

SPORTS CENTER

Baseball

We play games!

by Issac and Allison

The Provo Dawgs have started their baseball season and have played ten games.

Of those they have won seven and lost three. James Knudsen, who catches for the team and plays third base says the team is working hard.

Knudsen also plays basketball and has one first place medal. He believes that practice is the key to being successful.

The ladies have also started their season and have played four games.

They are working hard



Erik goes off the puck during a season ice hockey match.



Dixon students who can be found playing games on the baseball field.

and certain players are on the field but everyone gets to bat. One of the standout players is Sina Albert, who has been playing softball for several years. She plays for the Island Warriors as a catcher.

She also plays outside setter in volleyball. The season is just beginning and there are tournaments on the horizon.

Sina is considered to have the strongest swing and be the more accurate. She says to be successful you have to stretch and do work in the batting cages. She works our everyday to improve.

She also likes to do dances from her Polynesian culture and enjoys just sitting and listening to music



Hockey team qualifes for championship

by Crobin

There are a trio of Dixon students who play ice hockey including Erik Arrienhius and Dallin Zimmerman along with Alex Bonham, who plays on a club team.

Dallin and Erik play for the Polar Bears which had a winning season this year. They went on to play for the championship taking second in a tough loss.

Erik plays defense and has won some awards for hockey. He enjoys spending time on the ice and says that "practice while it may seem boring helps you in the end be successful."

Calendar

April 29 Dance Company

April 30 No School
Snow Make up Day
Concert

May 10-15 Art Show
Dixon Library

May 11 combined
band and orchestra
concert

May 13 band concert
May 18 orchestra
concert

May 20 Choir Concert

May 25 Guitar concert

May 28 Yearbook Day
and the last day of
school



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Panther Pride

student news 2021

New officers elected, Countdown to last day

by Leslie

Students are counting down the days until summer vacation and the end of a unique school year. There are rumors of a field day and a teacher lack of talent assembly to add to the fun.

New student officers were recently elected. They are President Lucy Gardiner, Vice President Paige Barry, Secretary Zaylie Mattingly, Publicity Zach Wakefield and Spirit Activity Chairman Halle McMahan. Learn more about them on page 4.



New student officers Zaylie, Lucy, Paige, Halle and Zach.

Masks are still required but hopefully as the weather warms students can go outside for lunch and enjoy soccer, football and visiting with friends.

Many fun dress up days are being planned as we moved into end of level testing. This week we had active wear day, spring colors, sunglasses and fancy Friday dress up. Last week there was a pajama day.

April 30 there is no school because it's a district snow day.

Teacher appreciation week is in May and yearbooks will be handed out the last day of school.

There are still a few yearbooks left for sale and they are \$30. You can purchase one in the financial office or go on line. This year's book is 132 pages of full color photos.

Close and personal with new officers

By Ashton

New student officers were announced recently and they are excited to begin planning activities. Congratulations to Zaylie Mattingly, Zach Wakefield, Lucy Gardiner, Paige Barry and Halle MaMahan.

Lucy is the president next year and hopes to be “an advocate and a voice for Dixon students”. She also hopes to make it a fun school year.

Her favorite class is student government and she loves the diversity in friends and peers at Dixon. “Everyone is unique and it’s great to get to know people.”

Lucy likes dance, art, writing, music and traveling. She enjoys movies *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Lord of the Rings*.

Paige is the vice president and wants to lift everyone up to be their best. She would like everyone to feel involved and welcome. She likes all of the people, teachers and activities that there are to choose from at Dixon.

She likes science and loves to paint, draw, sew and do crafts along with service. She also plays sports.

Zaylie will serve as secretary and want to help others and to help students feel safe and that Dixon is a great place for everyone to learn and grow.

Her favorite class is student government and she thinks that Dixon is an amazing place. She likes to watch *Once Upon a Time*, listen to pop and country music and to make new friends. She enjoys sketching and playing softball.

Zach will be in charge of publicity and helping students be aware of events and activities. His favorite class is art and he likes mountain biking and skiing. He also listens to country music. His favorite movie is *Kong—Skull Island*.

Halle is the spirit activities chairman and she is looking forward to planning tons of fun dress up days. Her interests include dance, cheer, tumbling and tennis. She likes music and her favorite class is science. The best thing about Dixon she says is how helpful and amazing the teachers are.



