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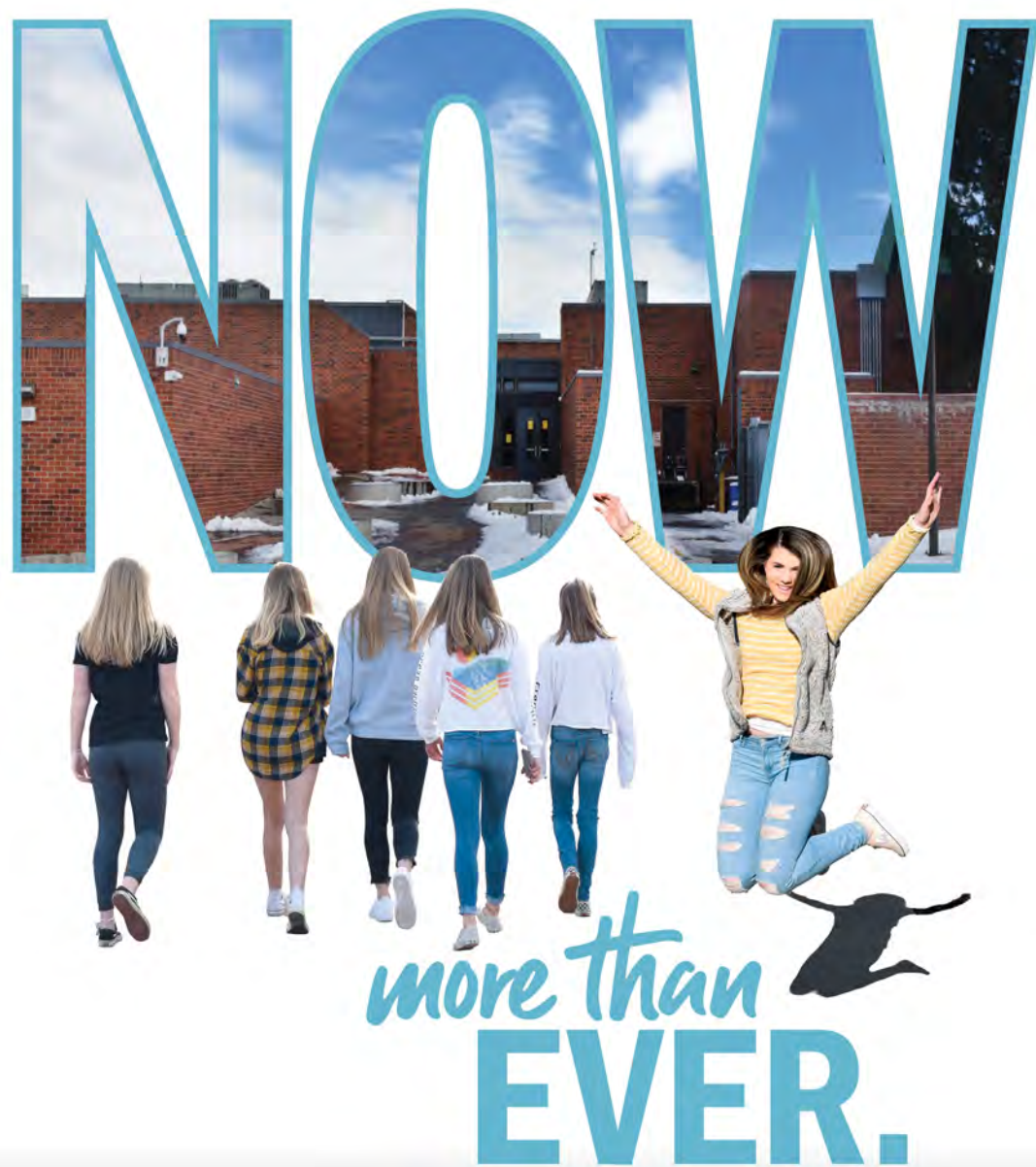
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COVER CAPTIONS

