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Swoosh! Ski School Medals Awarded!

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This year we swept the floor with gold, silver, and bronze medals. Our skiers got seven gold medals, 5 silver medals, and 5 bronze medals.

Our 1st grade girls got one medal, Lulu Lundquist, got a silver medal and our boys aka Cannon Ausland got a silver medal.

Next our 2nd grade girls, Rowan Allen and Kambree Prueff, got a gold medal and bronze. Our second grade boys, Nathan Ausland, took home a silver medal and our third grade girls, Millie, got gold.

Unfortunately our 4th grade skiers did not take home any medals but our 5th graders did. The girls, Djoulisa Allen, got a bronze medal and our boys, Ian Metzger and Jeffrey Martinez, both placed and took home a silver medal and bronze medal.

In the sixth grade category our boys, Dominic Jorgensen and Sonny Sandburg, took home a silver medal and a gold. Our 7th and 8th grade skiers sweep up all the medals.

Our 7th grade girls, Madisyn Ausland, Kenedie Scholes, and Carmen Martinez, took home a bronze, silver, and gold medals and our boys, Rawley Johnson took home a gold medal.

Our 8th graders, Sadie Hicks and Josh Hamlin, both took home gold. But enough about skiers there were also some snowboarding medals! Our snowboarders ended up with 11 medals ranging from gold to bronze. Our second grade boys, Wil Poole, got a silver medal and our fourth grade girls, Emily Plocher and McKenzie Pead, took home a silver and gold medals.

Our fourth grade boys, Traason Prueff, took home a gold medal and our fifth graders, Zane Poole and Holly Escalara, both took home silver medals. Our seventh grade girls, Savannah Metzger and Sadie Prueff, took home a gold and silver medal. And finally our seventh grade boys, Dennick Pead, Chance Vias, and Chrisnaider Allen, all took home medals. A big thanks to the PTO for helping us go and remember it's not about winning, it's about having fun.



OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS WEEK-SPRING BREAK!

BY SNAIDER ALLEN & SAVANNAH METZGER

So we were asked to ask everyone what they were doing for Spring Break. We asked a lot of people and we got a lot of different answers. We asked Josalyn Walker and she said that she was going to Jackson Hole and would possibly go fishing. Rayni said that she was going to her sister's house that is in Swan Lake. Kelly said that she would be hibernating and would have to do taxes sooner or later. Sonny Sandberg said that he would go Montana on Sunday. Millie said that she is going to Utah to get braces and stay in a hotel and swim. She also said that she was going to play life size checkers. Good luck Millie. Oakley said she was going to Swan Lake, too. That sounds beautiful, Oakley, since maybe swans go there. She also said that she was going to go visit her aunt and go to Grand Targhee to

ski with her mom and sister. Savannah Metzger is going to St. George for family business and then she is going to Las Vegas then back to Salt Lake. Wow, what a ride. Snaider is going to his grandparents house in St. George also. It is going to be great because he is going to spend a lot of time in the hot tub, then he is going to have a pillow fight in their grandparents movie theater and play lots of Wii. Ava said that she was going to stay home for Spring Break to watch tv, play outside, ride her bike and play her DS. Disneyland and grandma's house it was for Scarlet Rix. Hailey Liss said that she was going to iJump and that the day before Easter she was going to paint eggs with her Mom. Gracie Ann said that she would be going to her grandma's house, too, to have an Easter egg hunt. Last, but not least, Dominic said that he was going to "eat food".

We've Got Class!

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

PRE-SCHOOL CLASS BY RAYNI KOPP, GUEST WRITER

The pre-school class has been busy learning while having fun! The 4 year olds have been reading sentence strips and making words using word family cupcake pieces. This game helps them blend letters to form words. They are all having fun making and writing their words. While the older kids are making words, the 3 year olds are matching upper to lower case letters using ice cream cone pieces. They all enjoy this fun spin on learning. In math the class is working on story problems, using counting teddy bears. The kids have made up some interesting stories. Our last activity they love doing is a round robin story time. I'll start telling a story and when I pause I'll call on a student to add onto my story. I have enjoyed seeing their imagination's come out during this activity. There's usually lots of giggles during this time.



