

# DIXON SPORTS CENTER

## Sports Spotlight” Focus on champions

by Ashton

This issue’s sport spotlights feature students who are champions and who have a passion for sports.

**Jett Schouman** was a starter for the eighth grade football team where he plays corner. He also plays basketball and is a power forward. Add a love of skiing and soccer and playing is his passion.

He helped his football team win a championship and has picked up two first place medals for ski races. His favorite teams are the Buffalo Bills and Utah State.

Eighth grader **Moses Vaenuku** plays football and basketball along with soccer and rugby. He loves them all. On the football team, he plays wide receiver. On the basketball court, he is a power forward and plays small forward.

He plays wing in rugby and believes the support of his family helps him be successful in all of these sports. He has won a lot of medals and trophies. His favorite college is Stanford and he is a fan of Golden State Warriors and San Francisco 49’ers.

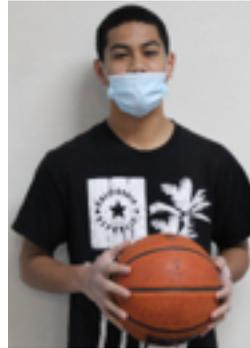
**Emery Petersen** is a seventh grader who loves to be on the basketball court. She also plays soccer and enjoys skiing during the winter. She is very passionate about skiing. Emery is a guard on the basketball team and plays win in soccer.

Emery says putting the in the time and effort at practice helps you be successful. She has won medals for soccer. Her favorite teams include BYU and the Utah Jazz.

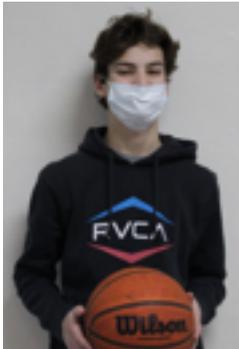
**Tessa DeShare** is in the 8th grade and Loves to play sports, she plays basketball, soccer, and track. She plays point guard and forward. She won track in state for the 800 and got second place in the 400.



Emery



Moses



Jett



Tessa

She is so successful because of her hard work and good attitude. One day she wants to play these sports at North Carolina.

## Hoopsters wind up season

With a long season the girls Dixon Panthers have worked hard. Even with covid they did great and played hard at their games and practices. They all had an exciting season this year.

With March ball starting they are excited to get back on the court. The seventh grade girls won one of these games and played hard.

The eighth grade girls have been doing great this season and excited to play on the freshman team next year.

Boys teams are working hard to get ready for end of season play.

# Panther Pride--student news

February 2021

## Kindness, friends theme activities this month

by Kayla

Kindness Week takes place February 16-19. Each Kindness Club group was in charge of a different day.

They planned fun dress-up days for each day of the week. On Thursday, Mrs. Cunico's group planned a "Fight for Kindness: Color Wars" where eighth graders wore blue and seventh graders wore yellow.

They also planned an activity where students played Kindness Bingo to earn a prize from the counseling office.

All the Kindness Club groups will be writing inspirational/kind messages in chalk outside of the school, along with decorating kindness rocks which will be placed around town.



Kindness Week rocks as club members make posters.



Yearbook students had a great time heart attacking teacher’s doors.

## Author talks books, creating stories

By Abigail

Author Frank Cole will do a virtual author visit for students in February. Frank is the author of ten books; he wrote the *Potion Master’s Series*, the *World’s Greatest Adventure Machine* and more.

He has visited more than 120 schools, where he promotes reading and using your imagination. He will be talking to students about finding ideas for writing and plotting stories.

He also has a new series coming out this spring titled, *The Die of Destiny: Champion’s Quest*. The four kids--Lucas, a fiercely more on the next page....