UNITED IN FRIENDSHIP, Shelby Miyazaki, Devyn Yates, Erin Hillebrandt, Hailey Claridge, Kimball Eggen, Avery Varvarinecz, Maria Ester Rivera, Jake Peterson, Shane Sicard, Nathan Widing and Tabor Birkholz, 08, practice jumping during lunch, while Andrew Gaff, 08, crafts the perfect student life shot. "Now more than ever, I'm striving to step up my grades. Last year I slipped and got a C. This has helped my motivation and instead of going for A's & B's, now I'm going even further and working to get all A's," Sicard said.

photo by a. gaff

ENDSHEET CAPTIONS

STUDENTS IN MS. MANCULICH'S EIGHTH GRADE CORE PLUS walk in from the courtyard at the back of the building, while Bailee Sidebotham, 07, participates in a photography Scavenger Hunt activity. "My favorite part of Digital Media was all the pictures you get to take and learning how to use a camera," Sidebotham said. photo by a. harrison endsheets by

brayden parks & luke sokolowski





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**1. DURING SPIRIT WEEK**, Christian Sanderford, 08, wears a humorous costume. "We get to wear clothes that we usually don't get to wear to school, so it is a unique time of the year," Sanderford said. *photo by a. harrison* **2. DURING AN EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME**, Madison Groth, 08, drives to the hoop for a bucket. "Before basketball games, I like to stretch and pump myself up to get ready," Groth said. *photo by w. donahue* **3. ON THE MAT**, Braden Sisler and Lance Derby, 06, rumble at the sixth grade Wrestling Festival. "I enjoy playing in tournaments and to prepare, I practice all of my shots and my moves," Sisler said. *photo by s. alpern* **4. ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, Principal Steve Wolf welcomes the incoming sixth grade students. "What I am very impressed by over the last few years is that our students behave much more like a family. They truly care about other people and they are willing to help out. That is what I am most proud of," Wolf said.

*photo by y. manculich*

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**1. IN ORCHESTRA**, Molly McHale, 08, practices the upright bass. McHale has been playing for three consecutive years. "Now, the pieces of music are advancing and becoming more unique," McHale said. *photo by k. sweezey* **2. GROWING AS ARTISTS**, Cristian Gottschalk, Olivia Hill and Lydia Monniere, 06, work on various projects, including a clay house and superhero painting, while munching on popcorn in Art. "Now I am spending more time on my homework, so I get it right the first time," Gottschalk said. *photo by s. miyazaki* **3. ACHIEVING HIS GOALS**, Skyler Gruidel, 07, works on an elements of fiction packet in

Mrs. Melissa Toland's language arts class. "Now, I study more for my language arts tests to get better grades on them and to achieve A/B Honor Roll," Gruidel said. *photo by m. labrecque* **4. AT RECESS**, Ava Escorcio and Kayla Renner, 08, play four square. "Now more than ever, I am paying attention to my friends, what they are doing and how they feel," Renner said. *photo by s. miyazaki* **5. OUTSIDE**, Emnet Butler, Anna Peecher, Calia Keasler, Ava Hansen, Breeze Schelter, Morgan Aikens and Chloe Hebert, 06, form a conga line. "I'm making even more friends this year and meeting new people," Schelter said. *photo by a. colling*



# WE ARE

more than a student and an athlete.  
more than a devoted artist in Ms. Masek's Art class.  
WE ARE PUMAS, and the present moment is more important than ever.  
more than a new generation striving to achieve our future dreams.  
WE make a difference by staying true to our CORE values, and we use our voices to speak our truth.  
WE make our moves just like Jaxton Knutsen, 07, who won at the annual Chess Club competition.

You might ask us, "Who are we going to be in the future?"  
But what PURPOSE does this question really serve?  
We are focused on what we are doing right here and right

**NOW.** For us, it's not "next week", "next semester" or "tomorrow". **IT'S ABOUT TODAY, RIGHT HERE AND RIGHT NOW.**  
It's a matter of making the most of it until the 3:50 bell rings.  
**NOW** it's about seizing the day. We strive to be better, to be brighter, to be more successful, to be the best we can be.

Nothing's impossible unless we sit back and watch our lives happen.  
**WE** take control from the moment the alarm clock wakes us up arriving at first block, to the time we crawl into bed exhausted from studying physics vocabulary for our science class.

