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✧ Welcome Readers! ✧

SADIE HICKS, EDITOR

Hello Swan Valley! It's Sadie Hicks here at your service. I am so excited and pumped up for this years newspaper! The staff is exceptional this year...get ready to read because these authors wrote their hearts out! I do get

to boss people around which is fun, but, I also get to write just like everyone else! I hope you enjoy our

staff's hard work and dedication to Panther Paws. Catch you later, paix hors! (Peace Out)~*Sadie Hicks*



Our School Receives a Grant!

by Kenedie Scholes



On Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from Fuel Up to Play 60, Lynette Meek came to present us with a check. Joanne had applied for this grant from the Idaho Dairy Council, and she got it. We received \$1600.00 to go towards a new table in the lunchroom.

During the grant ceremony, Lynette Meek asked some of us what physical activities we enjoyed and what our favorite healthy food was.

Since Lynette has helped our school so much Joanne decided to get her a gift of a salad bowl and a card.

We've Got Class!

Want the latest scoop on our classrooms? Check out these articles!

PRE-SCHOOL CLASS BY SADIE HICKS

This year, the awesome Pre-K room is filled with 5 three and four year olds! They love to use the Smartboard and iPads. In math, the 4 year olds are working on patterns and the 3 year olds are working on shapes. In language arts, the 4 year olds are working on word families (like words ending in "at", etc.) while the 3 year olds are working on letters, which is Mrs. Kopps' favorite thing to teach. They also read one book a week on life lessons in youth folk tales. They will also be investigating pumpkins for science.



All of the students are working on friendship and they are a lot better at listening, writing, and they have all the class rules memorized. The Pre-Schoolers have definitely improved since the beginning of the year!

Mrs. Kopp also likes working with Mrs. Kahn and K-2 when the Pre-K isn't in school. Have a great year, Pre-K!

K-2 CLASS BY SAVANNAH METZGER & JACI JOHNSON

Mrs. Kahn's favorite color is **yellow**. And her favorite food is plain old regular tacos. Mrs. Kahn starts her class's day out with a song. They sing their greeting song and dance. Then they greet each other using different ways that they come up with every day according to how they feel and how they want to start their day. I asked what their class is doing this term. She answered that her class is learning to read and write. They are also learning to spell words and make and recognize them; In math, they work



on different IXL levels. They do comprehension and story time with guest readers. Their class has two recesses: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. I also asked her how her class was working together. She told me that they are working together well and that they like to work together, especially shoulder buddies. They love to count and add with fake coins. Today is October 14, 2015 and the thirtieth day of school. So they counted to 30 with their coins in their little groups.

3-4 CLASS BY SAVANNAH HALLIGAN

This year is Ms. Beitia's class there are 11 students. Her class has 2 new students, McKenzie Pead and Ryleigh Robertshaw. She said that her favorite teaching method is interactive teaching. Ms. Beitia's class uses their iPads for a lot of subjects like math, language arts, and for research on Idaho history. The class has the same work but she gives the 4th graders a little more challenging work and while she is working with one group of kid she will let the others work on the iPads. Her most difficult challenge working with both classes is making enough time in the day with each group. In social studies they are learning about Idaho History and in language arts they are learning sight word lists and sentence fragments. They're also working on IXL, Roman Numerals, and fractions. They have improved since the beginning of the year by respecting their classmates and the teacher. Ms. Beitia has her major in Dual Education and Special Education. But, her favorite subjects to teach are math and Idaho History. What she likes about this school is working with very professional teachers. What Ms. Beitia likes the most about Swan Valley is that the people here have been kind and helpful to her. She also told Panther Paws that her favorite thing in this school are the kids! We feel so loved!



We've Got Class!

5-6 CLASS BY KENEDIE SCHOLES

This year Mr. Zwagerman a.k.a Mr. Z is teaching 5th and 6th grade. In math they are studying long division, a cool thing they did was take the Sunshine and Lollipops song and divided the syllables. In English they are studying cause and effect, in social studies they are studying the brain, and in science they are working on the brain and circuitry. Mr. Z's teaching methods are just doing what works. Keep it up!



7-8 CLASS BY AVI CALDER

This year's newspaper staff interviewed Mrs. Krause on her 7/8th class. Here is some of the Q's and A's we got back!

Q: What do you find to be the most effective teaching method?:

A: Teaching responsibility by assigning tasks to be done on their own, if I'm being completely honest, giving a student a worksheet isn't going to help them understand. All of my students are going to be at different levels, some will be above grade standards and some below. You've just got to appeal to all the different learning types.