Author Frank Cole



## Calendar of Events

- Feb. 16-19 Kindness Week
- Feb. 24 Virtual Author Visit Frank Cole (see story Dixon at PHS virtual for 8th grade)
- March 4 8th grade parent night
- March 8 8th grade registration in history classes
- March 8-12 Spirit Week revisited
- March 10 Band Concert
- March 16 Orchestra Concert
- March 18 6th grade day along with job shadow and reality town
- Choir Concert
- 3rd Term Ends
- April 5-9 Spring Break

by Landon and Kaitlyn

In Mrs. Moody's 7 English class students are working on poetry. They will be writing poems and celebrating with a gallery walk and slideshow.

They will also be reciting poems for multiple voices. They recently completed an informational essay and in March will be doing a class novel.

We welcome new students to the yearbook class and have been learning Photoshop basics.

They will also be working with photography and taking some LEGO photos soon. They will be looking forward to stop motion in the spring.

Mrs Reid's literacy class will be reading Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in a week. One activity they will be doing is taking the Pottermore test and be divided into houses using a sorting hat.

They also created and wrote heart attack notes for teach-



Left: Ms. Reid's students prepare valentines.

Right: Mr. Sheeder's students and scavenger prepare for a debate.

In Mr Lee's Portuguese class, students completed a survey of most important things to learn in a foreign language. The survey results will be used for a Family Feud game competition between table groups.

Mrs. Vassau's English classes are working on writing informational essays. We're practicing gathering evidence from multiple sources, turning prompt questions into thesis statements, and learning all the parts of an informational essay to help us be effective writers.

Students in Ms. Cimenski's class were inspired by "Persuade" from Author's Purpose. They created petitions to get an additional break at the beginning of school and another to start school 30 minutes later.

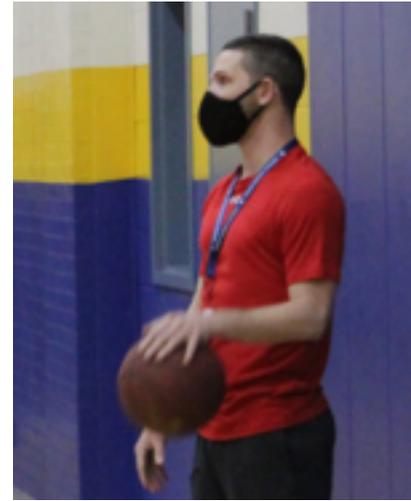
The petitions have hundreds of signatures tallied between them. Our administration, as well as the school board, will be reviewing the petitions in upcoming weeks. Makai Allen is leading the first



one and Halle McMahan + Autumn Frandsen are leading the second one.

Mr. Sheeder's history classes last week were doing a trade simulation.

This week on Friday, we will do a scavenger hunt outside based on Lewis and Clark's Expedition. We will also be celebrating Dinosaur Day.



P.E. students listen to Coach Stillwell give directions for basketball drills.

## Meet new P.E. Teacher

by Leslie

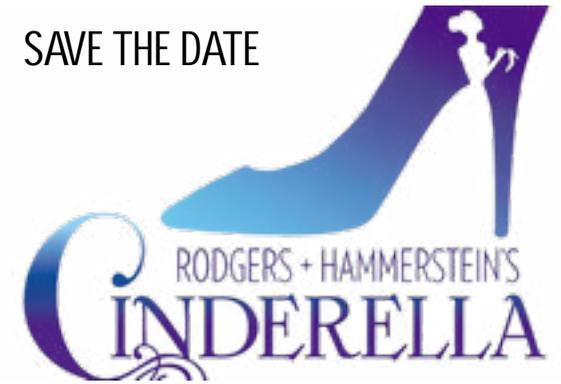
And with a new introduction we introduce Kenneth Stillwell the Boys "NEW PE TEACHER".

We've been eager to know who he would be. We requested a from telling him about himself and with surprise our first knowledge about Mr. Stillwell likes Russia. He recently graduated from BYU this last December of 2020.

We have seen he has motivation for the school spirit and has enjoyed the "Be a buddy, not a bully" campaign. Some of his passions are Basketball and Rock climbing.

