

DMS SPORTS CENTER

Hoopster season off to a great start

by Kampton and Lucas

Boys 8th grade: They lost their first game to a very good American Fork team. After this game, they are practicing hard to rebound from defeat and hope to come out on top when they face Orem in their next game.

This is just the start and there is still a lot of games to play. Stand out players include Kyle Larsen at guard and Lance Reynolds at forward.

Boys 7th grade: They won their first game looking like a very solid team. They're very excited for this season and are ready to make it an awesome

one. Bryant Larsen and Kyle Nye will be leading the team.

Girls 8th grade: They have started their season off right by beating Payson in their opening game.

They are hoping for a very good season this year. Stand out players include Kylee Gordon and Kaylee Snow.

Girls 7th grade: Their season kicks off with their first game on Saturday. They have been practicing hard and are prepared to have a great season. Allison Chambers and Rylie Reynolds will lead that team.



Elks Hoop Shoot contest lady winners were 1 to r, back, Kelci Gingras, Josie Denton front, Kylie Gordon and Alise Fale.



Boys' winners were Hyrum Allen and Christian Tolley. Not pictured Lance Reynolds.

P.E. News

In girls' P.E. they have finished a volleyball unit and moved onto basketball.

The boys are also playing basketball and finished up a floor hockey unit. Moneki remains a school favorite.

Pickleball champs crowned in contest



Trey Jarvis shows off his pickleball skills.

This year's annual first semester pickleball tournament was a huge success full of very talented players.

This year's first place winners were Tj Fisher and Trey Jarvis.

The second place winners were Ty Bybee and Robby Mullen.

Panther Pride Christmas Edition



It's the season to celebrate, be joyful

Students wore holiday colors, ugly Christmas sweaters and Santa hats as they prepared for winter break. Winter break begins Dec. 20 and students will be off until Jan. 6.

As part of Christmas activities student leadership also planned a variety of lunch time events. There was holiday

karaoke, cookie decorating and the yearbook staff candy caned teacher doors.

Students should think about Dixon's Got Talent in January and sign up.

Auditions for the annual talent show will be January 14 and 15 after-school.



It's the season to deck the halls and celebrate.

Music groups will rock the Christmas tree

by Riley Wardell

Dixon music group will rock the Christmas season this week with concert performances.

Beginning on Tuesday, guitar and percussion students will perform at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Ms. Giblon.

There will also be a Ballroom Dance Cotillion and concert that night at 7 directed by Ms. Marriott.

Wednesday, Dixon orchestras will take to the stage

at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Dixon choirs will perform at 6:30 p.m.

CHECK THE CALENDAR

Dec. 17 Guitar Percussion concert @ 6:30 p.m.
Ballroom Cotillion @ 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 Orchestra Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 19 Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 Early Out 12:50 p.m. Winter Break 12/20 -1/6



Choirs, orchestra along with guitar and percussion students will perform this week.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



Lance

by Kyle

This month's sports spotlight athletes have been playing their sports for many years and have been perfecting it so they can do well on the court and the field.

Lance Reynolds plays many different sports including basketball, football and baseball. The positions that he plays in his sports are the power forward in basketball, quarterback and defensive end in football, center field and pitcher in baseball.

Lance has been practicing for many years for each sport. He's been practicing basketball for eight years, baseball for five years and football for six years. Lance has won many championships including the Youngblood Championship, football championship, Youngblood All League three times and bantam championship three times.

Lance's favorite teams to watch are BYU and the Seattle Seahawks.

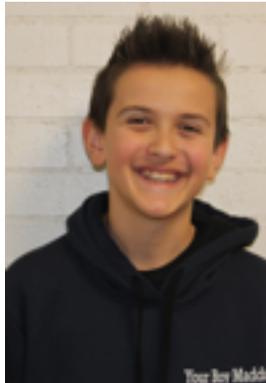
Maddox Dansey plays basketball. On his basketball team he is the shooting guard and the point guard. He has been practicing and perfecting his sport for nine years. Maddox has won many championships in his nine years of playing his sport.

He has won the 2018-2019 Bantam championship. Maddox also won the Provo basketball camp three point championship. Finally Maddox was the three on three champ.

His favorite teams to watch on TV are BYU and Utah Jazz basketball.

Rylie Reynolds plays basketball and also plays volleyball. The positions she plays in these sports are center in basketball and outside hitter and middle in volleyball. Rylie has been playing basketball since she was in 3rd grade, and played volleyball since 4th grade.