Q: Favorite subject to teach?

I usually like to teach language arts and going into Greek myths, but right now I really enjoy teaching science to the students, we're doing a really fun unit that most of the students seem to enjoy.

Q: Any new students this year?

A: Well of course for me all the students are new, but we have two new arrivals, Avi and Dennick.

Q: How do you balance working with two grades?

A: We have two grades but everyone is at a different level, all the students work at their own pace. For me it's really no different than teaching one grade.

Q: Are you reading any new books as a class?

A: Yes, we are currently reading, "Touching Spirit Bear"

Q: How has your class improved since the beginning of the year?

A: There has definitely been some behavioral improvement. We've worked on summary writing as well that's had some improvement.

Everyone has started to improve in all the subjects.



MUSIC CLASS BY SAVANNAH HALLIGAN

This year in Music the pre-schoolers have learned music notes on the keyboard. So far they have learned C, D, E, and F. The kindergarten through second grade have been reviewing and learning songs for Veteran's Day. The 3rd and 4th graders have been doing guitars and Veteran Day songs. The 5th & 6th graders have been doing stringed instruments and reviewing songs. The 7th and 8th graders have been practicing raps and stringed instruments, as well as Veteran's Day songs. Mrs. Allison's favorite programs are the Talent Show and the Christmas Program. Her favorite color is all the colors of the rainbow. Her favorite dinner is chicken enchilada with salad. Finally, her favorite drink is water.

ART CLASS BY JACI JOHNSON & SNAIDER ALLEN

In art the students are doing different things within each class. The 7th and 8th graders are doing plain air sketchings of Mount Baldy. They are also learning about the artist Ted Harrison. Lastly they are doing stylized pastel landscape. The 5th and 6th graders are working on their portfolios and sketch books. The 3rd and 4th are working on self portraits and observational drawings. The kindergarten 1st and 2nd graders are experimenting with color theories. Alexis Stanger has been teaching art for 20 years now. She has been working at the Swan Valley Elementary for 12 or 13 years now. She also works at the Idaho Falls Art Museum. When she isn't working or teaching art she loves to ride her horse.

Who's New in Our School?

This year brought several changes to our school. Read all about them! (All interviews were conducted by Sadie Hicks and Savannah Halligan)

MR. KRAUSE, PRINCIPAL



Mr. Krause, (a.k.a. Mr. K.), lived in Sand Point, Alaska on Popoff Island. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, and has 2 older sisters and 1 older brother.

Mr. K. was a principal for 11 years, a superintendent for 1 year, and a teacher for 12 years. His favorite colors are neon orange and yellow. He also has 2 dogs and dogs are his favorite animals.

Mr. Krause told us that Swan Valley is the best place that he and his family have ever lived. Also, according to Mr. K., Swan Valley is very similar to Alaska but less remote.

MRS. KRAUSE, 7-8 TEACHER



Mrs. Krause moved to Swan Valley from Sandpoint, Alaska on Popoff Island, with her husband, Mr. Krause and her daughter, Naomi (16 years old). Her other two sons came down later. She loves Swan Valley, especially in the Fall. She really likes pumpkin pie, and specifically dark roast, whole bean, fresh, black coffee. She spits on creamer, pa-too! Her favorite color is green and she thinks that whales are very interesting. Her favorite flower is a classic white daisy. Her favorite things to say are "Be quiet, Hooligan (Halligan)", "Stop it, Snaider", and "Lord, have mercy". She loves all of her students and Swan Valley.



MS. BEITIA, 3-4 TEACHER

Ms. Beitia was born in Caldwell, Idaho. She has one big brother and one big sister, as well as one younger brother and one younger sister. Ms. Beitia moved to Swan Valley from Chicago, but she taught English in St. Petersburg, Russia. How cool is that?

Her favorite color is green and her favorite animal is a dog. She told "Panther Pride" that she loves Swan Valley because it's beautiful, the people are really nice, and there is lots of fresh air.

MRS. KAHN, K-2 TEACHER



Mrs. Kahn was born in Wakefield, Rhode Island. She has 5 older siblings. Mrs. Kahn moved to Swan Valley from Idaho Falls where she taught at Taylorview Middle School. She went to high school at Manatee High in Florida. Her favorite holiday is Halloween, her favorite color is yellow, and she loves dogs and cats. Mrs. Kahn loves Swan Valley and says it's the best ever. Mrs. Kahn's husband Steven is also our new bus mechanic.