By Emme

Cora Toutai is our new president! We asked her some questions and here is what she said. Why do you want to be a student body officer? “I want to be a student body officer because I want to represent and be a voice for my peers. Serving them is such an honor.” What do you hope to accomplish? “I want everyone to feel like they are a part of a school family and that someone cares about them.” says Cora. What are your hobbies and interests? “I love singing, playing the guitar and anything crafty!” Cora’s favorite classes are math and English and she loves the culture and diversity at Dixon.

Ethan Yergensen is our new vice president. We asked him some questions, here's what he said! Why do you want to be a student officer? “To be a voice and advocate for the students” says Ethan. What do you hope to accomplish? “I want to make students' voices more public.” What are your Hobbies and interests? I like House plants and yoga. What's your Favorite movies/music? “I like anything, Rick Montgomery, Doja Cat.” Ethan’s favorite class is English.

Maddox Dansie is our new secretary! Here are some things about him. Why do you want to be a student officer? “I love to be involved with my peers and make sure our freshman year will be awesome.” What are some of your hobbies and interests? I like basketball, running, volleyball and the outdoors.” says Maddox. What is your favorite movie/music? I love R&B music, old music and a little bit of rap. What is your Favorite class? I like history because of Mr. Dayle's mini hoops. And lastly, what do you like most about Dixon? “I like the environment and the people here and the Awesome teachers. Wow! we are going to have an amazing freshman year!”

New 9th grade officers plan for PHS

Meet next year’s yearbook editors

By Mallory

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as yearbook editors. They include Elizabeth Hansen, Houston Hagberg, Ashley Johnson, Abigail Garner and Sury Medrano.

Elizabeth is going to be part of the Yearbook team next year. She wants to be a part because she is interested in graphic design and photography. She also likes art. She is very creative and thinks her ideas will help the yearbook. Some of her hobbies are crafting and making lots of art projects. Her favorite movies are Disney movies and her favorite classes are English, band, theatre, art and science.

Houston will be a part of the Yearbook class next year. He wants to join yearbook because he says that Yearbook is something he has experienced doing and it is something he enjoys. He really likes photography and art. He is very skilled at digital art and very good with working with groups. He loves soccer, acting, art, animating, and hanging out with friends. His favorite movie is a quiet place. His favorite class is portugesse DLI3 because its a different language.

Ashley will be part of the yearbook next year. She thinks that it will be a fun and good experience for her and others. She will bring a new perspective into the team. She has many hobbies like photography, soccer, and hanging out with her friends. She loves action movies and all different kinds of music. Her favorite class in school is english and likes to meet new people.

Abigail is joining yearbook next year. She thinks it would be a fun experience and she likes to take and edit pictures. She likes art and photography and is very creative. Some of her hobbies are basketball, soccer, swimming and acting. Her favorite movies are *Riverdale* and *Stranger things*.

Sury loves photography and has done it for a long time. Sury also loves art and being creative. Sury loves to dance, paint, edit, and take pictures. Her favorite movies are action and adventure and romance. She likes music.





Kayte



Alan



Ruby



Austin

Panther Picks

by Allison and Christian

This issue features the following seventh and eighth grade students. We hope you enjoy getting to know them.

Kayte Lynn Darnell is a very nice seventh grader. Her favorite thing to do in the summer and spring for fun is hanging out with her friends and going swimming with them also.

Her favorite to watch is bubble guppies. She loves to eat mozzarella sticks. She could eat them all day. In her free time she loves to draw, explore and play with her brother.

Alan ‘Tony’ Martinez is also a seventh grader who loves math. What he likes to do in the spring and summer is eat good food outside in the sun. His favorite food to eat is hamburgers.

He likes to watch Spider-man into the Spider Verse. His hobbies and interests include soccer, math, and spending time with his family.

Ruby Joyner is an eighth grader who is in the yearbook class and enjoys photography and Photoshop. Her favorite class is choir and she loves being outside with her friends in the spring.

Her favorite thing to stream is Stranger Things, Julie and the Phantoms and Hannah Montana. Her favorite food is broccoli and her hobbies and interests include cheerleading, jewelry making and interior design.

Austin Allred is an eighth grader who likes to play sports and hang out with his friends. His favorite class is choir. He likes the movie Nacho Libre and loved to eat grilled steak. His hobbies and interests include baseball, guitar and longboarding.



Members of the Dixon Dance Company are busy preparing for a concert this week. Their concert is April 29 under the direction of Mrs. Strauss. They will even be doing some of their own choreography.