Some pretty cute gigglers

(Q) Do you have any special routines?
(A) Not really, only the routine of the day.

(Q) How much do you think your class has progressed in a whole?
(A) "Hopefully a lot." Spelling better, saying things better... The whole works.

Well, that was all the questions we asked her. We guess you'll just have to wait 'til next time. See you next term!



The bunny with the candy was a big hit with K-2!

K-2 CLASS BY SAVANNAH METZGER & JACI JOHNSON

Oh! We're almost there. But it's only the third quarter and we still have work to do. Jaci and I interviewed Mrs. Kahn about her class. Here are some questions we asked her and some of the answers we got.

(Q) What have you been doing this quarter?
(A) We have started measurement and have started to measure ourselves. Geometry, habitats, and lots of nonfiction reading. Hand writing up to Q so far and nouns and verbs. Also, main idea and cause and effect.
(Q) What do you think your students favorite subject is?
(A) Math and science. Math is half IXL and half verbal instruction. Kelly and Ella Rae come to help every so often.

(Q) Have you been doing anything special this term?
(A) We are getting ready for our pet project. We are also getting ready for our mock trials with the fifth and sixth graders. For example, Humpty Dumpty. Was it really an accident? Alice in Wonderland and the Three Little Pigs, too.

(Q) Have you had any new students this term?
(A) We did, once. We had Peyton and Gracie Ann. They were brother and sister. They were only here for two weeks and then they left. (but have since returned!) We also had Jaden. He left, too.

(Q) How is your class getting along?
(A) Oh, they are getting along perfectly. They love to help out one another and are willing to do anything that they can. They really enjoy the sunshine and they skateboard together.

3-4 CLASS BY SAVANNAH HALLIGAN

This quarter, Ms. Beitia's classroom is learning a lot!

In language arts, they are doing homophones, IXL, and reading comprehensions.

In math they continue to use IXL. They are also learning roman numerals! Then they are doing 3 by 2 multiplication, and some students are entering division.

They are learning about Idaho History in history.

Then there's science. In science they are wrapping up a unit, and they are learning about spies, Idaho omnivores, and Idaho insects.

In writing they are doing cross curriculars.

Their improvement since the beginning of the year is more focused and nicer to each other.



S'up, Matthew?

We've Got Class!

5-6 CLASS BY KENEDIE SCHOLES

This quarter in Mr. Zwagerman's classroom the whole class stayed plenty busy with all the awesome stuff the class did.

In science, the class is learning about mechanics and are getting to draw out plans for the machines.

In social studies, the class is learning about world wars, the colonial days, the Wild West, the Indian party, and the list goes on.

In English, most of the kids are studying the "Call of the Wild" but the rest are over in the 7th and 8th grade classroom studying "The Giver".



The class was hopping for the Easter Bunny!

In math, the class is studying how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions and they are also learning how to do geometry.

This has been a great year for the 5th and 6th graders, keep up the good work!

7-8 CLASS BY AVI CALDER & MACI KOPP

We once again interviewed Mrs. Krause about her wonderful students.

In language arts, her students are working on their iMovie book trailers. In science, they are now starting earth science, and learning about the tectonic plates.

Mrs. Krause's class has had much improvement in math and writing, and she doesn't think there is anything her class is struggling with. Her class is currently working on an earth science unit, a



Madisyn is obviously excited about a special class visitor!

compare and contrast essay and finishing up their hero projects.

Her class is also working on a class trip. They will be working on the school book fair to help earn money for their trip and school.

MUSIC CLASS BY MACI KOPP

This quarter the Preschoolers are doing notes, tones, and singing some fun songs.

The Kindergarteners through Second graders are doing rhythms, notes and intervals. The Third and Fourth graders are working on their notes and doing guitars.



These guys are obviously ready for Carnegie Hall!

The Fifth and Sixth graders are practicing Star Wars and Pirates of the Caribbean. Also they are singing My Favorite Things, and 4-Leaf Clover.

The Seventh and Eighth graders are doing Star Wars and the Pirates of the Caribbean and also singing "*Music can change the world because it can change people*"

ART CLASS BY JACI JOHNSON

I interviewed the art teacher to find out what all of the classes were doing in art. Here's what all of the classes are doing in art.

