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# FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

**T**he cars rumble, doors slam and in the midst of morning mayhem, security guard Mr. Carlos Bazan directs traffic out of the parking lot. "I enjoy greeting the kids and meeting the parents as they walk by," Mr. Bazan said. He's always outside to acknowledge kids when they cross the street like Mrs. Lee-Ann Hayen welcomes students at the door most mornings. After her sixth year at our school, Mrs. Hayen resigned as principal Dec. 21.

"The biggest reasons is my ten and eight year old kids, I have spent so much of my time here for the last six years I feel like I have not been the best mom," Ms. Hayen said. A few things she has implemented are Yondr pouches, one-to-one Chromebooks and the Design Thinking philosophy

building wide.

"I think Yondr pouches are a very good system. It helps us have better communication with each other, it helps with academics, and it is a great addition to the school," Caleb Mamula (8) said. Students have transferred from phones to chromebooks. "I like being paperless, it's easier for me to prepare for classes. I also like that students have access to everything they need in one place," Lancelot social studies teacher, Mrs. Meagan Wilcox said.

In addition to Mrs. Hayen's most recent changes, one of her initial additions has been Design Thinking. Design Thinking encourage unique voices and challenges our community to listen to other points of view. We all have a voice. We can share different points of view.

**LOCK IT OR LOSE IT** There's a change in the atmosphere, and it's all thanks to the addition of Yondr pouches. These grey and green neoprene pouches lock phones inside and can only be unlocked by teachers. Jensen Cronican (7) jokes around with her friend, Jordan Sanderson (7), during lunch, their phones no where in sight. "We were laughing because it's just what I do with my friends. It's nice to have a

lunch without phones because it's not distracting us and there's more time to socialize," Cronican said. "I like that it forces kids to focus on things that matter during the day rather than their phone, like relationship with others. Kids are talking to each other more than having their face buried in their phone," Galahad Social Studies teacher, Mr. Brent Neuenschwander said. Photo by Reese Plummer



**1. HUSTLE, HIT, NEVER QUIT!** AAA hockey player, Grant Taylor (8) has been a Rampage hockey player for ten years. Oct. 18, Taylor started when he was three, and has been playing ever since then. Taylor's dad wanted him and his brother to start at an early age because that's what he did as a child. His team travels all over the country and challenges other teams. "We go to all these different states, and play against different teams and leagues," Taylor said. Photo courtesy of Grant Taylor.

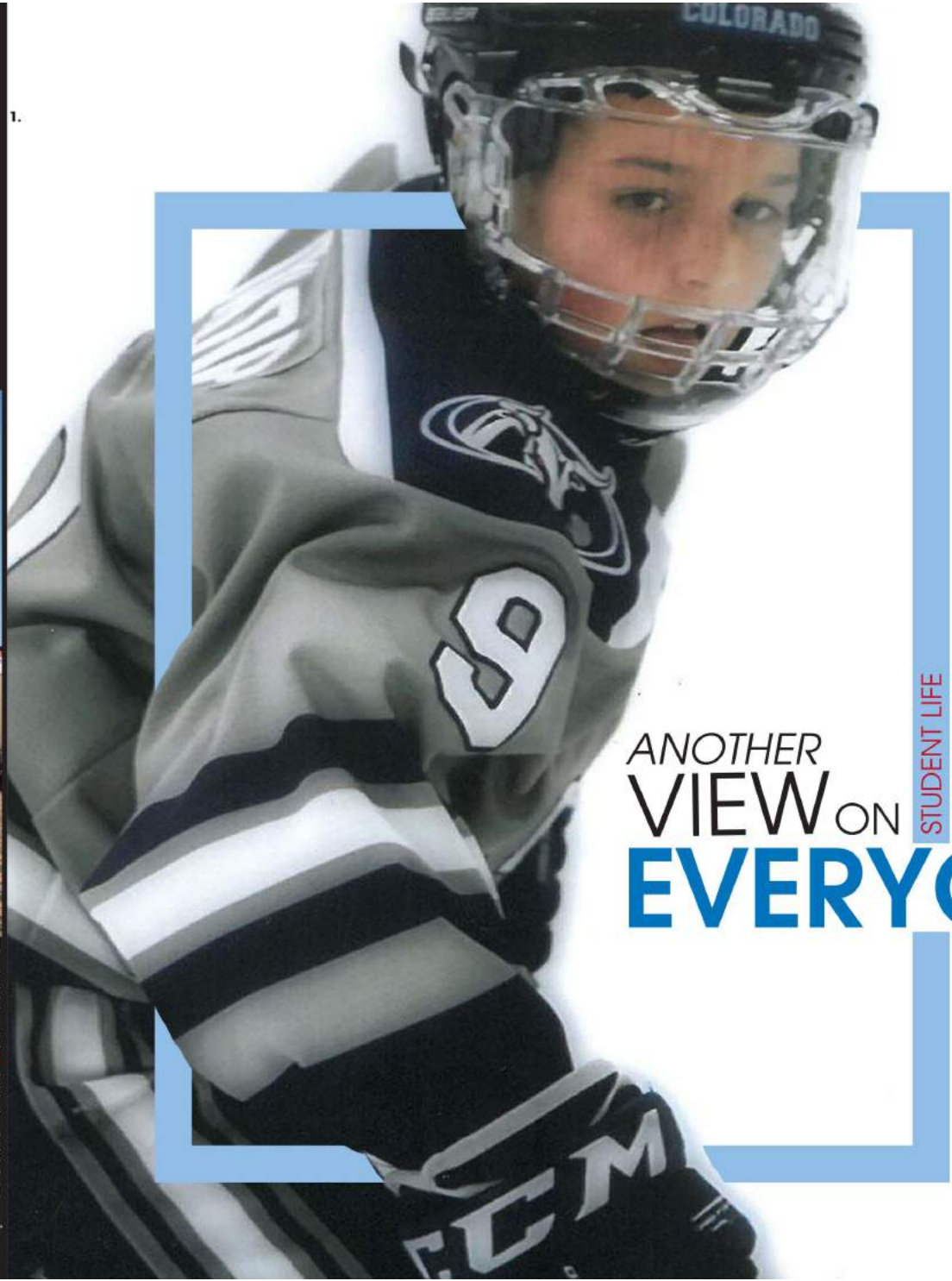
**2. GET SERVED** Volleyball player, Simone Duckworth (7) plays for Elevation 13 Peak, Nov. 1. She has practices on Saturdays and Wednesdays, and tournaments every weekend. Duckworth sets the ball and competes often, she has played volleyball for four years, and has had one major injury. "I got this pretty bad injury that my bicep got really injured because I got a tendinitis sprain," Duckworth said. Photo by Tabor DeFore



