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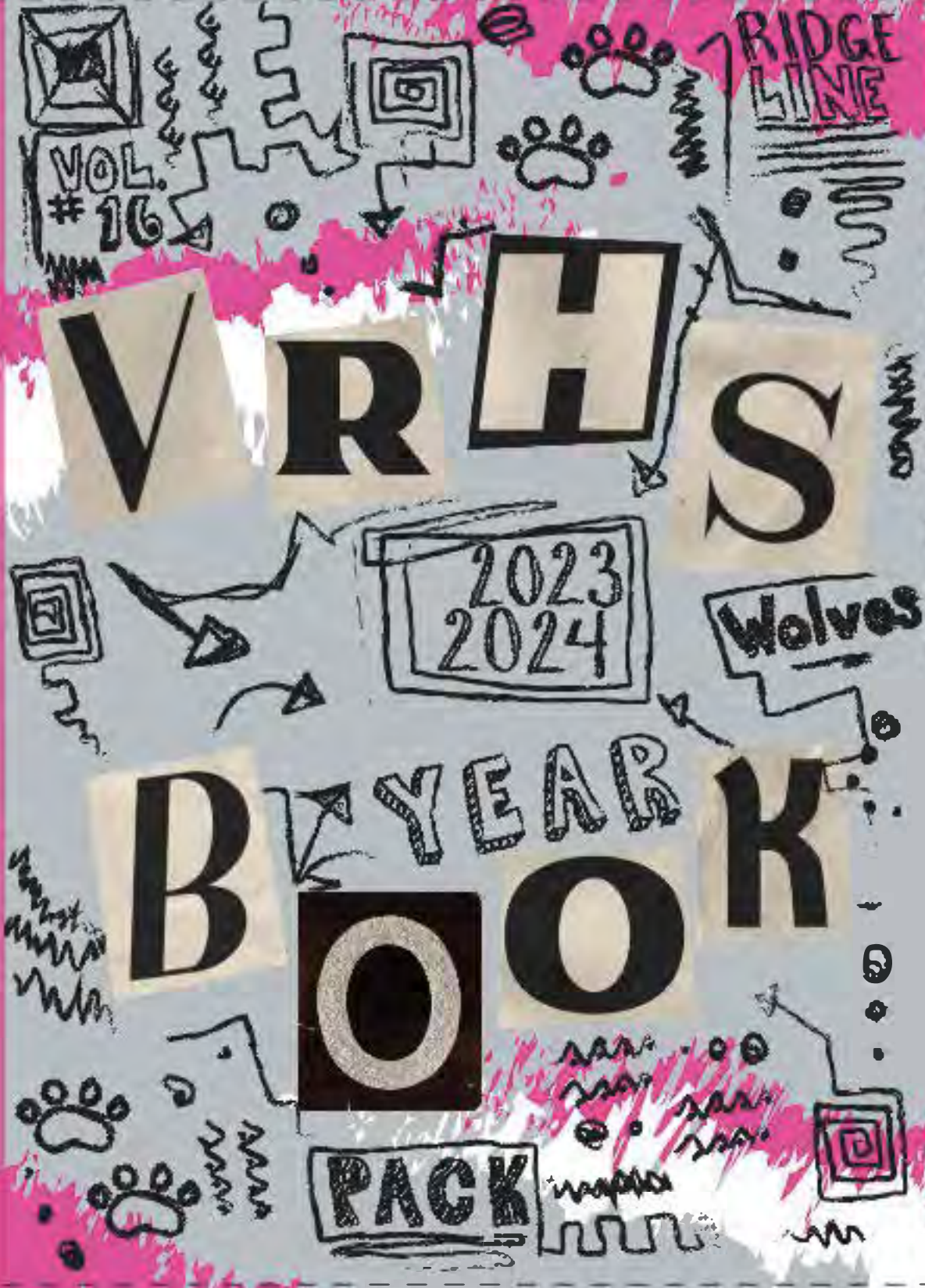
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Mya Graham, 12 "I am making the most of it and making memories with teachers and people that I won't see anymore. I'm making sure I do all of the activities."



@vistaridgevolleyball JV killed it and pulled off the job in two tonight! 25-17, 25-21! Great work ladies!



Students cheer as the VR is ignited to start the Homecoming bonfire. After years of cancellations due to high winds, weather, and COVID, students rallied to bring the tradition back.

MEAN GIRLS THE MUSICAL

MEAN GIRLS



Sophie Hernandez, 09, and Asahya DeYoung, 09, create cyanotype compositions with leaves and flowers in Exploratory Art on page 80



Cheer does a couple stunts during the Color Dance. Color Dance on page 9

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ON WEEKDAYS

What's the deal with Vista?

DID YOU HEAR about Carson? Yeah, Carson Tapia. He scored four goals in one game against Palmer. They just couldn't block him!

