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7th grade: 425

8th grade: 386

Staff and Faculty: 91

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1. **Dripping sponge** in hand, Janani Janavarthana (07) scrubs down a car during the car wash event. This was part of the October 8th Day of Service that all students participated in. "I loved dumping the soapy water on some of my friends," Janavarthana said. *photo by T. Brimhall* 2. **At the first** Excellence Assembly, Jordan Cochran (08), works with Larry Ardourel (staff) on filming clips to use in the morning announcements. The Multimedia class students created the announcement videos that were shown daily throughout the year. *photo by J. Palmer* 3. **Reaching high** for the catch, Hudson Young (08) grabs the ball and scores a touchdown in the home game against Sagewood. The score put the Wolves in the lead, but the team lost after a last second score by the Sagewood team. *photo by S. Marton* 4. **Ears ringing** from the noise, Hayden Sundberg (08) and Jayden Hawthorne (08) react with smiles during the first Excellence Assembly of the year. Several ThunderRidge students taught some new cheers during the first in-person assembly in two years. *photo by J. Palmer*

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YEAH,

we're middle schoolers. We know there's a science test tomorrow (no studying done yet), but we still are texting our friends or watching TikTok.

On Monday morning we walk the halls like zombies until we grab a sniff of morning brew at Mottinger's door.

No one listens to the announcements in the morning, but everyone knows Ella Geherin and her special "bye" at the end.

We could get a good view of the mountains on a clear day, but the only people by the windows are the TikTokers and their constant dancing.

We spend 45 minutes in Language Arts using our phones to read. Yeah right. Everyone knows we were actually using Snapchat.

We can't wait for a little break at lunch time (except for the Spikeballs flying into tables). Get there quick to avoid the line and be sure to go back for a cookie.

Math is impossible on Fridays at 2:40 and the clock is all we can see. But never fear, food is near! The Starbucks in King Soopers is where you'll find Abbi Nieto 24/7 along with 50 of her besties.

It seems like a typical middle school and you may think you know us,

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Excited to score a point for his pod, Hunter Jackson (07) races to the finish line of the Turkey Trot. On the last day before break, the students and some daring teachers run in the annual Turkey Trot to beat Grey Pod's two-year winning streak. School spirit spread to every student as many of them waited long minutes to get pod-themed face painting. "I was excited about winning. I went within the 12 minutes so it felt good winning. It felt that the students were very enthusiastic," Jackson said. *photo by K. Kreimeyer*

STUDENT LIFE

From slime to smile, there's so much to know about this school. Everret Segura (07) will sell you one of his squiggly worm toys for a buck. What a deal! Tech deck clicks are music to our ears, but Mr. Palmer (staff) will have none of that, just see his posters! Pod spirit needed? Arctic rocked it at the annual Turkey Trot. Let's go Arctic! Yeah, that's us typical middle schoolers, but did you know about our student life?

After the Spirit Bus assembly, ThunderRidge High School is sure to get some wolves who were excited to see the options they have for high school sports. "I was inspired to do sports at ThunderRidge." Nina Casselman (07) said. "I screamed a lot, it was very interesting. I saw my favorite sports team which was volleyball." Joce Langlois (07) said.

Nothing stopped the wolves from unleashing their true chants and cheers, not even the cold weather of the outside assembly. "I liked how ThunderRidge helped show off almost all of their sports and activities," Garrett Ard (08) said.

Throw a football as far as possible? Trent Seaborn (07) had that covered. Race with loose goggles on our heads? Yeah, we did that too. "I thought that the games were pretty entertaining and were a good way to promote the clubs. I thought it was pretty cool." Nathan Steinagel (08) said. "Seeing the people from ThunderRidge was fun," said Evan Saito (07).

Candy? TRHS T-shirts? Merchandise for free? This became the talk of the school during assembly week and Jaidyn Trujillo (07) agreed. "I liked when they threw out the shirts," Trujillo said.