**3. TAE KWON DO!** Black belt, Andrea Lee (8) has done taekwondo for seven years. Nov. 6, Lee was inspired by her older brother, who also did taekwondo. Lee has never gotten any serious injuries, but she has injured someone else while they fought. "You have to learn how to control yourself, and know what you're doing with your legs and arms," Lee said. Photo courtesy of Chia Hui Lee

**4. A CHANCE TO DANCE** As a dancer at Boutique Dance Academy, Andrew Middleton (7) practices his newest routine. Nov. 2, Middleton first started dance four years ago, and has practiced every day for two to three hours. Middleton and has competed in group dances, as well as solos. "I definitely think dancing is harder than some sports because you use every muscle group in your body and you need to focus a lot on your physical appearance," Middleton said. Photo courtesy of Kristen Middleton.

"My everyday is fun because I play baseball after school," Caleb Ing (8)



# ANOTHER VIEW ON EVERYONE

STUDENT LIFE

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**C**oin collections from different countries, DIY activities and competitive sports are just a few unique activities done outside of school. Locked away in a small box at home, Ellie Greer (7), stores 75 coins from different countries, such as China and India. "I like collecting coins because it shows me things from other countries, which is cool because you can see currencies that other people use," Greer said. Participating in unique activities doesn't end with DIY projects, it includes participating competitive sports like Eva Dellorco (7), who has cheered competitively with Planet Cheer for the past three years. "When I was in gymnastics, I only liked floor, not bars, vault, or beam. That's when I decided to do cheer," Dellorco said. Mia Stralmel (8) has chosen to spend six months as a diver. "The four different types of diving is front, back, inwards and reverses, but my favorite is reverses," Stralmel said. With so many options, there is no limit on how to best spend leisure time.