Rylie has won two gold medals and one silver medal in volleyball tournaments. She has won three medals in basketball. Rylie goes to practice, games and tournaments prepared and determined. Rylie loves to watch BYU women's volleyball and Duke men's basketball.



Maddox



Rylie

Apply to attend author boot camp

by Rylee Bood

Students wanting to participate in Teen Author Boot Camp in March need to turn in their application to Mrs. Moody before Christmas break.

Eight students will be selected for this opportunity. A \$25 fee is due in January and they will meet with Mrs. Moody to register online.

Teen Author Boot Camp is an annual teen writers conference held every spring in Provo, Utah. The next conference is scheduled for March 28 at the Utah Valley Convention Center. The event lasts all day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30p.m.

Nearly a thousand aspiring teen writers come to the conference to work with Bestselling authors to amp up their writing skills. This year's keynote speakers include Marissa Meyer, along with Kiersten White.

Students must be 13 by January to attend. Registration includes lunch, an afternoon snack, a TABC drawstring backpack, a TABC t-shirt, and a conference program.

Honors Society completes service

by Finn and Griffin

The Honors Society is excited to attend the Utah Regional Ballet performance of the Nutcracker. They also completed a service project in which they created 50 Christmas Cards and letters for armed service personnel.

This was to express appreciation for their service and also because many will be serving during the holidays instead of spending time with their families.

In second semester students will do service to thank teachers and will also participate in a writing workshop with an author.

Turning up The Vibe
Buy a yearbook now in Main Office \$30
Deadline March 1 To per order



The Dixon Modern Dance Company directed by Mrs. Strauss recently performed a concert.

Dancers rock the school with concerts

by Kaylynn and Rylie

Dixon modern and ballroom dance companies will rock the school with holiday concerts. The Ballroom Dancers will perform their annual cotillion this Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the gym.

With choreography and direction from Mrs. Marriott, the cotillion will feature beginning, intermediate and team members dancing a variety of numbers.

The modern dance company performed last week and is directed by Mrs. Strauss. Their concert featured hip hop, jazz and modern numbers.

PTA reflections winners announced

by Kade

Winners have been announced in this year's PTA Reflections Contest.

Winners in the 2D art section were Alyssa Martin in first, Mia Flynn in second, Elena Waterhouse in third, and Abigail Ricks in fourth.

In the 3D art section the winners were Zoe Smith and Alyssa Martin. The literature winners were Kaitlyn Jaussi in first, Lila Nimer in second, Juli Sauft in third, and Riley Wardell in fourth.

In photography Isabella Cox was in first, Griffin Lamont in second, Lacey Peterson in third, and Alyssa Martin in Fourth.

Mixed Up Christmas Ads

Missing: Father. He lives in New York. He's . on the Naughty List! Name- Walter Hobbs. If found please return to Buddy The Elf in the North Pole.

Missing: Frosty the snowman, a happy jolly soul with a corncob pipe and button nose with two eyes made out of coal. was last seen running through traffic. If found call the North Pole at 1-800-000-0000.

Missing: Santa's reindeer Dancer is missing. Last time he was seen was when he was fighting Prancer. He was wearing an ugly Christmas sweater. Send him to Santa's sled. Thank you.

Wanted: the reindeer that ran over my Grandma. My Grandma was last seen walking home on Christmas Eve. She'd been drinking too much eggnog when found at the scene. There were hoof marks on her back. Please call 1-800-Grandma.

PANTHER PIKS

By Lydia and Ellie

This month's Panther Piks features Ashleigh Gardner, Lucas Heidiman, Cora Toutai, and Dallin Zimmerman.

Cora is a 7th grader this year. She is interested in music and her favorite Christmas Song is Joy to the World. When she is bored she likes to learn songs on her ukulele and play them.

She likes all the new kinds of people that you can meet at Dixon , and how you can see yourself and others grow. In the winter Cora likes to go Christmas Caroling with her family and watch movies.

Lucas is an 8th grader this year. He enjoys playing football, basketball and ballet. Lucas's favorite christmas movie is Elf and he also loves Hallmark movies.

When he is bored he likes to play video games. P.E, Yearbook and Leadership are his favorite classes at Dixon. During Christmas time his favorite food is prime rib. His favorite activity in winter is to go skiing.

Dallin is a 7th grader this year. He enjoys playing the cello. His favorite Christmas movie is Elf. When Dallin is bored he likes to play video games and his favorite game is Zelda.