1. **Convinced to be winners**, Allison Johnson (07) and Joce Langlois (07) cheer on student participants amongst others as they race ThunderRidge students. This was part of the Spirit Bus assembly where TRHS sports teams introduced themselves and competed in small games against Ranch View students. "We were excited because we were cheering on the runners, I enjoyed it. It really got me in the school spirit," Johnson said. *photo by: J. Janavarthana*

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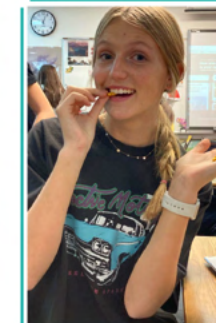
"I USE MY PHONE MOSTLY IN THE CAR AND IN MY BEDROOM. [IT] IS PRETTY VALUABLE TO ME BECAUSE MY PARENTS USE IT TO KEEP ME SAFE AND I USE IT IN MOST OF MY FREE TIME AND WHEN I'M BORED."

-TIFFANY PEKO, 07



"I LIKE RIPPED JEANS BECAUSE THEY ARE MY STYLE AND THEY ARE JUST COOL IN GENERAL. I KIND OF LIKE TO BALANCE IT OUT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, LIKE JEANS THEN YOGA PANTS."

-OLIVIA PAINE, 07



"I LOVE GOLDFISH BECAUSE IT TASTES GOOD AND I BRING IT A LOT FOR SNACK. EVERY TIME I BRING IT ALL OF MY FIRENDS WANT SOME TOO. IT HAS AMAZING FLAVOR AS WELL."

-CAMDYN HURT, 08



"HYDRO FLASK STICKERS ARE INSPIRING AND THEY MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY ABOUT WHAT IT SAYS ON THERE. IT CHEERS UP THEIR DAY AND SOME OF THESE STICKERS I GOT WERE FROM TRAVELING ALL OVER THE PLACE."

-MCKENNA CHARVAT, 07

ACADEMICS

Looking at our phones under the desk passes the time in the most boring classes. We don't pay attention to lessons until we hear from friends there's a test that day. The test may not have gone the best but we go back to walking the halls and stopping to talk when we have only 12 more seconds to get to that next class. We are sometimes tardy and when the teacher asks us where we've been, we can't really give an answer. Our answers are mostly like, "My teacher held me late." or "I went to the bathroom." You may know our social life, but did you know about our academics?

Students in Tundra have Winston Murrell (Staff) as their health teacher. His class can be pretty intense. The same intensity 8th grade students felt in the funding debate.

"We were sitting in health class doing our debate on seasonal affective disorder. We had to do a lot of studying to figure out what it was. I was with Makenna because we chose to be partners for this project," Erica McDonald (08) said.

Each partnership fought for funding to their assigned disorder. Everyone could feel the heat in the room increase, waiting to know the winner.

"My class was very excited to see who would win and it was very interesting. My favorite part was to defend my side and try my best to get my disorder funded," Molly Doerner (08) said.

Mr. Murrell began to speak and everyone knew that the winner was soon to be announced. "The group that had depression as their disorder won the debate," Brogan Meyers (08) said.

Debate ahead, Makenna Pierce (08) and Erica McDonald (08) are whispering about the moves they are going to take to win a debate. This debate was not in a usual Speech and Debate class, it took place in 8th grade Health class. They were debating for the state they were given on which disease needed to be funded the most. "I was doing a debate in health and I was talking to Erica about what we should say. It was really fun because I got to state some cool facts and got to debate against multiple people to win," said Pierce. *photo by J. Palmer*

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"ARCTIC IS THE BEST POD BECAUSE WE ARE AESTHETIC, WE ARE READY FOR THE DAY AND WE ARE JUST GOOD LIKE THAT. MRS. CARSON IS LIKE THE BEST AND SO ARE THE OTHER TEACHERS."

-AIDAN LUNA, 07



"I REALLY LIKE THAT WE GET TO LEARN A LOT AND DO WHAT WE LIKE IN THIS CLASS. I CHOSE INNOVATION AND DESIGN BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE REALLY FUN. I ALSO LIKE HOW YOU GET TO BE CREATIVE AND LEARN NEW THINGS YOU WOULDN'T GET TO OTHERWISE."

-SARA JACKSON, 08



"FOR ME, ASL IS FUN TO LEARN AND A WAY TO CONNECT WITH A DIFFERENT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN I PICKED ASL I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD FIT FOR ME BECAUSE I'M GENERALLY A QUIET PERSON. MS. KELLY HAS BEEN THE BEST TEACHER SO A BIG THANK YOU FROM ME GOES TO HER AS WELL."