"My everyday life is filled with excitement," Maddox Coleman (7)

ANOTHER VIEW OF EVERY ONE

STUDENT LIFE DIVIDER

## CAMPING THAT'S IN-TENTS

### SLEEPING IN A BEAR'S DEN

Disconnected from the world, Ms. Misti Smith backpacks with her friend, Amanda Harvey, in Gila National Forest, New Mexico, June 11. Over four days, Ms. Smith had a forty-eight pound backpack, hiked over one thousand rivers, found a hot spring, and set up their camp at a black bear's den. "We made our dinner and had just sat down to enjoy it when we heard a bear coming down the cliff side right on the other side of the river. It went on upstream though, so we thought we were safe. In the morning, he was back for breakfast, so we packed up and hightailed it out of there," Ms. Smith said. Photo courtesy of Ms. Misti Smith



# LES MONDAY, MORE SUMMER

## A SUMMER STAY-CATION

Designed and written by Kiersten Dudley

A stay-cation is the way Mr. Steven Smith, Ector's 8th grade social studies teacher, chooses to spend his break. He travels with his wife, Aliona, around Colorado, so he didn't go to far from thier home in Englewood. On June 28, Mr. and Mrs. Smith explored the rich

history within the estate of Cherokee Ranch and Castle located in Sedalia. "My wife and I absolutely fell in love with Cherokee Ranch and Castle," Mr. Smith said. Their tour guide, Dorothy Kuyk,

showed them original copies of Shakespeare, famous paintings like "Velvet" by Jan Brueghel the Elder, and full suits of armor can be found in the castle. "We went on a tour and were absolutely fascinated by the architecture, beauty, and history. We look forward to exploring more that this wonderful state has to offer," Mr. Smith said. Now, he plans to travel to other places, like Grand Junction, to further his exploration of Colorado in the west rockies. Photo courtesy of Mr. Steven Smith



**1. THE TEACHER BECOMES THE STUDENT** Even teachers still have things to learn, and in this case, Mrs. Yvonne Miller, the librarian, attends a class about agriculture in Alamosa, Colorado, June 18. She traveled to farms, water districts, breweries, and even a mushroom factory. On one of her bus rides, Mrs. Miller's bus driver ran into a street light. "It wasn't really surprising. We knew it was going to happen, with the way he was backing up, and we actually didn't have to fix the bus. He just damaged the light, and we were able to continue our trip," Mrs. Miller said. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Yvonne Miller **2. SIT BACK AND RELAX** For a fiftieth birthday present to herself, Ms. Paula Dutenhoeffer, the Application and Design and Multimedia teacher, travels to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, June 9. She, along with her best friend, Jen Kangley, spent four days in a hotel right on the beach with a view of the Pacific Ocean. "The view was amazing, and the water was very warm. I just stood out in the ocean and jumped around in the waves for most of the trip," Ms. Dutenhoeffer said. Photo courtesy of Ms. Paula Dutenhoeffer **3. WELCOME TO NEW YORK** Preparing for a vacation, Mrs. Michelle Lynn, the Exploring Computer Sciences and eMedia teacher, takes a trip to New York City with her husband and two kids, July 5. Lynn and her family walked around Time Square, and went up the



Empire State Building. "We went to the very top of the building, but it took almost an hour to get there. The lines to get into and up the Empire State Building were really long," Mrs. Lynn said. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Michelle Lynn **4. QUICK WITH THE DISC** With disc golf skills, Mr. Eric Newman, the Ector 8th grade math teacher, travels with his friends to a disc golf course, May 27. Mr. Newman rented an airBnB in Kansas City as he and his friends prepare to go out on the course. "They had the best disc golf courses, and I played against six people. I won some, and lost some," Mr. Newman said. Photo courtesy of Mr. Eric Newman **5. TAKE A HIKE** When they take a hike on an immense mountain, Mr. Andrew Rosen, the Ector 8th grade science teacher, and his brother, Lee Rosen, summit the 14,059 foot mountain called Sunlight Peak, in a remote basin in Durango, July 14. But the exposure from the peak made the hike pretty dangerous. "The exposure was very intimidating, having a thousand foot drop off was very scary, but that is what made it fun," Mr. Rosen said. Photo courtesy of Mr. Andrew Rosen.

## WORTH REMEMBERING

### AN UNEXPECTED TURN TO A CEREMONY

**A WONKEY DONKEY IN A WEDDING** After his friend's wedding ceremony, Mr. Michael Pace, the Ector 8th grade language arts teacher, turns around to find a donkey right behind him, in a small surfer town called Sayulita, Mexico, May 30. Mr. Pace grew up on a sheep farm, so he was familiar on how to ride animals like the donkey. "I was really surprised when I saw a donkey standing behind me after the ceremony. I didn't know if it was apart of the wedding, but I took a ride anyway," Mr. Pace said. Photo courtesy of Mr. Michael Pace



"Exploring Computer Science allows me to code, and code allows me to create my own projects," Kaden Ontiveros (7)