Final night for musical

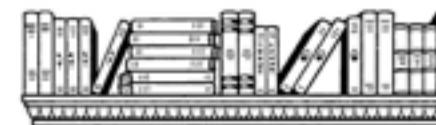
by Landon

Do you enjoy the theater? Come see this year’s production of Cinderella as to night is the final night.

Seating is first come first serve and the show starts at 6:30 with doors open at 6 p.m. . Tickets will be required, with the exception of Saturday, which is at 2:00 p.m. and will be first-come-first-serve. The audience will need to wear masks.

The show starring Mckenna Jensen as Cinderella and Austin Allred as The Prince. It includes familiar songs as “The Prince is Giving a Ball” and “In my Own Little Corner” and “Stepsisters Lament”.

The musical is under the direction of Nicole Marriott with Jeremiah Tijerina directing the music and Chelsea Cellar working on costumes.



Student Life

Dixon wins district Battle of the Books

by Abigail

Six teams fight for a prize. Only one team will win. They all fill their heads with knowledge of books to compete in the biggest battle known in school--The Battle of the Books.

The winning team is The every other Wednesdays with Claire Black, Macie Nashif, Kiersten Cadenhead, Haylee Redford and Michelle Beesley as the team’s competitors.

Team two is The Disappointments with Alekandra Repina, Sadie Gillespie, Rebekah Zurita, Xane Clyde and Heydon Blair as their team’s competitors.

Team three is The Eight-iots with Kattlyn Jaussi, Andrew Ashton, Christian Macfarlane, Hyrum Allen and Natalie Verdoorn.

Team four is The Muppets with Katelyn Mangum, Emery Jessop, Cheyenne Pearl, Joshua Smith and Rica King.

Team five is My Shots with Anna Jaussi, Eliza Bartholomew, Addie Hovik, Harmony Bartholomew, and Nataley Harrison.

The sixth team is The Squirrels of the Perpendicular Table with Key Crandall, Lincoln Jenson, Owen Black, Zaylei Mattingly and Tyler Oaks.

Members of the Dixon Book Battle tea, Every Other Wednesdays, had a perfect score to take top honors in the district book competition this week.



News around the campus

by Kayla

In **Mrs. Benson's eighth-grade science class**, they are learning about natural resources.

Did you know that 75/118 elements on the periodic table can be found in a smartphone?

Her class got to read an article and watch a video to come up with a list of natural resources found in smartphones.

Mrs. Holley's eighth grade English classes have been learning about writing letters.

They each wrote letters to the school board and participated in Westminster College's letter writing campaign.

This included writing a letter to themselves, celebrities, and others.

They are finishing up rise testing, then moving on to starting book groups with books written in the verse style!

Mrs. Moody's seventh-grade English students recently finished reading classic novels including "The Maze Runner", "The Hunger Games", "The Selection", and "The 11th Plague". They finished by participating in the "Moody Minute to Win it Hunger Games".

They are now doing state testing and will finish the school year with a survival unit and

and learning about river running.

In **Mrs. Moody's year-book class** students have been busy creating and filming stop motion movies. They will be creating more films later this month as part of a video challenge along with completing a final photo-shop assessment.

This past week **Mr. Day-ley's eighth grade U.S. History** classes got to participate in an interactive lesson about the Oregon Trail.

Students were split up into groups and had to travel around outside to different trading posts and stops along the trail.

Each stop had a challenge or activity that students would have to complete. The fastest group time to complete the entire trail was 28 minutes flat.

Ms. Reid's Learning Strategies classes participated in a sorting hat ceremony yesterday! The classes have been reading Harry Potter and each student was divided into one of the four houses.

Earlier this month, **Ms. Ordaz's food classes** learned about knife skills and safety in order to complete a healthy stir fry.

Mr. Sheeder's U.S. History classes will begin their new unit on the Civil War and will

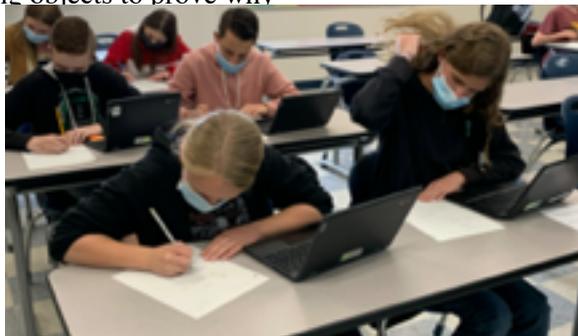


Yearbook students work to create a Lego stop motion.

be doing battle simulations with the other social studies teachers outside at the end of the month.