The Preschoolers are working on patterns. The Kindergarten-2nd graders are working on studying the illustrator and author Eric Carle's style of collage and created birds.

The 3rd- 4th graders are working on print making out of recycled materials to make printing plate then ink it and print. Then, the 5th- 6th graders have just finished a visual design project. They had to problem solve and create a field pattern out of folded paper.

Finally, the 7th- 8th graders are studying and researching famous artist in order to create a painting study. They are also working on color mixing and temperature.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!



Gracie Blaser
from: Idaho Falls,
Idaho



Payton Blaser
from: Idaho Falls,
Idaho



Hubie Kasperuk
from: Brussels,
Belgium



What if You Were a...?

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by the Panther Paws Staff
 Edited by Sadie Hicks

During this quarter, Fran showed us the chicken picture above and asked us to write about what animal we would be and where we would live. This is what we came up with.

Savannah Metzger: If I could choose any animal to be, I would be a sloth. There are many reasons that I would want to be a sloth. I will start to list them randomly. #1, I love sloths; #2, they are cute; #3, I am slow, too; #4, I would only have to go to the bathroom once a week; #5, I would get to sleep a lot; #6, the world would be upside-down (cool); #7, I would be loved worldwide; #8, and I would be globally known and famous; #9, I would be able to live a long life; #10, I would finally have long nails; #11, I could stay up all night without getting into trouble because I would be nocturnal animal; #12, I could turn my head all the way around; #13, I would be a great swimmer; #14, I would live in the trees; #15, I would live in slo-mo. If I could live anywhere in sloth form, then I would live in some sort of reserve just for sloths in the Amazon. I would live there because then there would be no predators to hunt me down. I would be in my natural habitat and be happy. And I would probably be worshipped. I would have all of my slothish friends with me and we could all hang out. My name would be Fifi.

That sounds fun! Thanks, Savannah!

Joshua Hamlin: If I could be a any animal in the world, I would be a prairie dog. If I was prairie dog I could live in holes and stay cool in the summer. Also, if I lived in a hole I would be out of the way of predators. I would also be with all my friends so I would always be happy and never be alone. After knowing all that, wouldn't you want to be a prairie dog too?

I kind of do want to be a prairie dog now...

Savannah Halligan: I would want to be a leopard because they are the most common large cats in Africa. Also, it would be very hard to see me because my fur would blend in with the bushes. Another thing is I would be an amazing tree climber. I could run up to 35 miles per hour... score! If I could live anywhere in the world as a leopard I would live in Africa because that is my natural habitat. Also, there are trees and a lot of space to run around. A leopard would be an awesome animal to be.

Africa, sweet!

Maci Kopp: If I could be any animal or insect, I would be a monarch caterpillar. If I was a monarch caterpillar, I would want to live on Mt. Baldy in Swan Valley; where I would find myself eating and eating so my 4,000 muscles can get nice and strong. That's more than a human! I would have the prettiest 12 eyes that I would use to see the beautiful land that I live in. I would also have 6 legs and 10 helper legs that I could use to climb trees. In my 12 months that I live, I would mostly travel from Idaho to Mexico. That is what I would look like and why I want to be a monarch caterpillar/butterfly.

12 eyes? Cool!

Kenedie Scholes: Listen, I'm going to tell you the best animal there is... A wild mustang. The reasons I would want to be a mustang, 1. They are photogenic, I mean that's awesome. 2. They can run free wherever they want. 3. They are so majestic. These are just to name a few. Mustangs range in color, size, and breed. Even though a mustang isn't an actual breed and are rounded up by helicopters, they are still pretty cool. I would want to live in Nevada, to roam as free as can be. This is why I want to be a mustang, what would you be?

Roam free? Sounds good to me!

Snaider Allen: If I was a spitting cobra, I would live in either South America, Africa, or India. I would live underground and at night I would hunt my prey, rats, birds, and small insects. The reason I would stay underground during the day is because my enemy, the mongoose, love to eat me, and I would be easy to catch during the day. If I saw a tiger or a mongoose, I would spit venom in their eyes so they'd go temporarily blind and I could slither away. My favorite place in South America would be near the rainforest so the evil mongoose couldn't catch me. The end.

