



PLAYERS VS COVID

SPORTS ARE PLAYED LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Written by Annika Visser

The world of sports was one of the most impacted due to COVID-19. Most sports events were cancelled or new accommodations were made. For Quinn VanSickle (8) basketball games ran a little bit different than usual. They had to take many new precautions to protect themselves and others. "Playing with COVID was very different because we could only have certain amount of people who came to our games, no college coaches were allowed in the facilities, and we all had to wear masks. It was super weird

playing with masks but they only made us wear them around our chins. In between games we had to leave the facility and wait outside until our next game," VanSickle said. Even with precautions, she was happy as long as she had a season. "Getting back to playing was so nice obviously. The precautions we had to take were weird and hard to get used to but overall I'm just happy to be playing again," VanSickle said. *Photo courtesy of Quinn VanSickle*

FLY HIGH & CATCH THE TIDE

DIFFERENCE IN TRAVEL AND VACATIONS

Written by Sydney Liedtke and Grayson Gutteron

Waiting in the empty lines at the airport, Elizabeth Cowan (8) notices how different it feels, Jun. 3. "There were no people but the flights were still completely full," Cowan said. She also enjoyed how deserted the airport was. "I liked how there was less crowding, and getting through security was definitely easier," Cowan said. *Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Cowan*



As Grayson Gutteron (8) participates in his favorite summer activity, he keeps his balance on his surfboard, Jun. 6. Wake surfing is a sport where you surf on a wake boat. "Lake Pueblo is the best place to surf because it is almost always glass until noon. The boat that I surf behind is a 2012 Launch 21v Supra," Gutteron said. *Photo courtesy of Grayson Gutteron*



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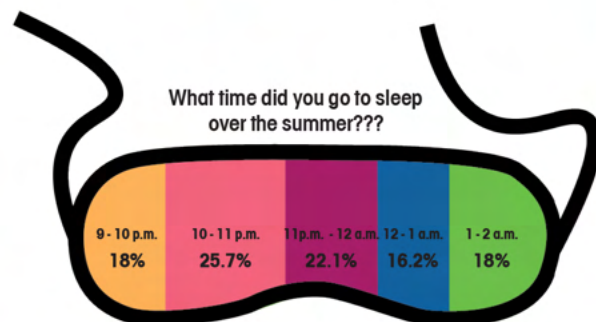
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HIT THE HAY

Summertime sleep and wake habits...what time works for you?



Designed by Foster Walter, Ashlyn Trulove, and Deidra Hooper
362 students surveyed
84 seventh grade, 178 eighth grade

What time did you wake up over the summer???



READY FOR JUSTICE

BLM MOVES US TO JOIN TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY, IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Written by Deidra Hooper

The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement escalated when protesters from around the world demanded justice for George Floyd, a Black man who was killed by four Minneapolis police officers, May 25. Protesters gathered in person and rallied on social media. "I wanted to support BLM and I felt if I didn't

physically go to a protest I could still use my voice by posting (on Instagram) about it," Jessa Reese (8) said. BLM posts circulated all over Instagram, but one event brought people all over the world together. On #BlackOutTuesday, over 14 million people posted black screens with the hashtag to bring awareness to systemic racism, Jun. 2.

PERSPECTIVE

"We are the ones in control of shaping our future and have to take charge and action to make the world a better place for everyone. (Floyd) is unfortunately not the only victim that has died at the hand of racist police. There are multiple black men and women that are victims of this issue, like Rayshard Brooks and Breanna Taylor, and most of them have yet to get official justice. That brings more anger than anything to my many feelings. After seeing the BLM movement take off recently, I felt mixed emotions. I was very happy to see people open their eyes to systemic racism and ongoing mistreatment to black Americans, but I was also mad that it took until now for people to realize the struggles that we face as a community. In school is where I struggle most while being one of the very few African American students there. I often feel singled out, like I don't have anybody to talk to on racial issues that will fully understand where I'm coming from. I'm not permitted by my parents to do things like wear hoodies in public places, walk down the street alone, or wear my hat backwards because of the risk things like that could put me at. I also get followed in stores as if I'm a thief, assumed to have behavioral issues, called 'white washed' for not being poor and uneducated, and much more. I often get stared down or brought up when any racial conversations happen and I honestly just feel like an odd ball sometimes. In the community, I find myself having to be more aware of everything around me because of all the current and terrible things happening to black Americans across the country. I hope our country can continue fighting for the justice and the equality that we all deserve." - David Craig (8)