Or **DID YOU KNOW** there are teachers who stay after school for as long as it takes to help kids with their math homework? An email actually got sent out by a staff member who wondered which club was having a party, and then realized it was math tutoring! They were shocked at how many people were there learning and having a good time.

And **GUESS WHAT!** Wolfpack Theater put on Mean Girls the Musical! It's really cool because we're one of the first schools to get the rights to do so, and the cast did it justice.

And **BY THE WAY**, who was the principal this year, isn't he brand new? He came here all the way from England and has a Texas accent, his name's Thomas Payne - not the Founding Father. He goes by T-Payne - not the rapper either.

SO WHAT IS THE DEAL with vista? Everything. It was a year of change. Big changes. Little changes. Shut your eyes and boom, you missed it.

XOXO, Ridgeline Staff



Carson Tapia, 11
Boys Soccer on page 10



Kamryn Nicholson, 09, works a
problem on the board at
tutoring.
Math Tutoring on page 22



T-Payne says, "Y'all" to welcome the
new students to Vista.
First day on page 8

WE WEAR **PiNK**



Nemo Williams, 11, plays golf on pages 16-17.



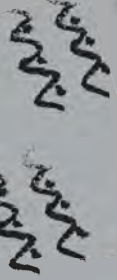
Students rally around the Homecoming bonfire, read more on pages 24-25!



Mariah Fortin, 10, performs at the Homecoming pep rally. Check out pages 8-9!



The Sista Vista contestants take a bow on pages 24-25.





The first quarter went by fast, let's catch you up!

WERE YOU AT THE POWER ZONE BARBECUE? There was a bounce house run by ROTC, the Yearbook staff set up yard games, and Show Choir had temporary tattoos!

DID YOU DO ANYTHING FOR HOMECOMING WEEK? A helicopter brought in the game ball for the second year in a row. **DID YOU CATCH THE POWDERPUFF GAME?** Seniors are shown above coming together after winning a point. The theme for the dance was Carnival, and students danced in the main gym and played carnival games in the aux gym.

OH HEY, WHAT ABOUT GOLF? Two students went to regionals, **KENNETH HIRE, 10**, and **DEVIN MOLIA, 11**, who had fun because, "It was definitely a course you don't play very often."

We're here to fill you in on whatever you may have missed, so take a look.

Take a breath and relax because you made it to quarter two which means **long breaks** and the push towards **finals!**

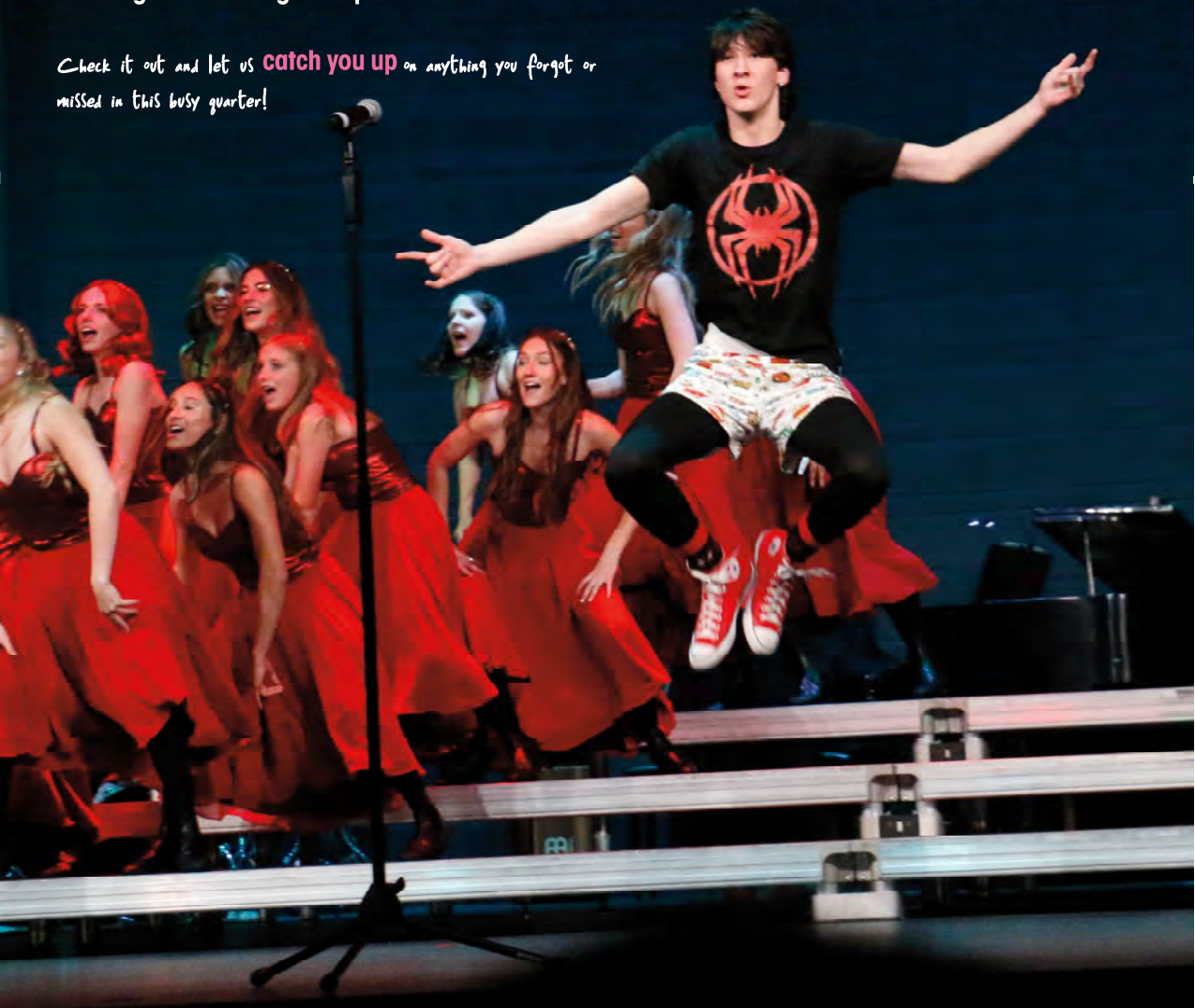
Lets take a look back at whats gone on this season.