AVI CALDER, 8TH GRADE

Avi Calder moved to Swan Valley from Canada, where she was born. She is in 8th grade but will go to Teton for high school. She has two older sisters but they have already moved out. Her favorite colors are pink and blue, and her favorite animals are sloths and seals, especially babies! Her favorite food is spaghetti, and she thinks Swan Valley is pretty awesome!

Who's New Continued...

McKENZIE PEAD, 4TH GRADE

McKenzie was born in Utah and that's where she moved from. She is in the 4th grade and played on the volleyball team this year. McKenzie has 2 brothers and her favorite color is pink. She loves cats and she says that Swan Valley is really fun!



CHARLOTTE ALLEN, PRE-K

Charlotte was born in Idaho, and this is her first year of Pre-School. Her 3 siblings are Snaider, Djoulisa, and Rowan. She loves all the colors in the rainbow! Her favorite fruit is apples and she loves dolphins. She told us that her best friend is Carmen Martinez (7th grade). Charlotte is 4 years old and she has lived in Idaho her whole life!



RYLEIGH ROBERTSHAW, 3RD GRADE

Ryleigh was born in California, but moved to Swan Valley from Utah. She is in third grade and played on the volleyball team this year! She has one brother in Pre-School (Aedynn). Ryleigh was here in Swan Valley Elementary for Kindergarten and moved away but came back for 3rd grade. Her favorite color is blue and she loves zebras and broccoli. Ryleigh thinks Swan Valley is pretty great.



DENNICK PEAD, 7TH GRADE

Dennick Pead was born in Wyoming, but he moved to Swan Valley from Utah. He is in 7th grade and will most likely go to Ririe for high school. He has 2 siblings; one of them is McKenzie. His favorite color is "Royal Blue", as he calls it. His favorite animal is a cougar, and his favorite food is crab. Dennick thinks Swan Valley is pretty good so far.



AEDYNN ROBERTSHAW, PRE-K

(a.k.a.Spiderman)

Aedynn was born in Utah and his sister's name is Ryleigh. He is in Pre-School and he likes to be called Spiderman. His favorite colors are blue and red, and his favorite animal is a cow. His favorite foods are spaghetti and peaches. Aedynn is a cool kid.



TAGGERT ZOHNER, PRE-K

Taggert Zohner is three years old and he loves reading, writing his name, and riding bikes. He also likes to ride horses and they are his favorite animal. Taggert is also a bull rider! He rode his first bull called Little Admir this summer. His favorite thing to do after school is catch calves. Go Taggert!



Girls Volleyball Season by Savannah Metzger & Snaider Allen

Girls volleyball started out with a game at Ririe High School. They played two out of three games. Swan Valley won only one of those games. Ririe Bulldogs won the other two. Savannah Metzger says, "Just because we didn't win doesn't mean we didn't have fun".

"The girls always have fun on the away games", says Sadie Hicks. The team always (depends on the length of the ride) stops at gas stations for food and drinks. This particular away game was at North Fremont. They like to play 3 out of 5 games so we did. Swan Valley won the first game and North Fremont Huskies won the next. 2 down, Swan Valley won the third and North Fremont won the next game. Swan Valley went home with the victory because they took the game with the fifth match. 1st win of the season!

Swan Valley is getting pumped as they start out their third game of the girls volleyball season. Teton Redskins are playing guest at Swan Valley School. The coaches and captains decided on three out of five games and a special just-for-fun type of game for the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders so that they can get experience and be a part of it too. Swan Valley only won one of the five games and the Redskins won the other four. They did a good job, especially the Baby Panthers. It was a lot of fun.

3 down, 2 games to go. Swan Valley Panthers are loading up to go to Clark County for a game at Clark High School at 4:30. After the meeting of the coaches and captains they decided that it was going to be the best 3 out of 5. For the 1st of 5 games the score was 13 for the Panther and 25 for the Bobcats. For the 2nd of five games the score was 25 Swan Valley

and 19 for Clark. Yay!! Like they say, three's a charm. They are right because Swan Valley took it at 25-20. 4th time, not so much. Swan Valley 27, Clark 29, but that wasn't that bad. For the final score the Panthers earned 9 points, but the Bobcats rivaled that with 15. At least we made up for our loss at the local gas station with some treats.