Has anyone heard of "Coach Carter", cause if so then you know what Coach's Favorite Movie is. We can't wait to make Mr. Stillwell felt

SAVE THE DATE



By Kaitlyn Jaussi

This year's production of Rodger and Hammerstein's Cinderella has begun rehearsal. If you haven't seen it yet, we have the cast list right here, just for you.

Save the dates the last two weeks in April for this great production under the direction of Nicole Marriott and Mr. Tijerina.

The cast includes McKenna Jensen, who will play Cinderella with Camila Sanchez as the Godmother. Other cast members are: Austin Allred-prince, Ethan Yergensen-King, Alexandra Taylor-queen, Sydney Jarvis-fairy godmother and Landon Romero-herald.

The cast also includes Claire Monera Portia, Katelyn Mangum- Joy, Mia Flynn-little boy, Jacob Good-father, Layla Price-mother, Emery Jessop-daughter, Kaitlyn Jaussi-sloppy step sister, Eliza Barthlomew-mean sisters, Emmaline Dal-ly-studious sister, Cheyenne Peahl-grandma and Lauren Fell-kid sister.

Other cast members are: Bernie Arnett-flower vendor, Claire Black-chef, Andrew Ashton-butcher, Sebrina Orellana-cheese steward, Emma Hicken-first girl, Coara Toutai-second girl, Taylor Bobo-fruit vendor, Christian Macfarlane-footman, Drew Mills-coachman and Rice Farmer-Oliver.

## author visit

independent boy who struggles with panic attacks; Jasmine, a feisty girl who struggles to make friends; Mile, a book-smart boy with a wide-eyed innocence; and Vanessa, a perpetually grumpy sixteen-year-old girl, are suddenly immersed in this world as their new RPG characters.

They must work together as a team, overcome their real-world weaknesses, and believe in themselves and each other as champions if they are to outwit, outplay, and survive their foes in this ultimate quest to defeat a treacherous, three-headed monster.

## Band, choir rehearsing for concerts

by Kacie

This spring music concerts will be starting back up for the first time in person since last year.

Mr. T's concert choir will be having a choir concert on March 17 at 6:30. There will be two different concerts for the parents of each student, so two people will be allowed to go for every student that is in the choir.

Ms. Giblon's band will also be having a concert in the spring. Their concert will be on Wednesday March 10 and it will also be at 6:30.

The third and final concert of the spring will be the Orchestra concert. They will be having their concert on Tuesday March 16 and this concert will also be at 6:30.

All of these groups have been working very hard to prepare for their concerts that are coming up and we are all very excited that we will be able to perform in person again this year.

## Teens participate in writing event

By Kaitlyn

Teen Author Boot Camp has gone virtual, but students planning to attend will meet at Dixon for a fun after-school event to watch keynote speakers and talk about writing.

Keynote speakers for the event will include Christopher Poalini (author of Eragon) and Leigh Bardugo (author of the Shadow and Bone series and King of Scars).

Congratulations for the students who will be attending: Kaitlyn Jaussi, Andrew Ashton, Hyrum Allen, Christian MacFarlane, Katelyn Mangum, Katelyn Rolph, Zaylie Mattingly, and Emery Jessop.

Mrs. Moody is working with the students to organize a fun event and have arranged the virtual links so students can still participate with thirty authors and hone their writing skills.

Students who will be participating in TABC.



Dixon's choirs, bands and orchestra are working to prepare musical numbers for a spring concert.



Students pose on "I love Flannel Day."

## SBO plans dress up days

The student council has been busy planning for March and coming up will be a "Re-visit Spirit Week" and a celebration of Dixon's 90th birthday.

Spirit Week will have various fun dress up days and a reminder of Dixon's tradition of school spirit.

Leadership also sponsored a Friendship Week in February for Valentine's Day.

During that week students wore red and pink, dressed up as Nerd's and also wore Crazy outfits. There was a "I love flannel day" and a comfey day where students wore sweats, onsies and brought blankets.