**1. POP GOES THE PUMPKIN** When the pumpkin splits in half, the class has eyes on Tommy Stevenson (8) as he digs through the guts of a pumpkin for a lab in the Arthur science room, Oct. 30. The day before Halloween, the pod undertook the rubber band pumpkin challenge to see how many rubber bands it took to explode the pumpkin. "It did teach us a little bit about science but also incorporate a fun aspect into it," Stevenson said. Photo by Katherine McKenna **2. MONEY, MONEY** While King Arthur Social Studies students learn the ins and outs of trade, Connor Slagle (8) and others get to see the money side of the class, Oct. 30. Along with the aspect of money, he also got to learn skills for the future. "We are still learning about the colonies but we are also learning about what they traded and I think we can use trading in the future," Slagle said. Photo by Jayde Meints



**3. YOU BETTER GIVE 100%** Sir Kay's Math class learns about percentages through the exploration of a variety of games. Amelia Garrett (7) played Bucket Ball, where if you get a question right, you can try to get a ball into a bucket for a point. Another activity Ms. Jocelyn Wetherington conducts is a math scavenger hunt so that students can practice a variety of math skills. "I can use this when I'm shopping, how to find the 20 percent on a deal or something like that," Garrett said. Photo by Ella Stacey **4. HOLY SAINTS** When you walk through Mr. Frank Martin's Language Arts room in Gawain, you see a variety of Saint signs all around. Inspirational quotes on the walls, and students engaged around the room, Dec. 7. "He puts up lots of inspirational quotes to make your self esteem go up," Carson Buechler (7) said. Along with that, he aims to make sure his students feel comfortable and welcome. "Their voice should be heard, and is respected. I think they feel comfortable in my class to ask questions," Mr. Martin said. Photo by Ella Stacey



# ANOTHER VIEW OF KNOWLEDGE

ACADEMICS & CLUBS

**D**esign thinking lessons led to some unconventional methods of teaching. Arthur science teacher, Mrs. Stefanie Sommers did the Rube Goldberg machine lab, Nov. 28. "It's a machine that is very complicated that gets a simple task done," Tommy Stevenson (8) said. "It really helped me understand how energy is transferred," Audrey Gerdes (8) said. Arthur social studies teacher, Mr. Michael O'Connor, allowed the students to play a trade game to learn more about how the colonists lived. "We got to go around the classroom and trade with other groups," Connor Slagle (8) said. They were able to learn more about the colonies and have an interactive

experience. "We were able to have a realistic experience that showed us what trading was like then and we were able to gain a deeper understanding of what we were learning about," Alex Stewart (8) said. Gawain Language Arts teacher, Mr. Frank Martin, allowed the students to have fun even while they took tests. "I try to slip in some gibberish, or a dumb question," Mr. Martin said. They still learn like the other classes but in different ways. "Here and there he gives us riddles which test our knowledge. There really, really hard riddles and we always have trouble trying to figure them out," Carson Buechler (8) said. From labs to games, these teachers do more than just textbook work.

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"It helps you make decisions that are reliable so that you are moral," Jacob Burt (7)

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## CLIMBING TO THE TOP

### DON'T LOOK DOWN

Close to the top, Casey Knoll (8) tries to keep it easy for his belayer as he climbs the rock wall. Knoll has climbed his whole life, so he is familiar with the terms, and how to climb in general. "It wasn't scary to rock climb for me at all. I've rock climbed since I was little, so it was just second nature to me. I made sure I went slow for my belayer to make sure he was comfortable," Knoll said. Photo by Katherine McKenna



**1. ON BELAY, BELAY ON** With a lot of responsibility on the ground, Brady Kuklenski (8) belays his partner, who is on the rock wall. "I felt a lot of responsibility, but it was cool to see the progress of the climber from the ground. Sometimes belaying got difficult for me at times, trying to keep the rope tight, but I got the hang of it," Kuklenski said. Photo by Katherine McKenna **2. WORK 'TILL YOU HURT** Ready to run the pacer test, Davis Lish (7) gets down into position and waits for the signal to begin, Feb. 8. Though Lish may enjoy some workouts, the pacer isn't on his top ten. "The pacer is OK. I like

the workouts even though we have to run a lot, and sometimes I get really tired. The pacer usually falls on a day when I don't want to run," Lish said. Photo by Anne Malouf **3. WORK IT OUT** Ready to work hard and fast, Sadie McKim (8) works through the ladders in Conditioning and Wellness. McKim ended up slipping on the ladder, but made a quick recovery. "I just love everything about this class, and I have fun doing everything in it all the time," McKim said. Photo by Kiersten Dudley **4. TRUST IN ME** Ready to start the climb, Samantha Hughes (8) tells her best



friend, Kaylee Haight (8), a quick joke before they start. The pair have known each other for a long time, so when it came time for Hughes to climb and Haight to belay, there were no problems. "I trusted her to keep me on the wall and not drop me. Kaylee, and I go way back, so it was easy to trust her, and have fun with her," Hughes said. Photo by Katherine McKenna **5. DON'T DROP THE BALL** Ready to play some football, Peyton Rettmer (7) attempts to catch the football outside while in P.E. Although she enjoys football, Rettmer doesn't play it much since her sport is soccer. "I think football is a pretty cool sport, but it has a lot of contact, and I'm not great with my hands because I play soccer," Rettmer said. Photo by Claudia Coleman