Spitting Cobras sound awesome!

Jaci Johnson: If I could be any animal in the world I would choose to be a hummingbird. As you read I will randomly list some of the reasons. 1. I would be able to slow my heart rate to 1/15 of its regular speed in the winter. 2. I would be able to fly super fast. 3. I would be able to fit through small spaces. 4. I would be 7.5-13 centimeters tall. 5. I would be able to fly any place I wanted. 6. My wings would beat 200 times per second. Although I would only live to be 5 years old, it would be pretty great. If I could also live anywhere I wanted, I would probably choose to live west of Salt Lake City, Utah because there are lots of hummingbird feeders. I will have so much food that I will be chubby. I would also want to live there because I would have lots of trees to live in.

That sounds awesome! Thanks Jaci!

Avi Calder: If I could be any animal, I would be a zebra. The cool thing about being a zebra is that not only are their stripes awesome, but they also help cool down a zebra's temperature. Zebras may appear like slow animals, but they can run 68 kmph! In comparison, a hyena can only run 64 kmph. And though all zebras look the same, there are no two that are alike. Each zebra's stripes are like a fingerprint, no two the same. Another cool thing about zebra's is that they have awesome hearing and sight. I'd never have to worry about wearing glasses. Where I would live as a zebra is hands down Hawaii. I would live in Hawaii because there would be no evil animals like hyenas to hunt me down. The weather is so beautiful year round there, I would never worry about being cold. Another perk to living in Hawaii is all of the vegetation growing there. I would never go hungry.

I would totally be a Hawaiian zebra!

Sadie Hicks: Okay, let's get the straight. If I could be any animal in the whole, wide, world, I would be an eagle. Specifically a bald eagle. I would live on the Snake River because I love it. People would think I was awesome, and I wouldn't have to hunt much because I could just steal fish from the people who fish on the river. It would also be awesome because if I was an eagle, I wouldn't have to wear contacts or glasses because of my new keen eyesight... bonus! Also, how cool would flying be? Bald eagles are endangered so people wouldn't be able to hunt me-- free flyin'! The average wingspan of a bald eagle is six to seven and a half feet, bigger than me! I would only live to be about 20 to 30 years old but seriously, how cool? It has also been tested that the gripping power of an eagle is 10 times greater than that of a human and they have been reported of flying with a 15-pound mule deer fawn. Whoa. Lastly, the bald eagle can reach speeds of 75-100 miles per hour when diving. Look at me, I'm Speedy Gonzalez! Okay, (now lastly) eagles are admired worldwide as living symbols of freedom and power. USA! USA!

BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON RECAP!

BY SAVANNAH METZGER

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So I hear there's some new gossip in town. Oh! You haven't heard? Well then, I'll tell you. Boys basketball has just ended!!! On the team this year for boys basketball were Josh Hamlin, Rawley Johnson, Chance Vias, Snaider Allen, Dennick Pead, Matthew Steffes, Ian Metzger, Zane Poole, Matthew Urrutia, Garrett Urrutia, Traason Pruett, Hunter Rix, and Wyatt Winterfeld. There are nine games that they get to play against other teams throughout the state. I will tell you about each and every one of them.

The first game of the season was against Clark County (aka otherwise known as Dubois). It was on the 20th of January at home. It was a good game. But I'll tell you that is was a little unfair. All of the Clark kids were super tall when our Swan Valley kids are tiny. Except Josh, though. He's okay. Anywho, as they might be tall that doesn't mean that they don't have the guts. And who does? Us. Our kids, the whole time, were stealing that ball and running for their lives the other way! But, we didn't run fast enough. Clark stole that game with the score hanging as it was. 33 to 15. Just a little faster, boys, and you'll be spot on.

The second game of the season! Duh, dun, dun!!!!... The game was at home on February 3 on a Wednesday against Ririe at 3:30. It was a really close game. It was really intense, too. Now, let me tell you (and this is coming from a firsthand witness of the game) that there were a lot of extra, unofficial referees in that game. Some were parents. Some were kids (including myself) and lots others, too. It was funny to watch everyone shouting their opinion of what was going on. I think that the level of speed was just about even for both teams. That was why the score was so close. 31 to 39. But Ririe won. Our boys worked hard, though, to get that score. Great job.

