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Ski School has Started!

BY SNAIDER ALLEN

Dear Readers of Swan Valley School:

Do you know what time is here? Yep, you know it is time for Ski School. You heard me! Ski School is here. I hope you are going. You can snowboard or ski. They are both fun!

Skiing is fun to do but if you do it you might get bored of it and you maybe want to change to snowboard. That's what I did. I skied for 3 years, now I have been snowboarding for 4 years. I just love snowboarding.

Snowboarding is fun. Like I said, it's fun; you can do more tricks on a snowboard than on a ski. This is true. My evidence is me! I've done a few tricks on a snowboard. On your first day of

snowboarding you might think it is so boring because you fall a lot on your butt and you get angry but once you get really good then you are flying everywhere because it is fun.

You do have to pay a lot of money for the ski program, but if you do it then you will like it, 100% guaranteed!



An Evening with Mark O'Connor

by Maci Kopp & Sadie Hicks



On Saturday, November 7, 2015 Mark O'Connor came to Idaho Falls for the first time in four years. He came to Idaho for a benefit concert for the IFRM, or the Idaho Falls Rescue Mission. The Concert featured Mark O'Connor, Maggie O'Connor, Jacie Sites, 31 of her students, and the Idaho Falls Symphony. We, Sadie Hicks and Maci Kopp, were among them! First, the symphony played a piece, then Mark and Maggie O'Connor played duos accompanied by the Idaho Falls

Symphony. After intermission, Jacie Sites and some of her students played "Boil the Cabbage", "Swampwalk", "Swallowtail Jig", "Cajun Fiddle", "Tallahassee", "The Basso", "David's Jig", and "Song of the Liberty Bell". Jacie Sites also played a solo and a duet with Mark. This concert was the first time that kids have been able to perform on a stage with Mark O'Connor. It will be something that we remember for sure!

We've Got Class!

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

PRE-SCHOOL CLASS BY SADIE HICKS

In the second quarter, it looks like the Pre-Schoolers are having fun and learning a lot! In math, the three year olds are working on identifying numbers while the four year olds are working on story problems and graphing numbers. In writing, the three year olds are identifying letters and the four year olds are doing word families, like reading the word out loud then writing it down. For the Christmas program, Pre-K



played the bells during Jingle Bells and made hula skirt for the song "Mele Kalikimaka". Also in the Christmas spirit, the Pre-Schoolers made cupcake, tree, and other ornaments for the tree in the hallway. Keep up the good work, guys!

K-2 CLASS BY SAVANNAH METZGER & JACI JOHNSON

Savannah Metzger and I interviewed the k-2 teacher and asked her some questions. Here are her answers that we received.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: 19 years and counting

Q: What grades have you taught?

A: Kindergarten through 8th grade

Q: Has there been any noticeable growth?

A: Yes there has been tons of growth and improvement

Q: What has your class been working on?

A: IXL and writing on IXL they have been doing number sequencing and skip counting. They have wrote about bats.

Q: How many schools have you taught at?

A: Taught at 8 different schools

Q: Have you been reading any class books?

A: Yes, it's called "A Ghost Tale of Christmas Time" also similar to "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens

Q: Have you been working on any writing projects?

A: We have been working on lots of small writing projects, writing complete sentences and using adjectives and adverbs

Q: Have any of your student done any thing remarkable?

A: Every student has been working on reading, lots of students have been getting the R.A.K.'s. They have also been very kind to everybody.

Q: Are you working on any big class projects?

A: We are only been working on our Christmas in Germany and our Silent Night song.



3-4 CLASS BY SAVANNAH HALLIGAN

Ms. Beitia's class is doing a lot this quarter.

In math they are doing timed drills in addition, subtraction and multiplication. They are also doing independent practice in IXL.

In language arts the 4th graders are reading about the Titanic and the 3rd just got done reading Mulan.

They are learning about vertebrates and invertebrates in science. They are also doing independent projects on Idaho fish.

Another thing they are doing in geography is Idaho History.

In the Christmas Program they showcased Australia.

The class has come a long way since the beginning of the year, said Ms. Beitia, and that the class could work on not being so social in class.



We've Got Class!

5-6 CLASS BY KENEDEE SCHOLES

This Quarter Mr. Z.'s class is working on all sorts of stuff from Christmas in Holland to Gravity and Flight.

For reading, the 5th & 6th graders are all reading their own novels.



Since it was the Christmas season the class worked on making scripts for their Holland video.

In geography they are studying their home state of Idaho.

With math they are studying converting decimals to fractions and simplifying. They also make math videos.