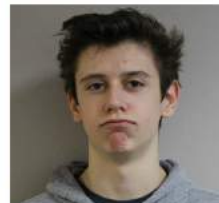
## TO RUN OR NOT TO RUN HEALTH OR P.E



"I like gym better because you know your being active during the day, and being healthy," Robert Ricker (8) said. Photo by Anne Malouf



"I like P.E because we get to move around more, while in health we have to stay and sit still," Sarah Raffaelli (7) said. Photo by Anne Malouf



"I like P.E more because it's more physically active, and a lot more enjoyable," Joel Smallwood (8) said. Photo by Anne Malouf



"I like P.E because you get to work out, and Mr. Pilone is really fun, too," Jessica McMullen (8) said. Photo by Anne Malouf



"I like Health because it teaches you about your body, and it teaches you about bad influences," Audrey Gerdes (8) said. Photo by Anne Malouf

## CAN'T WEIGH TO WORK OUT

### A NEW WORK OUT CLASS FOR STUDENTS

Designed and written by student Anne Malouf and Kiersten Dudley

Have you ever wanted more than just a P.E class? Well, a new class has been added to the list of elective choices called

Conditioning and Wellness, where you workout, and play games that get your heart rate up. "I chose Conditioning and

Wellness because I wanted to get into shape, and have fun while doing it, and the teachers for the class make it fun," Davis Lish (7) said. Even with this new class, some students still prefer P.E. "I prefer P.E because I loved the rock climbing, and I climbed all the rock walls," Stella Morrissy (8) said. Other

students prefer P.E's counterpart, Health. "My favorite part of health was making the posters. One of the reasons I disliked P.E was because I did not like the workouts," Audrey Howell (8) said. Regardless of what you like, all three classes teach you more about your body either in a classroom or in a gym.

**1. SHOOT SCORE:** Success is the motto for the 8th grade girls basketball team this season, going 4-2 they set the bar high. Basketball not only improved Arianna Graves (8) skills but helped her grow over the last five years. "I liked school basketball because I got to meet new people and the team was really fun to be around," Graves said. Photo by Katherine McKenna.

**2. YOU'RE MY SOLE MATE:** Long time running enthusiast Landon Liddell (7) decided to join cross country Aug. 13 because running has been his hobby for a while now. Liddell came in first place multiple times over this past season, but his favorite part was actually running in the races against other schools. "I really like it because I got to meet new people and I got some great exercise at the same time," Liddell said. Photo by Kersten Dudley.



**3. TEAM ABOVE ALL:** Communication is the focus for all the eighth grade volleyball teams this season, they consistently came together between plays to encourage and talk about the previous hit. Rookie volleyball player, Rae Jensen (8) landed a spot on B team which had a 3-3 record by the end of the season. "Everyone was so welcoming to me when I came to the school," Jensen said. Photo by Grace Crawford. **4. SET, MIKE:** Unity and teamwork was important for the eighth grade tackle football team this season. This was Jimi Hubbard's (8) first year of tackle football but this didn't stop him from completing a 3-3 season. "My favorite part of playing is when we made good plays because we felt really accomplished," Hubbard said. Photo by Kersten Dudley.



ANOTHER VIEW OF **ATHLETICS**  
**COMPETITION**

**V**esperan teacher of 19 years, Mr. Forrest Sheets, coaches co-ed wrestling, tackle football, and boys basketball. He has coached sports at our school for the past 5 years. "This school has impacted me by giving me chances to meet great people, and coach great kids," Mr. Sheets said. The athletics program helps to create a bond between the students and teachers. "Sportsmanship has taught me to be there for my teammates, to help each other and persevere." Keelson Withey (7) said. Mr. Sheets isn't the only one who loves sports. "I had a lot of fun being able to

play, and I look forward to playing football at Castle View next year," Joseph Ursetta (8) said. Ursetta, a current tackle football player helped lead the team to their 3-3 season, with a loss to Cimmaron in the playoffs. "There have been some big improvements in the last few years but we can always do better and we all have the want and drive to do so each year," Forest Sheets said. If coaches and athletes want to having a successful season in all seven sports between August and May, they have to continue to keep their edge up on the competition.