## PANTHER PICS

by Amerlia and Mallory

This issue introduces you to the following students:

**Loren Tuck** is a 7th grader at Dixon. Her favorite classes are history and art. Her favorite movie is *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*.

Her favorite thing to do in the winter is to sled or read. Some of her hobbies are reading, writing and sleeping.

**Andrew Ashton** is an 8th grader at Dixon. His favorite classes are ballroom and theater. His favorite candy is Valentine's candy from girls.

His favorite movie is *Pride and Prejudice*. His favorite thing to do in the winter is to chill with family. He plays the piano, likes to read and dances.

**Camilla Grover** is an 8th grader at Dixon. Her favorite classes are Ballroom, English and Choir. Her favorite Valentines candy is Hershey's chocolate.

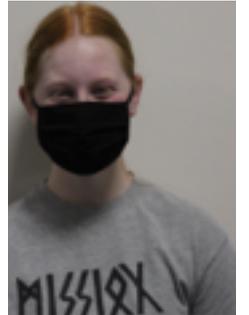
Camilla's favorite movie is *Napoleon Dynamite*. Her favorite thing to do in the winter is 'enjoy the cold'. Her hobbies are piano, ballroom dancing and reading.

**Adam Gee** is a 7th grader at Dixon Middle School. His favorite classes are Theatre, English and Science. His favorite candy is Kit Kats.

His favorite thing to watch is *Avatar the Last Airbender*. In the winter he likes to stay inside and watch movies. His hobbies are playing video games, doing art and playing the trombone.



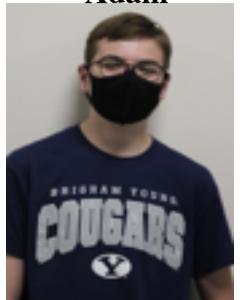
Loren



Camilla



Adam



Andrew

Buy a yearbook...

## It's a journey through the year!

The yearbook staff is working hard to complete the yearbook for the Dixon students! The deadline is coming up in March. Make sure you don't forget to pre-order your yearbook! Students can buy yearbooks in the financial office or online.

They are \$30 for 132 pages of wonderful pictures, art, and memories from Dixon! The theme of the yearbook for 2020-2021 is Journey's and it will be filled with traveling, spells, and magic. Allison Chambers is working hard on the sports section, while Ashton Post and Kayla Stoddard are busy taking lots of pictures of the Dixon students and staff.

Kaitlyn Jaussi is thinking up some clever text for the yearbook, and Emily Fiorucci and Christaian MacFarlane are working with graphics and page designs. Mrs Moody and all the yearbook staff are very excited to release all their hard work to the students very soon!



**Yearbook staff members go over a script and prepare to shoot a stop motion commercial. Yearbooks are on sale in the Main Office for \$30.**



**Librarian Ms. Dudley explains battle of books to students.**

## Library news: Love reading, book battle

by: Kacie

The February reading challenge is to share your love of reading with a younger reader. Students and teachers can do this by taking a photo of them reading to a younger child or grandchild and send it by email to Ms. Dudley, stephanied@provo.edu. Students and teachers also get a rice krispie treat.

Ms. Dudley would like to cover the library with pictures of readers sharing their love of reading.

Students are also doing Battle of the Books right now. Battle of the Books involves reading groups of five students, who together read 20 books. Each team member reads four or more books, so that as a team they can answer questions about all the books.

In coming months, students will have "mock" battles between the Dixon teams. These are really fun games. The teams will be asked questions about the books, and the two teams that score the highest points will go.



## What are you binging? Disney

by Emily

On Disney+ there are so many good options of things to watch. My personal favorite is *Phineas and Ferb*. It's a great watch about summer and being engineers.

A good one for eighth graders is *High School Musical*, since high school is coming up very quickly. Another great movie to watch is *Soul*, a movie about souls finding their "spark".

On Netflix, *The Legend of Korra* and *Avatar the Last Airbender*, a double whammy. Make sure you watch Avatar the Last Airbender first, so you actually know what's going on.

