

# Panther Paper

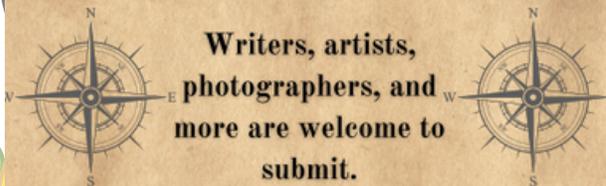
Dixon Middle School - November 2021

## Upcoming Events

November

- 4- Career Day
- 4, 5, 8 - School Play
- 9 - D.C Meeting 3-3:45 (Ms. Peterson's Room)
- 15- 19 College Week
- 17- College Night
- 18 - Band Concert
- 19- Gratitude Assembly
- 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

## Get published in the yearbook!



- **Make sure your creations fit the theme: Wanderlust or Dixon.**
- **Email [jordanc@provo.edu](mailto:jordanc@provo.edu) or talk to Ms. C in room 203 for details.**
- **Due by December 17th!**

## HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

### Food Pantry at Dixon!

There is now a FOOD PANTRY at Dixon! This food pantry is for any Dixon student or family and is absolutely free of charge. It is replenished two times a month and will carry staples like bread, milk, pasta, canned goods, condiments, frozen meat, cereal etc. as well as hygiene items. We also have snacks for students to eat in school or take home. Parents, family and students may take from this pantry. To use this pantry parents/family may come in during school hours or set up a time with the social worker to meet outside school hours. Students are also welcome to take food home any day after school. Please contact social worker, Mary Alisa (801-374-4980 ext. 1419) with any questions!

### School Play!

The school play, The. Hysterical History of the Trojan War runs November 4, 5, and 8!

Tickets are \$3 per person, \$2 for current Dixon Students, and \$12 for a family of 4 or more!

Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 6:30 PM!

# Student Submissions!

## Roses

Lacy Greer

*You always expressed how much you loved roses. The white ones, that is, only the white ones. You saw the beauty when no one else did. You always noticed the beauty in everything from nature, people, and everything in between. Everything was beautiful to you. I only wish you noticed the beauty I saw in you. Your beauty wasn't limited to your looks. You're beautiful all the way through. Your smile, so contagious it could brighten anyone's day with ease.*

*I knew we were in it for the long run. As soon as I had the simplest of conversations with you, I knew we belonged together. We are platonic soulmates and we always will be, I mean we promised after all to be together forever. We have so many memories together, memories that I'm not even sure how I remember them. Everyday after school we would climb to the highest point of the tallest tree. I loved the feeling of the wind flowing through my hair. WE did. I mean that was the only freedom we had at ten years old.*

*As we got older you always checked up on me. You always made sure I was okay. You somehow knew whenever something was off. My depression felt like weight and whenever I saw you, a little bit of that weight was lifted. If you weren't there, I wouldn't have been either. You let me rant and speak about all the stressing factors in my life. You brought me up at my lowest points. You're my everything, my therapist, my parent, my best friend, my world.*

*I always wondered how you're so kind hearted. How you spoke words of comfort effortlessly. You never had a bad day, you were always happy. You were always kind, loving, soothing, and caring. How do you do it? I finally got my answer. You were like me, but I wasn't there. I was wrapped up in my struggles and my own head that I forgot you needed me just as much.*

*You always expressed your love for white roses. I knew this but I never imagined what I would be doing with one. I used to smile seeing your picture, but now I am only filled with guilt and regret. A part of me, a part that can never be replaced, drifted as I placed the pearly rose, in all its beauty, upon a casket. Your casket.*

# Dear Dixon Column

Dear Dixon,

What do you do when your friends become good friends with someone you don't feel comfortable around/an ex-friend? I've been having this problem, but I don't know what to do. Every time they hang out with us, I just run away/disappear. It starts to affect my friendship with them because I can feel us drifting away. What do I do?

Sincerely

Drifting Panther

Dear Drifting Panther,

It can be tough when your friend starts hanging out with someone you don't like very much! I have a couple ideas for you to try! The first thing to try is just talking to your friend about it. Be open and honest about how you feel, and tell them why that person makes you uncomfortable. Another option is to talk to that person directly, and see if you can work things out between the two of you, so all three of you can be friends together! If you are nervous about how that might go, the school Social Worker, Ms. Alisa, or any of our wonderful counselors make great mediators, and would love to help you out! Keep your head up,

From:

Dixon

Dear Dixon,

What is your advice on feeling left out in a threesome friendship?

From:

Lonely Panther

Dear Lonely Panther,

Sometimes, where there are three people, it is easy to feel left out. There are a couple things you could do! Being open and honest with your friends about how your feeling is always a great place to start! If they are really your friends, they will listen. Another option is to invite another friend or person to start hanging out with you guys, so then there is always an even number!

Don't get discouraged! Good Luck!

From: Dixon

Dear Dixon,

Change is hard. How can I deal with it?

Changing Panther

Dear Changing Panther,

Change is hard! It is even hard as you get older! I wish that I could say change gets easier, but there are some great ways to deal with it! The first thing is to look at and focus on the positives of the change. Another thing you can do is remember that in order to grow, you do have to change, so just remember that even if you don't like the change, you will learn something from it.

You can do this panther!

From: Dixon