At Dixon he likes how nice and friendly all the teachers are to him. During Christmas his favorite treat is apple cider. In winter he enjoys going outside and playing in the snow, and having snowball fights.

Ashleigh is our other 8th grader. Her interest is playing soccer and she loves all Christmas movies/ music. When she is bored she likes to hang out with all of her friends.

She likes her friends at Dixon and her favorite Christmas treat is pretzels dipped in white chocolate with peppermint sprinkled on top. Her favorite activity in the winter is going sledding.



Cora



Lucas



Dallin



Ashleigh



Students who won books in the assembly.

Author inspires students join the CIA, be kind to others

Author Shelly Brown Morris inspired Dixon students last week as she talked about books and being kind. She asked students to join the CIA, compassion in action, and see the awesome in others.

Morris along with her husband Chad co-authored the book "Mustaches for Maddie" and "Squint". They will release a new title in March called "Willa the Whale".

Their book "Mustaches for Maddie" is a fictional account of their daughter's battle with a brain tumor and how individuals across the country send photos of themselves and their cars with mustaches to make her smile.

Morris told students to see the awesome. "There are invisible things everyone struggles with. We all have trials so be builder not a bulldozer as everyone is trying their best."

Students wrote pink "I mustache ask you to be a friend" notes in homeroom and recieved mustaches to wear to the assembly. Mrs. Moody said she loved seeing students wearing mustaches .

Student Life

It really is rocket science!

By Riley Wardell

Seventh and eighth grade students are working hard each week to prepare for the Science Olympiad competition.

Mrs. Tippetts and Mr. Lockwood work with the students.

Those participating include Nathan Bales, Seth Taylor, Riley Wardell, Miles Eng, Kaydyn Lockwood, Charles Prince and Adam Borrowman.

There are also three returning Provo High students including Kylee Rife, Anna Cannegeiter and Elaine Taylor.

If students are interested in joining talk with Mrs. Tippetts or Mr. Lockwood.

The Olympiad meets every Tuesday and Thursday.

The Regional competition is at Snow College on Feb. 22. State competition will be at the University of Utah on March 28, 2020

Some of the events are Mousetrap Vehicle, Fossils, Crime Busters, Ornithology (Birds), Write it do it, and Mission Possible. You can get more information at Soinc.org



Students work on projects for science olympiad. Students can still sign up by talking with Mrs. Tippetts or Mr. Lockwood.

What's happening around campus...

by Lacey

What's happening around Dixon?

In **Mr. Sheeder's history** classes, students recreated the Constitutional Convention. The students researched different Founding Fathers and debated the most hotly contested issues of representation during the actual convention.

In **Mrs. Moody's English** classes the students are reading the play *The Christmas Carol*. They will also be writing an essay on whether we are helping the homeless enough.

In **yearbook students** are finishing the semester with a photoshop test. They learned how to film stop motion and created some awesome short films about and issue affecting society.



Students in Ms. Hollis' World Cultures classes use various object to imitate the rhythms of various pieces of African music.

In **Mrs. Benson's 8th grade science** classes are working on their science fair projects.

The science fair is in January. In her fourth period class, Camila did her project by giving each student three kinds of milk, non-fat, low-fat and whole milk and they tried to guess which is which.

Mrs. Benson's classes are also working on physics before the end of the year.

In **Mrs. Drussel's English classes** are in the middle of a tall-tail, legend, myth unit and the students will write a tall-tale when they are finished.

The last week of the term will be focused on I-Can #3.

Ms. Bacon's students completed a murder mystery to practice making claims and finding evidence.

The students divided into small groups and worked together to puzzle through case files, read the crime report and find supporting clues.

Students in **Ms. Hollis' world cultures** class were rocking out recently using various objects like cans, pencils and rice bags to imitate African rhythms.

Mr. Harris' students turned Emoji into native American art and created stencils. They created ink prints.



Food classes baked cookies to donate to CARE cuts, a annual holiday event. Dixon donated 20 dozen cookies to help out volunteers who cut hair, do nails for those living in the Bud Bailey apartment community. They serve refugees and others struggling to get back on their feet.

One of our **Kindness Club** groups participated in a team building activity. They had to build a tower out of notecards and paperclips and worked to see if it would support the weight of a cell phone.

In Ms. Holley's classes students have been reading and working with the novel *The Outsiders*.

In **Mr. Young's creative writing** classes they have been doing NaNoWriMo.