You know how some people say that the "third time's the charm!" for whatever they're doing and they get what they want? Well, in this case, we did not. For the third game of boys basketball season, it was in Idaho Falls against Blackfoot at 5:30 on the fourth. All the coaches and refs decided that we would do two whole games for the B team and the A team. Okay, I was wrong. Half wrong at the least. I say this because the A team won their game. But the B team did not. The score was 24 to 38 for the B team. But for the A team game, Oh! It was the kind of game that left you hanging on the edge of your seat with adrenaline still in your blood and that leaves you wanting more. Since the B team game was a full game, (because it is usually only a quarter or a half) it felt like the A team's game was done by the halfway mark and it made you scream at the team to do this and that to win. Then you're totally flushed with major embarrassment when the scared person that's sitting beside you has to reluctantly point out that the halftime buzzer is not the end of the game and you realize that you were yelling like a maniac when no one else was. But at the end of the game, we won. 36 to 31. It was so much fun, though!

Now, let me tell you that a lot of players improved in the fourth game of the boys BB season. Seriously, I think that in this experience the boys really got a sense of what you have to do to be a good teammate, have good sportsmanship, work and think together as a team, and that you will have to be a lot faster on your feet if you want to be able to catch up with the big leagues. The fourth game was away at Ririe on February 10, 2016. I remember that I went there and that it was a good game, but I really don't remember the game in itself. But from what I have gathered and asked from other people is that the boys really did try their hardest. The score was 51 to 23. For Ririe, that's pretty darn good. But you know what's even better? The B team winning their game! You know, it's weird that I barely remember the A team game but vividly

remember the B team game? I remember that Traason Pruett made a 3 pointer shot with seconds left in the game and that one of the other teammates on the other team said, "That three pointer was unreal, man!" 4 to 5. Wow. Good job B team! You to A.

The time has come!!! As the traveling press, I think that I speak for everyone when I say that the whole team has waited many moons for this glorious day. Today is the fifth game of the season! You don't get it, eh? I shall explain. Well, for the fifth game of the season the team gets to go to Clark county and duel. And after the game we go to the castle of a gas station and feast. The date of dates for this tournament was February 12, 2016. It was like knights jousting with each other. Back and forth. Back and forth. It hurt my eyes to watch because they literally went so fast. But, like last time, Clark won with the boys doubled over trying to catch their breath. They were just too fast. I think that it wore out the other team, too. The score was 18 to 26 and 8 to 10 for the B team.

I do not know what happened at the sixth game of the year. It was like spaghetti all in a mess on your dinner plate. But instead of all the yumminess, was intense shouting. This game was away at Teton on February 17, 2016. I think that the team got a new coach and now instead of being nice and going easy on us they are all pushing and it was like all they cared about was just proving that they are better than us and only going for the goal: which was to win and cruelly leave us the lowest of the low. Well they got that. But that does not mean that we did not try. I will tell you one thing. We tried. And worked our butts off doing it. But they were too good. 6 to 42. I take that back. I will tell you one more thing. That score was unfair. They should have more sportsmanship. I am looking forward to the next game with them. That way, we can prove them wrong and win.

Six down, three to go. So, the seventh game is the day after the previous game. Translation: we are very sore and achy and tired. That includes mentally, I think. The seventh game of the year is at White Pine Charter School or WPCS for short. On February 18, 2016. It was away, too. I seriously think that the entire goal for WPCS was to just keep us tired. To wear us out and then score a few times when we weren't looking. I can't believe it even if I saw it with my



Nicely done, Josh!

own eyes. We lost. To a school that has only has their team for a few years. The scoreboard told us that the score was 7 to 12 for the A team and 6 to 18 for the B team. No one won that day. The only thing that we did win was an awesome trip to an awesome Maverick gas station because we were all starving. Good times.