-ANNABEL MECHAM, 08



"MY FAVORITE PART OF BAND IS THE CRAZY SHENANIGANS THAT WE EXPERIENCE DAILY. LIKE WHEN MR. GARCIA PLAYED FRENCH HORN IN A BLOW UP DINOSAUR COSTUME."

-YURY METELKIN, 08

ACTIVITIES

Passionate and ready, victory is ours! When it comes to outside school activities, we're the champions. Just ask the 8th grade C team in volleyball (their score couldn't be better). Or ask the people who attended the dances student council set up because they were awesome. We run, we wrestle, we serve, and we can put on a show. You know our classes, but did you know about our activities?

Friends make everything better. When you are running in a race, it is great to have them next to you for the company and the motivation. Many students choose to run with their friends and cross the finish line with them by their side.

The feeling of crossing the finish line is quite possibly the best part of the cross country season. "It was always so refreshing to know that I was done and could just relax," said Ella Higgins (07). "I was also proud that I did it and did well." Higgins said.

To finish a cross country race, you need to put all of your strength and determination forward. These runners have both traits and the power to crush the competition. Whenever they run, the cross country team pushes through the pain to victory.

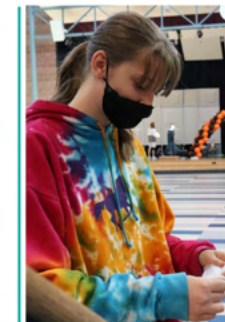
To join cross country is something to be proud of. You have to work for your goals and push outside of your comfort zone at times. "I joined cross country because I thought it was a good opportunity," Icia Marshall (07) said. "I could make new friends and try something new." Marshall said.

1. Breathless yet thrilled, Mary Seifert reaches the end of the running route at a cross country districts meet. The event took place on September 13 and was a win for the Wolves against rival school teams. "When I was running, I was thinking about just making it to the end and how far I've come. I really love making it to the finish line and feeling proud of myself. This is only my first year I've done cross country, but I feel like its one of my best." Seifert said. *photo by I. Marshall*



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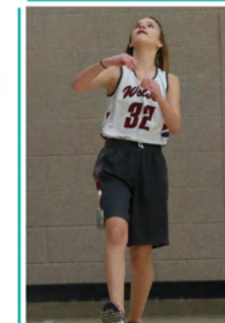
"I LOVE LEADERSHIP AND TO HELP PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY I JOINED STUDENT COUNCIL; TO MAKE THE SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE. WE SHOULD PASS OFF LEADERSHIP TO OTHER PEOPLE AND MAKE NEW MEMORIES. MY FAVORITE PART IS THAT MY FRIENDS ARE IN IT."

-KEIRA GRODZICKI, 07



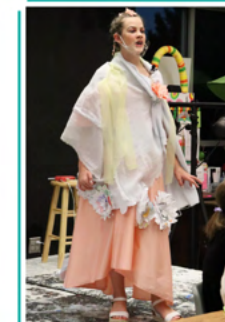
"WHAT I LIKED MOST ABOUT VOLLEYBALL CLUB WAS THE PEOPLE AND HOW ALL OF MY FRIENDS WERE THERE. I ALSO GOT TO PLAY A SPORT THAT I LIKE, WHICH IS FUN."

-BRODY ISSEL, 07



"I LIKE BASKETBALL. IT'S SO FUN FOR ME. I ALWAYS GO DOWN TO THE PARK AND PLAY. MY FAVORITE PART IS WHEN YOU GET TO SHOOT AND DRIBBLE. I LIKE THAT KIND OF STUFF."

-MAYA LIMONI, 07



"ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS ABOUT A WRINKLE IN TIME IS THE REHEARSALS. I LOVE GETTING READY TO PERFORM AND REALLY HAVE FUN WITH THE CAST AND THE CREW. A WRINKLE IN TIME IS LIKE FAMILY AND IT WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME AND I LOVED IT."

-ELIZABETH GEHERIN, 08

REFERENCE

The typical, the normal, the predictable; that's not us. We don't have one specific personality, nowhere near the same. Girl or boy, athletic or bookish, friend or family we share the same experience, in our own way. Just ask Jack or Jack or anyone who shares the same name. Yeah, we may seem to be the typical teens everybody thinks they see on the outside, but did you know our other stories?

The first excellence assembly was a blast for all. "It was beautiful and I felt the magnificence of intelligence in the school." Gavin McCullough (08) said.