During science they study flight and gravity and how it all works.

I can't wait to see what the 5th & 6th graders have in store for us next quarter. Keep up the good work!

7-8 CLASS BY AVI CALDER & MACI KOPP

This year Mrs. Krause is teaching our 7/8 grade class. This quarter her students are creating an imovie project

about what it takes to be a hero. They're exploring the West Indies in geography which they were able to incorporate



into the christmas program, and are wrapping up the solar system unit in science. In language arts her class recently started reading "The House On Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros. Their daily warm up usually starts with either vocab sheets or writing stories. Mrs. Krause has seen improvement with her students saying that they are all just like little sponges who soak up knowledge. She tells that they don't

have many struggles in class other than transitioning throughout the day and falling a bit behind in math. Mrs. Krause enjoys her class and can't wait to keep working with them.

MUSIC CLASS BY MACI KOPP

At the time of this writing, this quarter all the kids are doing Christmas music for the Christmas concert.

The Pre-Schoolers are doing notes. The K-2 are singing. The 3rd and 4th graders are doing guitars and singing. The



3rd & 4th graders are singing and doing orchestra. The 7th & 8th graders are doing Reindeer Rap and the orchestra is going to do some Disney music.

"A painter paints picture on canvas.
But musicians paint their pictures on silence"
~Leopold Stokowski

ART CLASS BY JACI JOHNSON & SNAIDER ALLEN

In art class I asked what each grade was doing. Here are some of the answers that I got. The 7th and 8th graders just finished a pastel project of Mount Baldy. They are also doing a project of setting value inspired by Ted Harrison. The 3rd and 4th graders have just finished doing a portrait project. The K-2 are doing a winter scene painting. Lastly the 5th and 6th graders are working on tinting colors. All the classes project with be inspired by Winter.



We Salute Our Veteran's

by Savannah Halligan & Jaci Johnson

For Veteran's Day this year classes honored the veterans in a different way. The kindergartner through the six graders did a presentation of each student in the school. The 5th and 6th grader also did a presentation on why they are proud to be an American. One person said they are proud to be an American because they have the freedom to go to school and be who they want. As the 3rd and 4th graders turned around they told about the different branches of the military. There are 5 different branches. As the 7th and 8th started their presentation they did it on what are heroes and why are veterans heroes. They also recognized some of the veterans in Swan Valley. The orchestra did a lovely song called Folk Dance on the cellos, violins, and the glockenspiels. This Veteran's Program turned out pretty well and we had a pretty good amount of veterans that attended.



Swan Valley Schools' Own Veteran!

by Sadie Hicks and Savannah Metzger

Mr. Kahn is a retired Navy submarine veteran. He was in the Navy for seven years. He served from when he was 18 until he was 25. He mostly fixed mechanical systems, did all around maintenance work, put out on-board fires, etc. He was married and had one kid who he didn't get to talk to very often. The longest time he's been in a submarine at one time was six months.

He told us a little about his time in the Navy. They worked eighteen-hour days, six hours on (work), six hours off (free time), and six hours of sleep. During his "off time" he mostly worked on the submarine maintenance. The food was "cafeteria food" according to Mr. Kahn, which consisted of canned food. He told us that they stocked the submarine full, so full that the cans covered all the floors. They had to walk over the cans until they were eaten. He also told about one time where they ran out of food and had to eat spam and canned asparagus for a week. But, Mr. Kahn had smartly stocked his own personal stash of peanut butter and Mountain Dew. He auctioned a jar of peanut butter for 542 dollars and two Mountain Dews for 50 dollars each – WOW!



We also asked him what kind of uniforms he wore. There were lots, but blue and white were norms. He also said that he has been on an aircraft carrier twice to get parts for the submarine. The 7th and 8th grade also asked about boot camp too. He was there for 2 months but it wasn't hard for him. When asked, "What punishments do you get for misbehaving?" he said that the punishments were bad so he didn't misbehave. There were many questions like, "Did you sleep in bunk beds?" (Yes he did) and "What kind of hair cut did you get?" he answered, a "missionary haircut."

We also asked why he joined the Navy and he said that he felt like he needed to and he had other family members in the service. Scouts also said that the navy had the best food but that wasn't always the case.

Much was learned and there were many laughs about the funny stories he shared, and the 7th and 8th grade class will remember this forever, Thanks Mr. Kahn!