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"The people you play with aren't just your friends, they're your family," Samantha Hughes (8)



## COACH ME

During the teachers vs. Unified team game Feb. 27, Mr. Jino Tohara playfully passes the ball around the court. Tohara is happy to volunteer for this special game. "It obviously is a phenomenal way to include our students with special needs. It's really awesome to do something for them," Tohara said. Photo by Reese Plummer



**1. A SCORE FOR THE TEAM** Ready to shoot a basket, Maria Mendoza (8) wheels up to the custom hoop to score, Feb. 27. Mendoza's team passed her the ball for an opportunity to shoot, and she made it in. "I got really excited because it was my first time making a basket, and I never make any," Mendoza said. Photo by Reese Plummer **2. SUPPORT SPORT** On the sidelines, Mrs. Megan Henderson shares a laugh with the team as they recapture the ball from the teachers, Feb. 27. As a teacher, Mrs. Henderson loves it when the students work together, and cheer each other on. "I love now we were able to incorporate students in the game from InnoV8, and how those kids were really supportive of our athletes," Mrs. Henderson said. Photo by Reese Plummer **3. STUFF IT** Seconds from a loss, Jacob Burt (7) practices an escape move that

# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

## THE ATHLETES' PROUDEST MOMENTS

Designed and written by Reese Plummer, Kiersten Dudley, Anne Malouf

In Unified Basketball, trust, celebrations and a trash can or two on the court are the norm. The trash cans are there so Maria Mendoza (8), can attempt to score points. When given the chance, Mendoza made it. and it was a huge accomplishment for her. "My proudest moment of the game was making the basket and being with my team," Mendoza said.

Luke McCauley (8) had reason to celebrate when he shot a three pointer. "One of my proudest moments was dancing after I made a three point shot, and the people around me were proud of me, too," McCauley said.

Just like in any other team sport, Alexander Daves (7) was glad he could trust his team. "My team cheered me on and congratulated me when I made baskets. I felt I could trust my teammates when I passed them the ball, and that felt like my proudest moment," Daves said. Cooperation and trust in your peers are skills players can have in a team, and those skills can help form the players' proudest moments. Photo by Reese Plummer

goes by the name of 'Stuffing.' The move limits the opponents mobility, allowing you to break free of their dominance. "I think its an efficient move because you can free yourself and put them in a cradle," Burt said. Photo by Garrett Wood **4. NOTHIN' BUT NET** Excited to get the ball, Kosta Heckemeyer (7) dribbles it down the court, ready to take a shot, Feb. 27. Heckemeyer found it difficult to take a shot, but that didn't stop him. "I get excited when I have the ball because it means I get to take a shot," Heckemeyer said. Photo by Reese Plummer **5. SWEEP 'EM** From practice positions and power moves, Tyler Hogan (7) learns an Arm Sweep on Thor Rasmussen (7). To perform an Arm Sweep, you must grab your opponent by their stomach, grab their arm, and push them to the side with a fall.

"I think its effective because it eliminates an arm so they couldn't really move," Hogan said. Photo by Katherine McKenna **6. DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT** Headed towards the net, Lexi Tome (8) tries to recover the ball as it rolls away. As Tome went to go and shoot it, the ball slipped from her grip, but that didn't stop her. "I like having the ball because sometimes I can when I the ball I can jump up and shoot it in the basket," Tome said. Photo by Reese Plummer

"Sportsmanship taught me to be fair and give everyone a chance," Mason Rego (8)

## UNBREAKABLE BONDS

MAKING CONNECTIONS

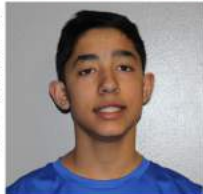
"I connected when we pass the ball in game. It feels good when its passed to you," Alexis Tome (8) said. Photo by Kiersten Dudley



"I connect when we're just doing some teamwork. We do passing and we do shots," Luke McCauley (8) said. Photo by Kiersten Dudley



"We connected when we used teamwork to pass around the ball and work as a team," Kosta Heckemeyer (8) said. Photo by Kiersten Dudley



"I think I connected with them because they cheered me on. It brought me a lot of confidence on the mat," Thor Rasmussen (7) said. Photo by Reese Plummer



"I think I connected to my teammates by having a lot of wrestling experience," Jacob Myers (7) said. Photo by Reese Plummer



"I think we connected by congratulating each other and wishing them luck," Caitlynn Lee (7) said. Photo by Reese Plummer



**1. TO THE TOP** Strapped in her harness, Lauren Gonzalez (8) prepares to climb the wall Sept. 28. Over the course of 3-4 weeks, Mrs. Kay's second period gym class develop their skills with a series of tests so they can safely climb the rock wall. "The hardest test for me was the belay test and the easiest one was the harnessing. I worried about messing up and only getting a three on it but I did it right the first time," Gonzalez said.