Alright, we're almost there. Just this game and the next one and the entire season is over. So this next game is at home and on February 29, 2016. And it's against Teton. You know, I don't think you'll see another Swan Valley basketball game on leap day for a very long time, folks. So you better enjoy it. For the A team the score was 14 to 30. But.... for the B team.... They won! Well, it's better than nothing. I am so proud of our little Baby Panthers! Our B team has won more games than our A team. That, right there, is impressive. Their score was 17 to 10. Way to go. (continued on page 7)

Kayak Between the Trees *by Holly Escalera*

My teacher (Mr. Z) asked me to write about what I want to learn. I thought about it and I decided to write about wanting to learn how to kayak and build a treehouse with my dad. All of us in class had to write about what we want to learn. This is mine.

The reason I want to learn how to kayak is because Mr. Z talks about it in class. He makes it sound like you're connected to nature being outside in the world. It sounds like fun. This will get me strong arms because I am paddling. I also want to be connected to the wilderness - a lot. The reason is it sounds like fun because I get to be outside in rough water and soft water. I think in the clear water I will be able to see fish. I'm not able to see fish in the water too often because most of the water is blue rather than clear.

I want to build a treehouse because my dad is going to build a treehouse in our yard. I want to help him with it because I don't want to simply watch and I don't want it to be too hard on him. I want to be happy about the treehouse instead of thinking about my dad hurting from doing all the work himself. Besides, I want us to create a moment in building something like the treehouse together.

To kayak is to connect with the world. To build a treehouse is to connect with my dad. Those first two sentences mean that they connect with something those two things have which makes something great. You can have two things that don't connect but they are not as great as connecting with something. It's kind of like how my parents met and now we're a family.

All this happened one night because it struck me like a bolt of lightening when my sister was thinking of a story and writing it on a computer. Then she was going so slow I said, "Mom can it be my turn? I have a story in my head and I know what I'm going to type".

Mom said "Okay, Ava let it be Holly's turn". Ava got mad for a little bit and bugged me but then she was fine when my dad got home. She left me alone and I was able to write down these words. So, those are my reasons I want to learn to build a treehouse and learn how to kayak. I'll work hard at both of them.

Riding Home *by Maci Kopp*

Ever since I can remember I have been around horses. When I was 3 years old I got my first horse named Sox. He had four white markings on his legs that made him look like he was wearing socks. He and I went on several trail rides but there was one that I will never forget.

In August 2011, I went on a 10-mile four-day trail ride to a place called Lake Basin. When I was on the trail I could see flowers, birds, trees, mountains, sunny skies, and the horses in front of me. I smelt the fresh air and the sweat of the horses. I felt the rough leather reins in my soft grasp, branches when we passed by them, and the soft hair of my horse when I would pet him. I heard the birds chirping, people talking, and sometimes a roar from motorbikes. I was so excited that I got to go on the long trail ride. My horse was also happy because he had been on that trip many times while working for the U.S. Forest Service. He knew we were getting close to our destination, because he got off the trail, his ears were perked up, and he started passing all eleven horses in front of him! Lake Basin was beautiful! It was a small lake, with lots of wild flowers, and was surrounded by tall mountains. I was shocked to see snowdrifts around our campsite; which came in handy to help keep our food cold.

When we were at the camp, I helped my grandma cook the meals. One meal we dug a hole and cooked a roast in a dutch oven in the ground. We also went on a hike and could see down into Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The town looked so small, that when I held my hand up it blocked the view of the town. We were walking around our campsite and found several makings of arrowheads. My grandma found a perfect arrowhead. Now that I am older, I know that Indians had once settled there.

One night it was thundering and lightening so hard that you could close your eyes and still see the flash of light. The thunder was so loud because we were so high up in the basin. The next morning I was amazed when I unzipped the tent, and looked outside to see a calm day.

I was heartbroken when the last morning arrived and we had to pack up and go home. I was so happy I got to ride Sox on that trail ride. I will always cherish my adventure to Lake Basin. I was surrounded by the people I love, enjoying the beautiful nature, and having a great time! I hope people are as fortunate as I was to go on this wonderful journey!

Old Longings Nomadic Leap*by Matthew Steffes*

What is your howl? Mine is to learn how to jump a dirt bike. It gives me freedom. Freedom is my howl. It's like Buck's life in "Call of the Wild". My freedom is like his howl. I love dirt biking because of the freedom of the howl. It takes speed, guts, and gear.