Library News

The January Provo

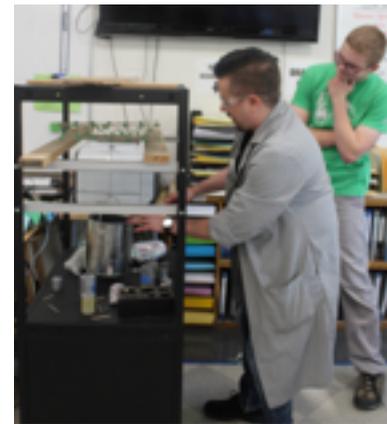
Reads Challenge is "Reading to Open Windows to Heroes Past and Present". Read a book with a hero and be entered into a prize drawing.

The library has a new microscope and you can make pom-pom book marks.

The next Battle of the Books meeting will be Jan. 8 during iTime.

The next Dixon Book Club meeting will be Jan. 13 at 8 a.m. in the library. The book for January is *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. There will be donuts.

This month students have been writing book recommendations on snow flakes. The library also have games you can check out.



Riley watches as Mr. Randle checks the strength of his bridge in his CCA engineering class. Students were building bridges this past week.

LIA raises funds to give family Christmas

by Charlene and Luna

Latino in Action students have been selling chips during both lunches. They are raising funds for a specific family at Dixon that doesn't have money for Christmas.

Members of LIA said it's a really good way to spend the money because it is helping a local family.

Books for your Christmas Stocking?

Here are some of the titles on my Christmas wish list. Check out these books:

The Ordinary Life of an Octopus—realistic fiction
Some people can do their homework. Some people get to have crushes on boys. Some people have other things they've got to do.

Seventh-grader Zoey has her hands full as she takes care of her much younger siblings after school every day while her mom works her shift at the pizza parlor.

At school, Zoey tries to stay under the radar. Her only friend Fuchsia has her own issues, and since they're in an entirely different world than the rich kids, it's best if no one notices them.

Zoey thinks how much easier everything would be if she were an octopus: eight arms to do eight things at once. She's not totally invisible, and one of her teachers forces her to join the debate club and she finds out she is smart and capable. Debate ultimately leads her to see things in a new way and she finds the courage to help her family.

Also new is *SuperNova* from Marissa Meyer and *Lost in Space; Return to Yesterday* based on the Netflix series *Lost in Space*. Loved this quick and fun read.

Game Bytes new Games To play

by Connelly

New video games have come out to get you excited about. New games that came to Playstation, Xbox and PC is *Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order* developed by Respawn Entertainment and published by Electronic Arts.

Another game to be played with your friends is *Call of Duty Modern Warfare* (2019) that is available on Playstation, Xbox, and PC. *Call of Duty Modern Warfare* is apparently Cross-platform meaning you can play through all Consoles and PC together.

Funny and Entertaining...

Here are some really bad christmas jokes...

What does Santa get if he gets stuck in a chimney?
Claustrophobia

Why does Santa have three gardens?

So he can go 'ho ho ho'

Why did Santa's helper go to the doctors?

Because he had low 'elf' esteem

Who delivers presents to cats?

Santa 'claws'

What did the sea say to Santa?

Nothing! It just waved.

Who is Santa's favorite singer?

Elf-is Presley

What did Santa's helper learn at school?

The elf-abet

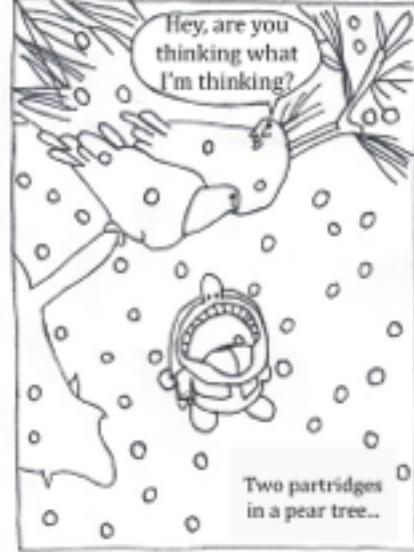
What do you call a bankrupt Santa?