Another fun watch for Valentine's Day is *Love and Monsters*, 7 years after the Monsterpocalypse, Joel Dawson, and the rest of humanity, has been living underground since giant monsters took over the surface of the Earth.

After reconnecting with his High School girlfriend over the radio, he decides to go on a journey to find her, and not let the monsters get in his way.

## Wanda and the Marvel Universe--What is coming?

by staff

Kevin Feige has warned that the Marvel series on Disney+ would have implications for their greater universe. So spoiler alert because I have been watching Wanda Vision and wondering where the story line was going. Now we may know.

In the most recent episode the ragtag team of Darcy Lewis, Captain Monica Rambeau and Agent Jimmy Woo come closer to understanding what is up with Westview.

Vision is still part of the simulation but it's now the 80's and he and Wanda have twins. When the doorbell rings, Wanda is confused by the twist and opens the door to find her brother Pietro Maximoff and the actor is the one who portrayed Quicksilver in several X men movies, hinting at a cross over into Xmen, which Disney now owns the rights to.

Also coming to Disney+ is The Falcon and the Winter Soldier with Anthony Mackie and Sebastian Stan. Also the much anticipated Loki with Tom Hiddleston and Owen Wilson. The story line follows the exploits of a mischievous Loki not a redeemed one.

# Books: Great Romantic Read

by Amelia and Malloary

On our bookshelf this issue, we thought we would write about some of our favorite romantic reads. If it's snowing and cold, curl up with a great book.

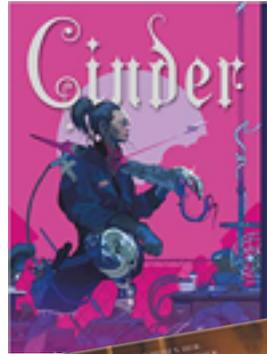
One of those is **Cinder** by Marissa Meyes, the first in the Lunar Chronicles. A girl named Cinder lives with her evil stepmother and step siblings. She meets a wonderful prince, named Kai.

She helps him fix things and they fall in love. What more will happen with Cinder and the Prince? Read Cinder to find out.

**The Betrothed**, new from Kiara Cass. This epic royal romance features a daughter of nobility, Hollis Bright, who has captured the heart of the king. But trouble strikes when Hollis falls in love with a commoner. What happens next? Read The Betrothed to find out more.

**By Your Side** by Kasie West is a story about Autumn Collins finds herself locked in a library for an entire weekend and Dax Miller, a boy she barely knows is locked in there with her. To find out what happens next read By your side.

**The Traitor's Game** by Jennifer Nielsen. After being in exile for three years Kestra Dallistor is going home. Kestra's father is second in command to an evil king. On her way Kestra gets kidnapped by a group of rebels who want her to retrieve a powerful object that could destroy the king. Read Traitor's game to find out what happens.



# THE FUNNY PAGE

Why did the skeleton want any valentines? His heart wasn't in it.

What did Ron say to Hermoine on Valentine's Day? You are the one I have been seeking.

How do you tell when a squirrel is in love?" It goes nuts!

What did the paper clip say to the magnet? I find you very attractive.

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

Some Mando jokes you may only laugh if you are a fan...

In order for The Mandalorian's ship to take off he had to ensure his crew and cargo wasn't too heavy. This is the weigh.

This is the weigh.

Why can't you beat the Mandalorian in a race? Because he has the beskar.

I really have a thing for Mandalorians

I guess it's my boba fetish.

Knock, knock who's there? Nobel.Nobel who? Nobel, so I'm knocking!

Knock, knock who's there? Tank. Tank who? Tank you!

Knock, knock who's there? Hal.Hal who? Ha will you know unless you open the door.

Know, know who's there? Snow.

Snow who? Snow use these jokes are over!

Three mandalorians are stuck in a maze and two of them are arguing with each other. "This is the way" "No, this is the way" they keep saying to each other.

Then the third flies up and out of the maze with his jetpack. "No that's the way" the second says to the first, yes this is the way!