Teachers were slimed by students from each pod as the crowd watched with joy. "I thought it was funny when Mr. Snyder fell. I also liked how excited everybody was. It was like it was alive with spirit." Lincoln Hynes (08) said.

"It was a good experience and I had a fun time watching the games that they played. I enjoyed watching the kids get called up for the excellence awards." said Annabelle Mandair (07).

This was a wonderful chance for Mr. Garcia and his band and choir to perform. "I thought it was a very fun experience and a way to express yourself." said Abbi Nieto (07).

P.A.C.K awards were given out and shout outs to staff members were made which wrapped up the assembly. "When I got the Pack Award it was very surprised because all of admin came into my second period and gave me my certificate, shirt, and medal." Icia Marshall (07) said.

Proud to be there, Tessa Rebhan (07) high-fives Amber Lichfield (Staff) as she walks through the tunnel of congratulating teachers. Rebhan received the P.A.C.K award at the Excellence assembly of November 12, 2021. "I was very overwhelmed with excitement. It was a total adrenaline rush. It was really exciting for me and my family to get an award like that." Rebhan said. photo by K. Kreimeyer



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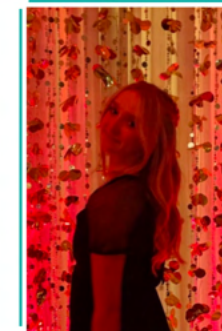
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-BENJAMIN MORRIS, 08



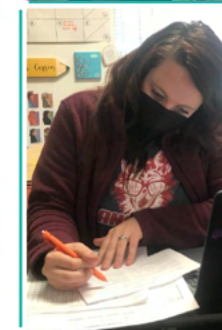
"MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BEING ABLE TO SEE ALL MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRIENDS AND MEETING ALL THESE FUN NEW TEACHERS."

-BRYAN PHAN, 07



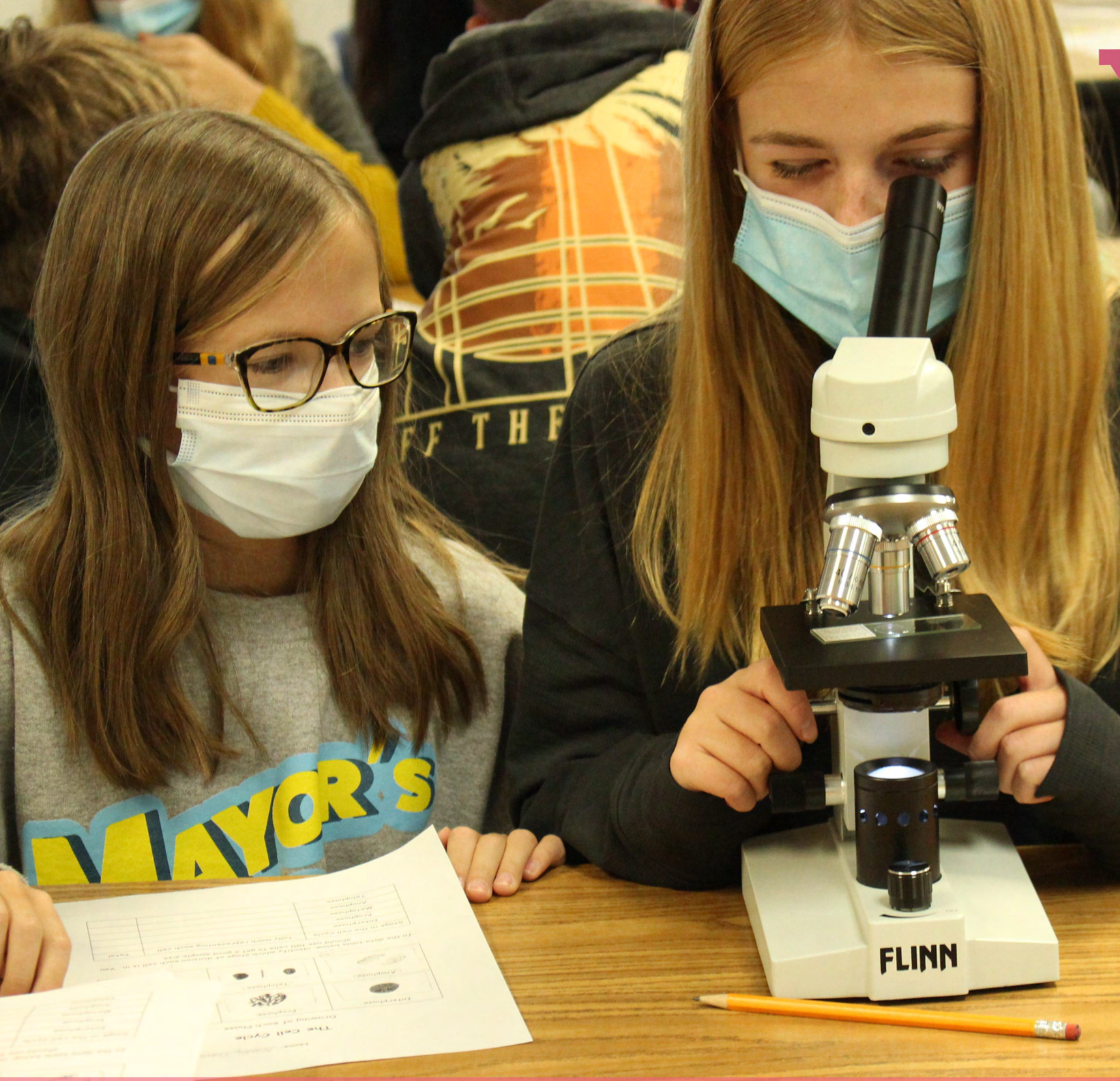
"THE MOST IMPORTANT LIFE LESSON I HAVE LEARNED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL IS TO BE TRUE TO MYSELF. LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO NOT BE YOURSELF. DO WHAT YOU LOVE."