For the Swan Valley Panthers Girls Volleyball it is three out of 5 for the last game of the volleyball season. The last game is at home sweet home on 10/7/15 against Clark. Clark sure has some wicked serves because that is how they won the 1st game. But, Swan Valley has some pure luck because they won the next two. But all people make mistakes. We were all tired and we all flunked out and we all were hungry and not focused. Clark County won that game but we all had fun!



Sadie Pruett jumps to block as Carmen Martinez bumps and sets vs. Teton

Spotlight on Mr. Z

by Avi Calder and Savannah Halligan

Mr. Z was born on August 29 and will be turning 56 in the coming year. Us, Avi Calder and Savannah Metzger interviewed Mr. Z for the spotlight in the school newspaper. Here are some of the questions we asked and the answers we got.

(Q) What is your class doing this term?

(A) We are doing multi-digit division for math, circuits for science, and are learning the lunch lady song for National School Lunch Week and other things for other subjects.

(Q) What is your opinion of the new staff?

(A) Absolutely, positively, awesomely, amazing.

(Q) How is your class working together?

(A) They are working 85% together most of the time and there is always room for improvement.

(Q) Are you glad you came back?

(A) Absolutely.

(Q) Do you prefer old school or new school?

(A) It is like trying to choose between rocks and sticks or white bread and whole wheat bread.

(Q) What is your daily routine?

(A) The daily routine starts with ramp it up (which consists of getting ready for the morning including the pledge), lunch count, math...

(Q) What is one way of teaching in your class?

(A) I teach my class with auditory skills, such as (as he calls it) Learning and Beyond and what I think I hear. Also, learning has to be fun but meaningful.

Fun Facts about Mr. Z

1. Mr. Z has a son, who is 23, and is named Lee.
2. He also has a lady friend named Ms. Barbara.
3. He has two sisters, 1 older and one younger.
4. His mom lives in Phoenix, Arizona.
5. He likes airplanes.
6. He always asks for money from his students (jokingly!).
7. His most popular color (he wont say favorite) that he likes is blue.
8. His most liked food is creamed chicken buns.



Well, that's a wrap. Here is an action shot of Mr. Z when he fell off of the Grand Canyon wall and is climbing back up.



"T'WAS A SPOOKY GOOD TIME!" by Avi Calder

This year's Halloween carnival was a smashing success! Some booths created by the 5/6 grade included; Bobbing for Donuts, Halloween Bingo, and Plinko. Our 7/8 class put on a spectacular Spook Alley! However, there was some damage done at the end of the night. During teardown, one of the lights was ripped out of the ceiling, but lucky for us, the light was fixed over the weekend by Mark. But all in all, the Spook Alley was a big hit and everyone really enjoyed it. The school raised over \$1300 on this year's pumpkin auction! We also had a silent auction, bingo, and a bake sale that were also a success. Everyone who came really seemed to enjoy it and had lots of fun. Thanks to the PTO!!!

Rain? Snow? Which is Better?

Rain is better than snow because on rainy days you can stay in and have hot cocoa and watch a movie with your family. But snow is cold and you can get it up your clothes and get frostbite. Rain, in my opinion, is better because you can't get frostbite if it is raining outside. It also makes good irrigation for the farmers around here and plus it smells fresh. You can also catch it in your mouth when it is raining. My dog always runs and jumps into the muddy puddles. So which side are you on? Rain or snow? (by Savannah Halligan)

Snow is better than rain because when it rains, you can't do anything! You have to stay inside and do nothing...boring! When you get enough snow, you can snowmobile, ski, sled, snowshoe, or make a snowman! And even if you don't have a lot of snow, the first snow is the most exciting. I think kids like snow better because of snow days; even adults like snow. When it rains, it just makes a huge, sloppy, muddy mess of everything. I love snow because it's fun to watch my dog run in it. She has really short legs and she gets stuck. Rain is not near as fun as snow, so snow is the clear winner. (by Sadie Hicks)

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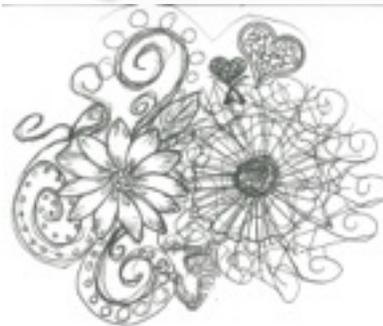
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by Avi Calder