes**, they are studying about the events leading to the Civil War and about that great tragedy.

Ms. Cellar's art students recently completed art projects that included making a stencil and then using spray paint to create their piece.