-MILLY KELLY, 08



"WHAT I ENJOY MOST ABOUT TEACHING IS GETTING TO CONNECT WITH ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF STUDENTS AND GETTING TO TEACH THEM ABOUT THE WORLD."

-BECKY CARSON, STAFF



YEAH,

we're middle schoolers. We took the science test yesterday (grades will not be mentioned) and now we're back to texting our friends and scrolling through TikTok.

On Tuesday we walk the halls waving to every friend we didn't see in the four-day weekend as we walk past Mottinger's door with a pink drink in hand.

Morning announcements drag on and Ella's special "bye" fades. But, multimedia class's jokes never fail to raise a sarcastic laugh.

We might get a good view of the mountains on a clear morning, but Aidan Luna (07) and 50 of his besties would rather run down for a strawberry pop tart from the breakfast cart.

Semester 2 was a shift in schedule as stage craft changed to digital design and Innovation and design changed to art but using Snapchat hasn't stopped.

The lunch line grows each day and the waiting time with it. Every day brings new ticket booths to the stage for school dances, the musicals, and so much more.

But we leave the school thinking about what tomorrow may bring. It was a busy year of final tests and iReady. We've been through so much as a group. This was our year,

and now you **KNOW** |about| **this.**

Seeing microscopic life, Natalie Lonquist, (07) and Ansley Thomas (07) work together on finding cell stages in an onion plant. During lessons on cells, students in the 7 Arctic pod had the chance to use microscopes and conduct experiments. "Me and my friend were looking at an onion for science. It was interesting to see the details of the root and to see the different phases of the cell." Lonquist said. Photo by M. Tateyama

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Editors Note: Throughout the year, from planing our theme, to looking for ideas, all the way to fixing those final spaces, we have encountered many obstacles. We looked through spreads for what felt like countless times. Almost every time finding something to fix. The work was not easy but we stuck to it and got it done.

Thank you to our adviser, Jed Palmer, for pushing us to "just get it done". Especially when we had been ignoring it for weeks or spending a week on something that could've been done in a day. Thank you for dealing with us when we had no idea what we were doing. Last but defiantly not least, thank you for coming to our school and giving us the opportunity of creating a great yearbook.

Thank you Rebecca McGrath for all the work we may have forgotten about.

Thank you to our publishers in Kansas for being patient while we got our pages done and printing them to make this yearbook happen.

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Thank you to our yearbook staff. We know this year was tough but thank you all for contributing to this book. There was some ups and downs, I wont lie about that. At the start, it was hard and the days were long but in the end we are proud of you guys. We tried our best and we made it to the end. Thank you for helping out and sometimes making our job easier.

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