Photo by Anna Garver. **2. FINISH** Loredo Middle School hosts four schools for the middle school yearbook workshop, Sept. 6. During Photo Olympics, photographers capture the moment of silliness Noah Blanco (8) showed during his scooter race against Macy Key (8). "My favorite part of that field trip was doing a lot of the activity's outside," Blanco said. Photo by Alex Kanecky



**3. BRAINS, YUM!** On stage at dress rehearsals, Sept. 25, Sadie Sheets (8) recites the monologue for the young zombie woman character. "I liked (the play) because we were zombies and we got to make our own costumes. The hardest part was that I had a monologue and monologues are harder to learn," Sheets said. The play ran from Sept. 26 to Sept. 28. Photo by Ella Stacy. **4. FAREWELL**

**FOR NOW** At her final assembly as our principal, Mrs. Lee-Ann Hayden is presented with posters and a standing ovation, Dec 20. "She was nice and very supportive. I felt that she welcomed me with a loving heart. I made a sign for her because I wanted her to feel like she was loved at CRMS before she left," Seth Harris (7) said. Mrs. Hayden accepted a position with The Design Thinking School and will be training teachers across the nation. It is goodbye for now but she may be back to train our staff. Photo by Grace Crawford.

"At lunch I like to talk to my friends, and see what happened during their periods and during their day," Melania Ewald (7)



# ANOTHER VIEW ON COMMUNITY

REFERENCE

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**C**ommunity is shown through clubs, sports, and classrooms.

As a member of Sources of Strength, Landen Constable (8) helps with campaigns around the school.

"What I like most about Sources of Strength is being a part of developing our school and improving every attribute of a healthy community," Constable said.

Halie Tyl (7) gets involved in our community with volleyball. "I think it is just fun to do something after

school and hanging out with friends," Tyl said.

Mrs. Lana Wheatley believes that to get students involved, you have to assign topics that enamor students. "The thing I do to get kids involved is always provide them with engaging, relatable things to read," Mrs. Wheatley said.

Through these three people, we get different glimpses of the ways people can be involved in the community, whether it is an after school club, or just in a classroom.



"I talk to my friends and make plans to hang out outside of school inside of school," Gabriel Byington (8)

Jaxon Stewart  
Mitchell Stewart  
Sofia Stone  
Jacob Stonebraker  
Isabella Story  
Kyndal Story  
Alexis Sundberg  
Madison Suyat



Talia Sweeney  
Jacob Szukala  
Leah Taylor  
Connor Thewes  
Serenity Thomas  
Hanna Thompson  
Ally Thornburg  
Joslyn Topolnicki



Madylin Trahan  
Tyler Trizila  
Johnathan Troclair  
Gabriel Tucker  
Connor Turba  
Haile Tyl  
Trevor Uglund  
Lonnie Vairma



Hannah Valandra  
Makayla Vargason  
Lucas Vasquez  
Samantha Vega  
Kallani Vela  
Alex Villegas  
Zachary Vilko  
Margaret Voht



Reese Wade  
Joshua Waggoner  
Luke Warhola  
Abigail Watson  
Natalie Weesner  
Logan Weir  
Gavin Weiskopf  
Jackson Welch



Alex Wells  
Ryann Wenderfer  
Madelyn West  
Nicole Weyand  
Emylee Whitten  
Mia Wibbens  
Cooper Widholm  
Madison Widmer



Ethan Wieter  
Isabella Wilkins  
Kaiya Wilks  
Adriane Williams  
Mason Williams  
Kendall Wilson  
Noah Wimberly  
Keisen Withey



Alyah Witte  
Morgen Wittfieder  
James Woodall  
Zoe Wyss  
Brayden Yaryan  
Brady Young  
Zak Zakkugerski  
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# CREATURES IN THE MAKING

AN ARTIST WITH A PASSIONATE HOBBY

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Kitbashing is the act of taking pieces from different toys and putting them back together to reveal original art.

"I started (a new hobby) in September. I found it through my uncle," said Ian Magee (7). He got into kitbashing from being too sad about a friend's death. He took his friend's toys and made a doll in his friend's honor.