In **CCA Business** with Ms. LaRose, they will be doing job interviews along with creating a resume which will help students practice those skills for the future.

Mrs. Erickson's 7th grade math class is currently finding the area of circles by measuring objects to prove why



Eighth grade math students created Kahoot games to review.

the triangle formula works.

In her eighth grade math class, they are making cylinders and cones and proving why the formulas work through a volume scavenger hunt.

The **STEM students in Mrs. Hill's classes** have put together or created review games to help study for the end of year test.

Some examples are, an escape room, a picture using transformations, a color by number page by solving mathematical problems and kahoots. They have been really fun to play and to review.

The math 8 and 8H are finishing up with their "good to knows" so that they will be ready for their end of level test. They are hoping to finish so that they can review with escape room activities.

English students have finished state testing with math and science schedule for May 10.

On the book shelf: Hot summer reads!

by Amelia

We hope during the summer you will try some of these reads, whether reading to yourself or to your younger siblings.

The Selection: Thirty Five impoverished girls have a chance of a lifetime. They have a chance to leave the life they were born into and become wealthy. Every girl is hoping to be selected, but for America being selected is the last thing she wants.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar: A very small caterpillar emerges from an egg and starts eating and eating. Then the caterpillar starts to grow and it gets much bigger. The big caterpillar makes a cocoon and after waiting a while he emerges and becomes a butterfly.

The Giver: Jonas lives in a futuristic world where everything is chosen for him. Each year there is a ceremony where kids turn a year older. This year everyone Jonas's age will be assigned a job. Read the giver to find out what happens.



Congratulations to Katie, Emery, and Alisa on placing in the district science fair and went on to regionals! Emery and Katie were partners and their project placed 3rd in the district so they qualified to move onto the State STEM Fair.



Concert orchestra plays a lunch time concert in preparation for the final performance of the year.

Groups plan first and only concerts of year

by Ruby

The end of the year is coming up soon, and that means concerts for our music department here at Dixon.

Starting in May we will have concerts for choir, band, and orchestra. All of them have been preparing and working hard for the past months, and are excited to show off what they have learned!

The concerts will be as follows: Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra will play on May 11, at 6:30 lead by Ms. Lacayo and Ms. Giblon. Beginning, Intermediate, and Jazz bands are playing on May 13 at 6:30, lead by Ms. Giblon. The final concert we will have will be for the choirs on May 20 at 6:30 lead by Mr Tijerina.

Students win drama award

by Landon

Eliza Bartholomew's play "Holding to Her Own" has been selected as the Utah winner of the AATE Young Playwrights for Change Contest! If you see her in the halls, congratulate her!

Harmony B's play "To Get the Girl" was one of the three finalists as well! Congratulations to both students for their hard work! Eliza's script will go onto the National Young Playwrights for Change Contest.

Honors society competes in knowledge bowl

Everyone was a winner as students from the National Honor Society competed in a fun knowledge bowl for a pre-spring break activity. The categories included random trivia knowledge, Disney trivia and teacher trivia.

Students also enjoyed popsicles and missing class as part of the activity. Winning students received a Thumbs up trophy. Ms. Holley and Mrs. Moody organized the event. Mrs. Moody wants students to know she has enjoyed her years working with honors society. She will be turning over the reins to Ms. Holley.



Allison and Jane competed as a cousin's team plus one and show off their trophy.

Buy A yearbook before they're gone!

Still want a yearbook? Students need to hurry and order as there are a limited number left.

This year's book is themed Journey and there be yearbook signing on the last day of school. Yearbooks are \$30 and can be purchased on line or in the financial office.

Helping creating the yearbook are Kaitlyn Jaussi, Kayla Stoddard, Ashton Park, Christian MacFarlane, Emily Fiorucci and Allison Chambers. Mrs. Moody said she is expecting the book to be delivered on time this year with students getting their yearbooks the last day of school.

Register for Summer School today!

Dixon will be offering summer school this year. It will be the month of June every Monday-Thursday from 8:20 a.m-noon with an emphasis on math and English. Anyone is welcome to come.

To register, click on the link below. If you have any questions please contact Tommy Hirschi at: tommyh@provo.edu. Registration closes April 26.