**WE** know it is always a great day to be a **PUMA**. So, what will you do with today?

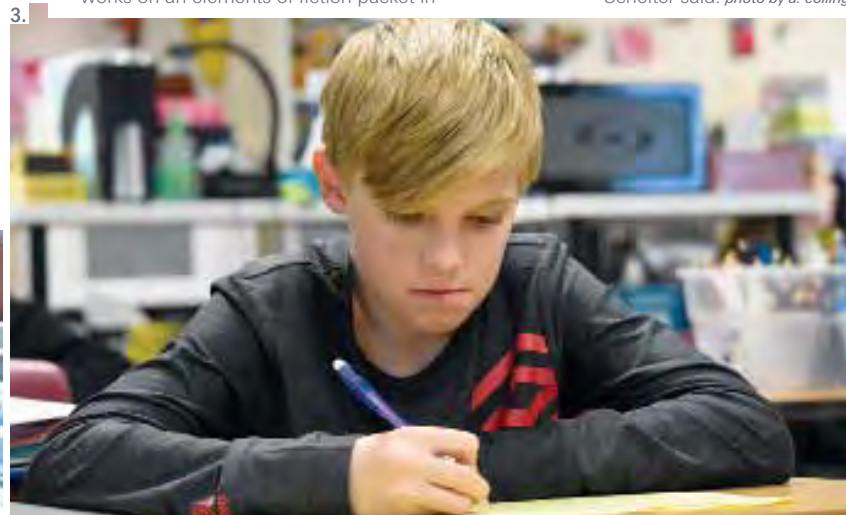
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"Right now, we don't have to worry about making life changing decisions, just being kids."

ANNA PEECHER, 06



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# WHO

## ARE WE NOW?

WE ARE curious minds learning about the world around us at the 7th grade International Towne Field Trip.

WE ARE scholars like Hannah Resley, 08, who won the Freedom Essay contest, and Jane Griffin, 08, and Ella Taylor, 07, who qualified for the district-wide Spelling Bee.

We are a PRIDE, attending the annual Kickin' It Old School Night, CORE Plus competitions, the Annual Movie Night and the Chili Cook-Off.

WE make a difference in this world by raising \$3,512.71 in donations for Pennies for Patients, a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, with Mrs. Mindy Enley's CORE Plus earning the first place Olive Garden lunch prize. **WHO ARE WE?**

SO... WE ARE the John Erwin School of Excellence, demonstrating honor and integrity. We laid the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We are more than just a middle school at 8000 S. Corona Way. We exceed expectations. **AND NOW**

more than ever  
we make the  
most of every day.



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## chronological divider

**1. PLAYING THE PERFECT NOTE,** Cassandra Culp, 06, practices in Band. Culp has been playing the baritone for three years, and she enjoys performing new music at every concert she attends. "Now I've been practicing a lot more," Culp said. *photo by c. winterbottom* **2. EXCELLING AT DISTRICTS,** Shelby Miyazaki, 08, takes first place during her 4X2 relay. Miyazaki's Track Relay Team stayed undefeated throughout the season, and she enjoyed running for the Track Team all three years of middle school. "Crossing the finish line was more exhilarating at Districts than it had been before," Miyazaki said. *photo by a. evangelista* **3. AFTER WINNING THE 3RD ANNUAL KICKIN' IT OLD SCHOOL KICKBALL TOURNAMENT,** Daniel Pepe, 08, garners the trophy for his team, the Big

Baller Bois. Assisted by Mr. Andrew Genson, science, the Big Baller Bois played high energy games and took the victory with pride. "Now more than ever, I am proud of our teamwork, friendship and effort," Pepe said. *photo by a. gaff* **4. IN MRS. JEN CHAVERS' SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS,** Samuel Sokolowski, 06, lends a helping hand to fellow student, Wallace Smith. "I really like social studies this year because we are learning more about ancient civilizations," Sokolowski said. *photo by m. murphy* **5. FLIPPING OUT,** Victoria Bratt and Rebeka Terwilliger, 08, show off their cheer skills during recess. Bratt has been in cheer for two years, competing with All Star Cheer throughout the year, and continuing to learn new skills. "I like stunting the best when I get sent through the air and do flips," Bratt said.