Saint Nickel-less

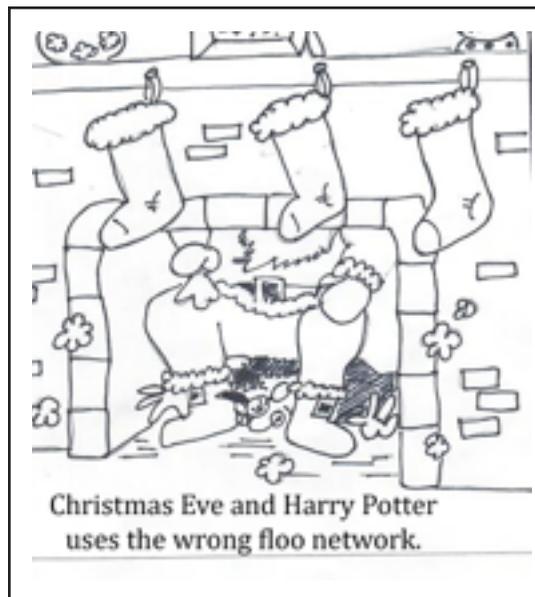
What do elves eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes

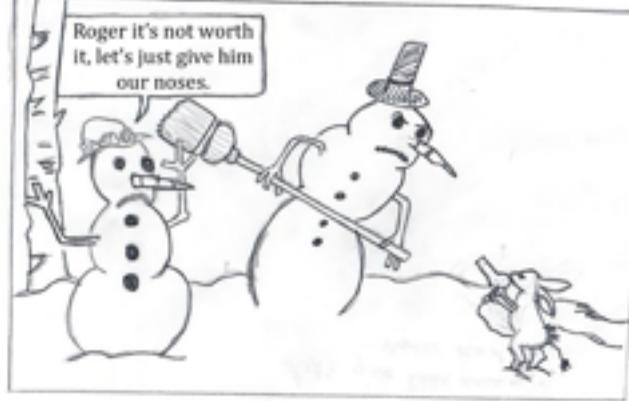
Too Funny by Ellie



In the Middle



Off the Wall by Connelly



Twelve Days of Star Wars Christmas

by Riley Wardell

On the first day of Star Wars, R2-D2 gave to me

One little baby Yoda.

On the second day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Two battle droids.

On the third day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Three TIE fighters.

On the fourth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Four speeder bikes.

On the fifth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Five shining lightsabers!

On the sixth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Six big wampas.

On the seventh day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Seven AT-AT walkers.

On the eighth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Eight whistling birds.

On the ninth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Nine droidekas.

On the tenth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Ten storm troopers.

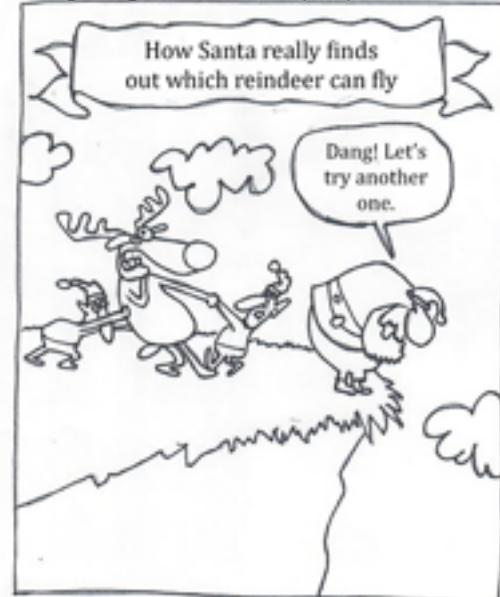
On the eleventh day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Eleven banthas.

On the twelfth day of Star Wars R2-D2 gave to me

Twelve bounty droids!

Laughing Outloud by Lydia



Tickets for Rise of Skywalker? Comes To screen for Christmas

by Kampton and Finn

The hype is there but is it worth seeing?

This is the last movie in the Skywalker saga. Rise of the Skywalker comes to the screen in time for Christmas.

Everyone is hoping that this movie is going to live up to its expectations and end the saga with a bang.

The Last Jedi did not get very good reviews but with J.J Abrams at this helm this one may be great.

Abrams is well known for his Star Trek work along with Marvel films. He understands the Star Wars story and gave this movie a ton of potential.

We think this movie is definitely going to be worth seeing and everyone has a reason for their excitement. Many already have tickets for this film which open Dec. 20.

Survivors of the resistance are back and battling the first order. The cast is back along with Emperor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid) and Lando Calrissian (Billy Dee Williams).

Poe Dameron (Oscar Issac) and Finn lead the resistance (Jon Boyega) and come to the aide of Rey (Daisy Ridley) in this final chapter.