First is speed. You need speed to make it to the other ramp. You also need speed to get up the ramp. Your speed depends on your bike and our ramp. You can get speed by pulling the gas back. Speed will help a lot in the air. And don't give it too much gas or you will pop a wheelie.

Second is guts. You need guts to survive. You need guts also not to barf. I got the guts, do you have the guts too? I think you can get guts by practice. Guts will help you not get scared in the whole thing.

Third is gear. You need a helmet. Then you need a chest pad. You also need thick, cool pants. Last you need gloves and boots. Sometimes that can cost a lot of money, so watch the price.

That is what I want to learn. Hope you want to learn it too. I will jump a dirt bike one day. I am ready to do this because I have speed guts and I can get gear. When I get to jump my dirt bike for the first time I know it will be awesome and thrilling and scary. I love the howl and this is my howl.

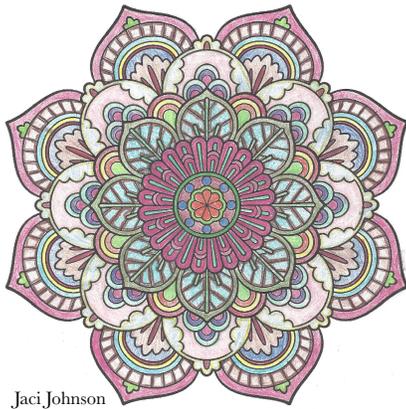
BASKETBALL SEASON RECAP *(continued from page 4)*

This is the last game of this year's season. Wow. It all went by in a blur. The last game of 2016's season. It was on March 10, 2016. Which was a Thursday. We were playing WPCS. It was also home. I somehow think that the last game of the season should always be home. Last year's was away. I think that it somehow honors the school by having the last game be home. Something like that. Anywho, it was a thrill to watch the game. But we didn't win. It was 31 to 41. It was totally worth it to come see the B team game, though. We didn't win that one either. It was so cute to watch the B team fight for their last game. Okay, I have to tell you something that is totally tubular. So we have three seconds left in the game and it's the fourth quarter. The ball is being passed in from the other side of the quart of the other team's basket. From home's side of the quart, basically. The other team has the ball and as soon as one of the players has it, one of his teammates yells at him to, "HUCK IT!!!!" and he does.

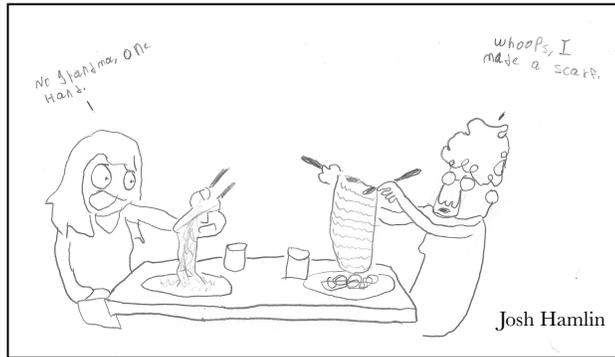
I seriously wish I could either rewind this part of my memory or just go back in time to see this part in slow motion because it is so awesome that you kind of want to. Anyway, as soon as the clock says that there is only two seconds left, the ball leaves the boy's hand and it is flying through the air. It gets near the basket just as there is exactly one second left. You suddenly have this feeling that you are being rushed and you really want the ball to get in the hoop because it would so, so, so, so awesome that that kind of thing could happen even if it is for the other team. You hear a small swish of the ball going through the basket and then you see, hear, and really feel the roar of the crowd as soon as they realize what just happened, the scream of the audience drowning out the buzzer of finality. You jump up for joy for the little boy as you see that there are tears of happiness running down his face and that he is being patted on the back and being told, "Congratulations!" at his victory. You're suddenly feeling really happy for a number of reasons and you don't know why. The score was 20 to 34. You think, this is a good ending to a day and a basketball season. Yes, it certainly was!