Magee found it interesting that he could make his own creatures. "I

found it interesting because most modern toy makers take apart old toys. I thought if they made their toys that way, I think it would be fun to make your own creatures like from 'Toy Story'," Magee said.

He has learned how to cope with emotions while Kitbashing. "It feels like I can handle stress a lot better than I used to," Magee said.

Although Magee is quite intrigued in Kitbashing and new creatures, he isn't quite sure if it's a hobby he'd want to do forever. "I wouldn't make a living off of it. I would do it because it brings joy. I wouldn't do it forever even if money was not an issue, I think it's important to have several hobbies," Magee said.

Magee has recently been selling his dolls. One of his dolls is being

sold at \$200 at an Art Show in Dallas, Texas. The Xenomorph Spider, another one of Magee's dolls, has been sold for \$180.

The Marriage has a staff with an eyeball in it, and is a tall, blackish red reptile figure in a black cloak, this one is Magee's favorite, but it also has a story behind it. When he crafted it, his uncle's wedding was just around the corner, so he wanted to craft an item in honor of the marriage.

The Xenomorph Spider was crafted on Oct. 10, and is an alien body, with a bunch of bone legs like a spider, and has a skull head. Magee continues to craft today and even has an idea in mind about what doll he wants to craft next. Photo by Reese Plummer



**1. LET THERE BE ART** With a hot glue gun in one hand, and a pair of scissors in the other, Ian Magee (7) "bashes" some figures together to reveal his own art. Magee has gained all of his motivation. Magee practiced some of his designs and ideas in the Maker Space. Magee doesn't often visit his uncle, so kitbashing something special they can do together. "My uncle and I definitely share a special connection through kitbashing," Magee said. Photo taken by Reese Plummer **2. THE MARRIAGE** An eyeball watches all who walks by in the Marriage's staff. Ian Magee (7) crafted this doll with the inspiration of his uncle's marriage. The most iconic part of the doll is the staff which is made halloween spider legs and a baby doll eyeball. The doll itself is made from several different parts. The arms are mixed together from Spawn Action Figures and Star Wars. The bazooka on the should is from Aliens, and the snake head is from a medieval set. "I love the staff the most because it looks cool," Magee said. Photo courtesy of Ian Magee **3. THE XENOMORPH** A creepy crawly spider morph sells for \$60 online and says goodbye to his crafter, Ian Magee (7). The Xenomorph is a mix between a the Xenomorph from Aliens and a bunch of Halloween props. The body and tail are from the Xenomorph. Then the limbs and head on top are spider legs, bat head, and scorpion claws. Magee gained inspiration for this morph when he watched Predator. "I think it's really cool because it's the first of its kind," Magee said. Photo courtesy of Ian Magee

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"When I workout in gym, it makes me tired and sweaty, but it also makes me feel great," Davis Lish (7)



# FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

**G**rouped together for a project in Consumer and Family Science, Kevin Harvey (8) and Josef Thornton (8) went from just classmates to friends, Nov. 27. "I hesitated a little at first, but once we started talking, we became more comfortable around each other. The project was a good subject for us to connect on, and we just started to talk about the cooking project together," Harvey said. In Exploring World Cultures, Marisa Bracke (8) befriended her entire class. "It took a little while for me to come out a bit, but after that, I began to really just talk to everyone, and it became easy to become friends with my entire class. When we picked our groups, I would group myself with my friends, and some other classmates would join too. The projects were a good way for me

to get to know my group-mates better, and make it even easier to talk to them," Bracke said. "When we were in the same group together, she would always be inviting, and it was easy to talk to her. Bracke was really kind, too, and we would get along pretty well," Brooke Conklin (8) said. "As a teacher, it's great for students to make friends, because it makes it easier for them to collaborate. It makes them feel safe in their learning environment, and I feel that that is very important," Mrs. Michelle Lynn, the Exploring Computer Sciences and eMedia teacher, said. Friendships can form themselves in odd ways. It is important to see different points of view and to have several opportunities to develop more friendships.

**ON WITH THE SHOW** When the scene wraps up, Audrey Gerdes (8) is ready to leave Drama, with new friends and new confidence, Dec. 20. In school, Gerdes didn't act too different around her peers, but instead expressed the same confidence she had in Drama. Throughout the day, Gerdes expressed herself as the person she is, or rather, the people her characters are, whenever and wherever she is. "Drama makes me want to scream and dance every time I walked inside. If I'm in public, I just let my characters shine through, as if I were in Drama," Gerdes said. Photo by Kiersten Dudley

"It's fun to express myself through writing, and I love creating new ideas through my writing in Language Arts," Kelsey Fradin (8)