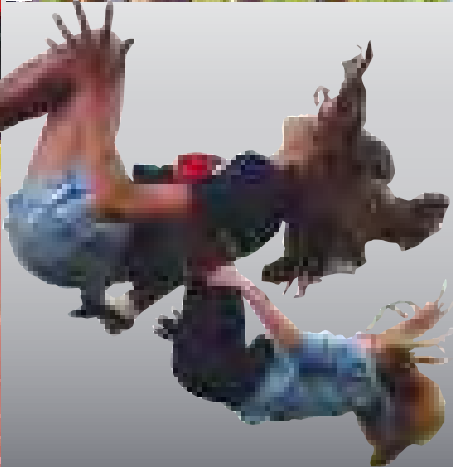
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"Now more than ever, I am getting better at being on time and conquering my fears."

WALLACE SMITH, 06



4.





**WE WERE** a friend more than a foe,  
and one of many Pumas in the PRIDE.  
We were one of the students  
who made up the CORE;  
and **WE** lived in the **NOW** more than ever.

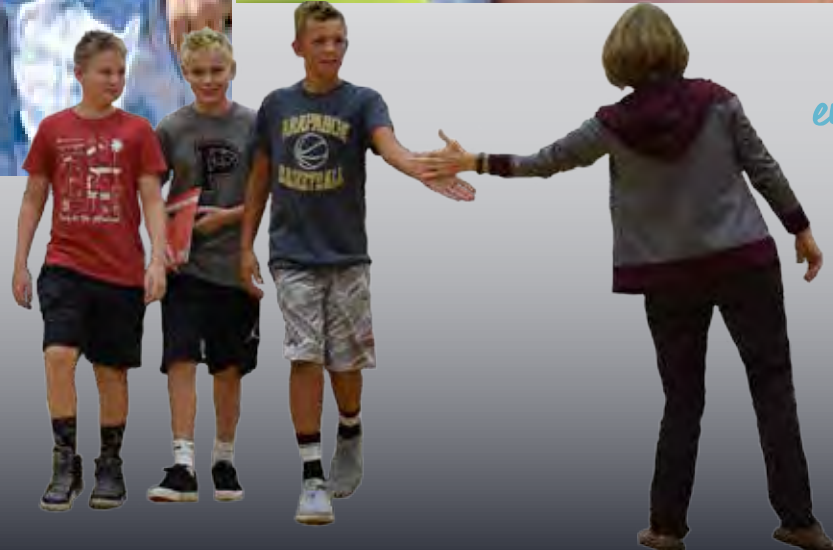
**WE WERE** inspired to face and overcome our  
everyday challenges, like Maya Delaney, 06.  
We lived life with dedication, like Molly Madden, 08.  
We enjoyed the cinnamon rolls after every Honor Roll Assembly.

**WE SHINED** a little bit brighter on center stage at the  
Spring Musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*.  
**WE** laughed after the Puma Prowl as friends poured water on each other.  
**WE** listened to Mrs. Stephens' 8th grade Choir perform at the District Festival.  
**WE** danced at the Baby Shark Challenge during lunch.  
**WE** watched Ava Mitchell, 08, finish in first place at the Track and Field  
District Championship.  
**WE** devoured donuts when Ms. Goerke's CORE Plus won  
the annual Door Decorating contest.  
**WE** believed it was always a great day to be a PUMA.  
**WE** made our mark