“Potpourri Section”

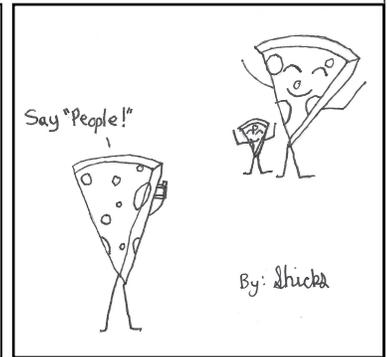
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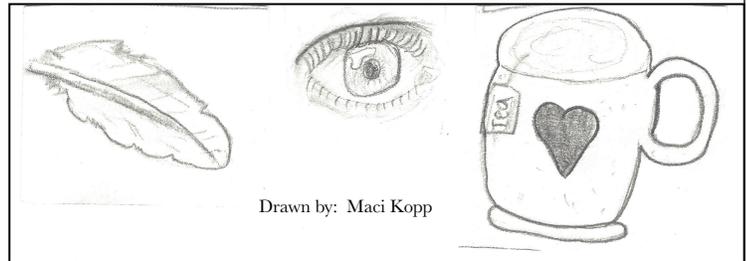
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Mini Zoo

Designed by: Savannah Metzger

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Savannah Halligan

Designed by: Jaci Johnson

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Spotlight on Ms. Fran

by Joshua Hamlin

When you ask yourself who is Fran you probably think the nice old lady behind the desk. To me,

Fran is a secretary, a nurse, in fact, I'm sure she would be happy to help you with school related questions you may have. I have asked several people what they think about Fran and I have gotten nothing bad about her. So the next time you see Fran, you tell her a thank you for what she does for this school.

Hardwood, Tile, or Carpet? Which One is the Best?

Hardwood Floors

By Savannah Metzger

I think that hardwood floors are better than carpet and tile and is the best kind of flooring that you can get. You want to know why, huh? Alright, I'll tell you. First of all, hardwood flooring is the best because it is really easy to clean. You can sweep and mop it and it will look like it was just polished. If you had carpet, then it could stain and you know how hard it is to get those suckers out. Hardwood doesn't crack and get dirt in all of those divots that you have to get on your hands and knees to scrub out like tile does. Tile has ugly grout that can come loose and get all over your floor. Plus, tile is a lot colder than hardwood and hardwood doesn't give you chills that propel you back into the warm bed before school. Hardwood will be room temperature and greet your feet in the morning. (Then you won't be late.) Carpet gets dirt stuck in the padding and the actual carpet. To clean that, you have to remove your whole carpet, replace it (if you choose to) and that costs money. After all that, my second reason has come. Hardwood floors are really pretty, not ugly like carpet or gross like tile. They will match just about everything and especially, your home decor. It will make your home more welcoming to guests than tile or carpet ever will. It will match your personality, unless your personality is tile or carpet. Lastly, to add, hardwood flooring is simple and makes your home cozy and warm, like it should be.

Carpet

By Kenedie Scholes

Carpet is so much better than hardwood and tile for a majority of reasons like it is way more comfortable, it is warmer to stand on, and it comes in way more colors than tile and hardwood. When you go somewhere and the carpet is comfortable you just want to stand on it all day because it doesn't hurt as much to stand on and hardwood and tile are always hard and painful to stand on for too long. Also when you wake-up in the morning carpet is way warmer than standing

on freezing tile or hardwood. Carpet also comes in way more colors than hardwood and tile, for example if you can only get a different browns that all look the same or white tile but other than that nothing colorful but with carpet you can get purple, green, turquoise, yellow, brown, and whatever else your heart desires. Don't get me wrong I know that there are some places to not put carpet like the bathroom or kitchen but everywhere else, it's perfection. Bonus you can shock your friends when you slide your socks on carpet you can't do that with hardwood or tile. These are just some of the reasons carpet is so much better but what would you choose tile, hardwood, or carpet?

Tile Flooring

by Snaider Allen

I love tile better than carpet because you can slide fast on the tile and I like it because it cools your feet in the morning. Plus, when you are playing tag in the house you can get away fast from your sister. I also like tile because you can build stuff on it. Carpet not so much. It falls down and stuff, but on tile you bet your sweet bippy that is why I love tile.