Boys learn the rules and skills of spike ball in p.e. last week.

P.E. Notes

In girls P.E. in April they will be doing more of our outdoor sports, bocce ball, spike ball, softball, and kick ball.

Boys P.E. recently finished a unit where they learned to play spike ball. They are currently playing soccer and will be working on that outside on the field learning those skills.

Tennis teams play at regionals

by Christian

The Dixon tennis team, both boys and ladies, did very well this season.

For the guys, their singles players on the JV team got first. Varsity did very well also, we had Josh Edwards as 1st singles and Adam as second. They both did amazing at the tournament. Josh did play in the regionals tournament, but sadly no one qualified for state.

For the ladies Emery Petersen and Ruby Poop took third place. Sophie Astle also took singles third place. Courtney MacFarlane and Halle McMahan also took third.



New releases for the summer

by William

There will be lots of different new movies over the summer. The Black Widow will be getting her own movie at the end of the summer. Loki, the person of mischief, will be getting his own series during the summer along with the Disney character Cruella De Ville will be getting her own live action movie at the beginning of this summer.

Pixar is making a new movie releasing in June called Luca. At the end of summer Disney is making a new movie called Jungle Cruise and it will be featuring the Rock.

Based on the popular Disneyland ride, the film tells the story of a wise cracking skipper played by Dwayne Johnson, the rock and the intrepid researcher Dr. Lily Houghton, who is on a quest to uncover an ancient tree with unparalleled healing abilities.

Danger lurks in the rain forest and of course the stake are even higher as the they must save the world and mankind.

Now streaming, enjoy super Heroes, warriors and adventure

Is surprising good and picks up after the blip and Captain America handing the shield to the Falcon. There are just five episodes which is sad because this one is much better than Vision.

There are hints however, at a season two. Following the events of 'Avengers: Endgame,' Sam Wilson/Falcon and Bucky Barnes/Winter Soldier team up in a global adventure that tests their abilities -- and their patience.

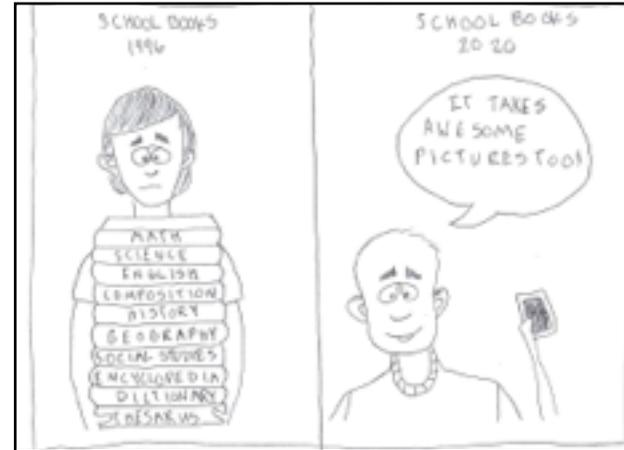
The show stars Anthony Mackie as Falcon, Sebastian Stan is the Winter Soldier and introduces Wyatt Russell as the new Captain America.

Also coming to Disney Plus for Marvel fans will be Loki. Have to wait until June to see this one that features Tom Hiddleston.

In Marvel Studios' "Loki," the mercurial villain Loki resumes his role as the God of Mischief in a new series that takes place after the events of "Avengers: Endgame.

Switching to Netflix all the buzz is for Shadow and Bone, a new series based on books by Leigh Bardago. Premieres the end of April and promises to be as dark, intense and thrilling as the books.

Shadow and Bone finds us in a war-torn world where lowly soldier and orphan Alina Starkov has just unleashed an extraordinary power that could be the key to setting her country free. With the monstrous threat of the Shadow Fold looming, Alina is torn from everything she knows to train as part of an elite army of magical soldiers known as Grisha.



The Funny Page

Just for fun we thought we would share the best of dad jokes:

What do you call a bear without any teeth? A gummy bear!

Do you know anyone who needs an ark? I Noah guy!

What does a baby computer call his dad? Data!

Why did Cinderella get kicked out of the football game? Because she kept running away from the ball.

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite!

How did Darth Vader know what Luke Skywalker got him for Christmas? He felt his presents.

Want to hear a joke about a piece of paper? It's tearable!

Three fish are in a tank and one asked 'How do you drive this thing?'

I hate elevators so I'm going to start taking steps to avoid them.