**NOW** more than ever.

## reference divider

**1. ENJOYING HER PASSION**, Olivia Graf, 07, practices with the 8th grade Orchestra during the holiday celebration. Graf was first chair and leader of the violin section. "I love Strings; it's a different and welcoming environment with a great teacher," Graf said. *photo by k. sweezey*  
**2. PREPARING TO GO TO CLASS**, William Ricenbaw, Samuel Siegal and Estevan Jiron, 07, walk arm and arm into school, while savoring the last moments of recess. "This is a great place to be with lots of friends and support," Jiron said. *photo by a. colling*  
**3. BASKING IN THE AUTUMN SUN**, Stella Tomeo and Charlotte Garrison, 08, spend time together during a long day of school. "Being outside during school helps me to smile throughout the day," Garrison said. *photo by g. ward*  
**4. BRAIDING HAIR**, Madison Groth and Tessa Upah, 08, prepare for the kickball tournament at the fourth annual Kickin' It Old School event. "I was able to spend time with my closest friends in a friendly competition," Upah said. *photo by k. tucker*  
**5. WELCOMING THE NEW 6TH GRADERS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**, Mrs. Lauri Hamill, GT, high fives Broden Nelson, 06, while he walks into the gym on PRIDE Day with his new friends Cooper Brendlinger and Spencer Heath, 06. "I was nervous, yet excited because I knew this was going to be a fresh start," Nelson said. *photo by y. manculich*



"Now more than ever, this is a great community, and all my friends have my back."  
MADISON GROTH, 08

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**1. AFTER THE PUMA PROWL**, the Puma mascot congratulates Reece Hansen, 07. "I enjoyed the aftermath of The Prowl because I got to hang out with my friends," Hansen said. *photo by k. sweezey*

**2. RIDING PIGGY-BACK**, Clayton Wern and Conall Liburdi, 07, have fun at lunch. "More friendship every day equals more fun," Liburdi said. *photo by d. yates*

**3. FINISHING THE SCHOOL DAY**, Madeline Anjaria, 06, has been riding the bus since the beginning of middle school. "There are a bunch of seventh graders in the back of the bus that blast their

music," Anjaria said. *photo by m. schmeling*

**4. EACH DAY**, Bralen Taylor, Cash Skrivan and Luke Madison, 06, run around playing games outside. "Now I am playing lots of baseball and basketball more than every," Skrivan said. *photo by m. murphy*

**5. DURING LUNCH**, Olivia Becker, Callen Wolf, Olivia Leeder, Natalee Gunnell, Maryjane Gardner, Powell DaHart, Emma Poole and Dylan Dickson, 06, take time to let loose and show off their crazy side. "I love talking to friends and having fun during lunch," Gunnell said. *photo by s. pallman*



# WE ARE

the PUMAS who devoured over 1,407 lollipops in two days during Student Council's sold out sucker sales.

WE celebrated Mrs. Christina Gelhausen Dupen's third place victory at the Taekwondo competition in Sydney, Australia.

WE cheered when we got two snow days in a row because of the Bomb Cyclone Blizzard in March.

WE explored our creativity in STEM, Wood Tech, Art and Drama.

WE supported our teachers who wore Red for Ed to increase funding for education.

WE beat every rival school, in four rival sports to become **DISTRICT CHAMPIONS.**

# NOW

You might ask us, what's next?  
WE don't know 'cause we're too busy livin' in the **RIGHT HERE AND RIGHT NOW.**

# NOW

we were proud to make a difference after donating \$1,082.50 to the Red Cross during our annual Hat Day.

WE rock 'n' rolled during Tyler Bearden's performance at the Showcase Night.

We didn't sit back and just watch our lives happen.

**WE** took control even with a District wide time change to our daily schedule because it was always a great day to be a **PUMA.**



"The best part about being a Puma is the support and the teachers."

CLAYTON WERN, 07



more than ever  
we made each moment count.



**1. EXCITED TO MAKE A FRESH START IN A NEW SCHOOL,** Auriella Dunda and Hadley Jackson, 06, walk to the gym for the PRIDE Assembly on the first day of school. As the sixth graders entered the gym, teachers and staff welcomed them. "I really liked being able to switch classes and move around during the day," Dunda said. *photo by y. manculich* **2. CROSSING THE FINISH LINE AT THE DISTRICT TRACK MEET,** Raymond Fix, 08, takes first place. "My favorite events are the 4X100 relay and the 4X200 relay because to succeed, you need your teammates to help you out," Fix said. *photo by g. ward* **3. ON PAST VS. FUTURE DAY,** Vice Principal Lawrence Chavers dresses up as a rapper from Run DMC. "I like the creativity of Spirit Week and how it lets the entire staff and students wear what they might not wear usually," Chavers said. *photo by s. damiano*

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