We Wished You a Merry Christmas!

by Kenedie Scholes and Avi Calder

This year's Christmas Concert was amazing! All of the school's students did an excellent job. The school gym was packed full with visitors coming to watch the performance! The K-2 class learned about Germany, so they sang "Silent Night" Everyone really enjoyed the Australian version of "Jingle Bells", which the 3-4 class sang. The 5-6 class made a video presentation about what Christmas is like in

Holland. The 7-8 class talked about what Christmas in Jamaica. We also had a wonderful orchestra that played a number of beautiful songs. Once all of the performances were wrapping up, a very special visitor walked in. The kids all got a chance to sit on Santa's lap and get a free goodie bag. Every student did a fantastic job! We look forward to next year's Christmas Concert.



Girls Basketball Season *by Savannah Metzger*

Girls basketball has ended, yo! This year in Swan Valley Idaho for the Swan Valley Panthers, the team has really improved since last year. On the team is Sadie Hicks, Sadie Pruett, Carmen Martinez, Kenedie Scholes, Savannah Metzger, Djoulisa Allen, Madison Anderson, Althea Sandberg, Makenzie Pead, Ireland Weeks, Emily Plocher, Millie Zohner, Oakley Pruett, and Ryleigh Robertshaw.

Starting out the girls basketball season is a game at the Driggs high school. The Teton Lady Redskins played us on a Tuesday at 4:30. This was on November 3, 2015. For this game we were missing two of our main players: Sadie Hicks and Sadie Pruett. Sadie Hicks was at an orthodontist appointment and Sadie Pruett was at hunting camp for a whole week. Even though we were missing them and had only three 7th graders, we did pretty good. The first half of the game Swan Valley was winning, but we were all hungry and exhausted. I think that we were so exhausted that we kept on letting our guard down and probably just couldn't correct ourselves and make sure we were in the right position and all that stuff. So the Lady Redskins took advantage of that. Don't let them fool you. They may be pretty and called Ladies, but, oh man, they are good. The score ended up as 18 to 26. They are a really good team. Better luck next time.

For the second game of the Girls Basketball season, was a game at the Ririe middle school. It was an away game. This was exactly the next day after the Teton game, so November 4, 2015. We were all so sore. Yet again, we were missing both of the Sadies. Sadie P. was still at hunting camp still and this time Sadie H had her usual fiddle practice, so neither of them could be there. I had never played Ririe before so I totally underestimated them. Monkey see, monkey do. Well, not really the seeing part, just the doing without knowing. They absolutely killed us. The score was 10 to 67. When you fall down, though, you get back up. So that is what we did.

The third game was on! This time it was a home game, with Clark on November 11. It was supposed to be an away game, but Clark's furnace was not working and it was 50 degrees in their gym. Clark has a special technique that helps them win a lot. They lob pass. One person goes down to the hoop while the rest of the team is still at the end of the court. The person who has the ball lobs it down the court and (the person who is at the end of the court is probably specially trained to catch that ball) and then while the rest of us can't catch up they score 2 points. In the end it was 12 to 46. It was a lot of fun. Try, try again, though.

We usually play two games with each of the people we play with. One at home and one at their school. This time it was a game with Teton at home on November 18. I have no idea what it was that motivated us enough to get us to do well. Maybe it was the cheer we did to start it out or the good day we all had before or something. Maybe the other team just wasn't up for a fight that day. I don't know. It was SO close. When the buzzer sounded there was an outburst of cheering, clapping, shouting and screaming. We won that game by one point. 26 to 25. I was so happy, as well as the others. Hooray!!!

So for the fifth game it was home and against the Ririe Bulldogs on November 24. For the last Ririe game I told you that they killed us. Well, this time they pulled us apart limb from limb. It was absolutely, positively humiliating and embarrassing to be slaughtered like that. Yet, it was a valuable lesson to be learned. I think that if we weren't able to see and learn from all of our mistakes that it wouldn't make us the better players we are now. The final score ended up to be 18 to 67. They were undefeated this year.

Blackfoot has only had their girls basketball team for a couple of years now. But I think that they worked extra hard for the upcoming game they had. Speaking of a game, we both had a game against each other at the White Pine Charter school. It was on December 2. White Pine was so generous enough to offer up their school and gym for the both of us. Blackfoot and for Swan Valley. I, personally, want to extend my thanks to them. The game went good. Swan Valley ended up winning that game. The score was 26 to 20. The second win of the season!!!

Now we actually play White Pine. It's only at our school though. They have had their girls basketball team for only 1 year. That is impressive because they did so good. Their team was really good sports about not winning. Crap! I just gave away the ending. Well now that you know, I might as well tell you. We won! The score was 22 to 14. On December 3. So far, we are on a roll!

I think that when I say that I was really looking forward to this game, I speak for everyone. I say this because on December 9, the girls basketball team had their second to last game in Dubois or otherwise known as Clark County. This is usually the highlight of the sports season because it is so far away from Swan Valley that when we are done with the game we stop at a gas station. It is awesome. It is as big as a mall (not literally!) Back to the game. Clark used their special technique again. That is how they won that game with 44 points leaving us behind with 22. But, as usual, we made up our loss at that big hunk of a gas station.

Whoa!!! This season went by fast! I am really going to miss basketball. We were just starting to get the hang of it, too! All the same, I am glad it is over. We were all so sore! With the end away game, Swan Valley vs. White Pine, it is at the White Pine school on December 11. I think it is kind of sad that the last game of the season isn't at home. It was really fun, though. And even though it wasn't at home, it was the last game and.... wait for it.... WE WON!!! I really think that the main goal for the White Pine team was to just keep us tired. Well, they managed that. The score was 9 to 5. The Girls Basketball team had 9 games this year. We won 4 out of 9 games. I don't know how to do the math, but compared to last year, there was definitely, at least, 100% improvement. This is Savannah Metzger, signing off!



Djoulisa Allen getting some air!

SPOTLIGHT ON MRS. KELLY JACOBSON!

by Snaider Allen

Kelly Jacobson was born on January 11th in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Her favorite food at school is Joanne's best turkey and chicken noodle soup.

Her favorite thing to do is ride mountain bikes and collect art antiques.

Her favorite thing to do after school is relax, eat, and listen to music.

Her favorite thing to eat for dinner is seafood, especially seafood stir fry.

Her favorite student at school is Snaider. She likes to listen to him talk about how his sister annoys him all day long.



Her favorite food are crepes. I don't know what crepes are but don't tell anybody. The name does not sound right.

Her favorite fish is salmon.

Her favorite candy is dark chocolate and black licorice (yuck).

Her favorite dessert is angle food cake (yuck).

Her favorite things to do on the weekends is visit her grandma as well as visiting her on Thanksgiving.

Her favorite season is summer and her favorite thing to do in the summer is go to Hawaii.

There you have it. Everything you ever wanted to know about Kelly.



STAR ATHLETE!

Congratulations to our very own, Rawley Johnson. Rawley took 3rd Place Senior Division NW Miniature Bull Riding Finals on 11/15/15. Four days later, on 11/19/15, Rawley took First Place District in wrestling. It was quite the accomplishment. Congratulations, Rawley! We are proud of you.



Welcome, Jaden!

by Maci Kopp

In December, Jaden Smith joined our kindergarten class. He said his favorite colors are black, blue, red, brown, and pink.

His favorite thing in school is to play outside and have fun. His favorite movie and video



game is "Plants vs. Zombies"

Jaden like to sleigh during winter and likes winter better than summer.

He also said he likes to be living here. Last but not least, Jaden said in class he likes to read and surprise Mrs. Kahn.

Unfortunately, Jaden has transferred to another school. We will miss you!

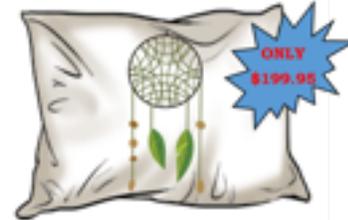
Halloween or Easter? You Choose!

Halloween is better than all the other holidays because you get to dress up and ask for candy. For Halloween you get to be someone or something that you can't be for the rest of the year and party like there's no tomorrow. You also get to watch scary movies that involve Halloween because if you do it other times, that's awkward. You also get to make your house look super spooky with Halloween decorations. You can't do that at Easter, St. Patrick's Day, or Valentine's Day. The best thing about Halloween is digging out on candy on October 31st and November 1st and trying not to get sick. That's why Halloween is the best. ~Kenedie Scholes

Easter is so much better than Halloween. By the time Easter rolls around, it's Spring time! It's getting warm out and the snow is just about gone. When you wake up in the morning, you get to stay in your warm pj's instead of an itchy costume in the cold. To add to that, Easter candy is so much better! Halloween candy is just the gross dollar store candy no one likes. When you're done trick or treating and get home to sort it out, you're left with a bunch of nasty treats. The Easter bunny on the other hand, will make sure you get the good treats! Yummy chocolate, marshmallow peeps, and jelly beans! The Easter bunny makes sure to put a giant Easter bunny, made of creamy milk chocolate in your basket. The day I get one of those suckers in my halloween bag is the day I vote for Halloween, but until then, easter is still the best! ~Avi Calder

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