FOOTBALL fought hard to earn their spot in the **playoffs**. Our team has great coaches and passionate players pushing themselves to be better and improve in every single game!

Vista had its first every **Veterans Day assembly** run by our **JROTC** kids who did a great job honoring those who have served in our military and who have devoted their lives to protecting our country.

Did you hear? Our **CHEERLEADERS** won **Rock the Rockies League** competition! Cheer practices on early mornings and late nights to perfect their routine.

Check it out and let us **catch you up** on anything you forgot or missed in this busy quarter!





Kelvin Ye, 10, Jeremy Palito, 10, & Solar Nguyen, 10 battling it out in Chess Club.



Bri Trewin at Rock the Rockies League.



Marching Band prepares to march into the stadium during their competition.



Football players at Friday Night Lights.



Lillian Gaddison, 10 speaking her mind in Jot Club.



Autumn Ehlers, 12 & MSGT Craig Thompson. 29

What day is it? IT'S OCTOBER 3RD

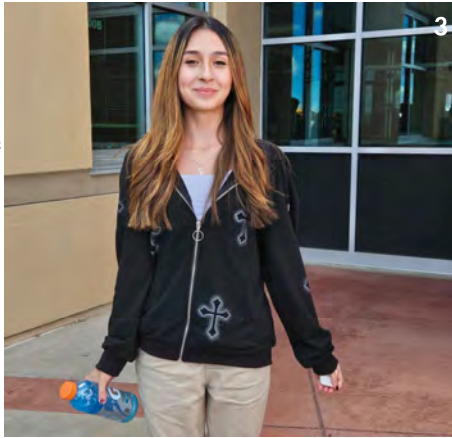
Tell me something good!

1. **PAKKE WHEAT, 10.**
"I got my Geometry test done with."
2. **KAYLA SANDACEK, 7.**
"Fall break is coming up"



3. **AVA SMITH, 10.**
"I found out there's 19 days until I go to a Travis Scott concert."

4. **SKYLAR WRIGHT, 12.**
"I finished my fitness gram pacer test, now I don't have to do it until the end of the year."



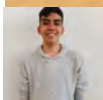
5. **AUDREY BARDWELL, 10.**
"I got new Converse."

6. **MKS. LUCE.**
"Break is almost here ... and I'm traveling to Iceland over break."

7. **AINSLEY MOORE, 10.**
"I had a lot of fun at the football game."



8. **RIVER ZAGARKS, 10.**
"My good thing is that Mean Girls is coming up and it's gonna be awesome, and we have Old West in a few weeks for the Show Choir and that's gonna be amazing as well."
9. **IVORY BUSINELLE, 11.**
"I got to see my friend in 6th period."



"Today is a good day because it's my birthday."

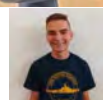
Gabriel Garcia, 12

"The weather is nice, it's not too hot and it's not too cold, all you need is a light jacket."

Sammie Ouding, 11

"I gave a test and got to sit in complete silence for two class periods."

Mrs. Fredericks



"I made it through the day, so it was a good day."

Austin Riggs, 12



Castaway Club, a Young life Camp
in Minnesota Pg. 86-87

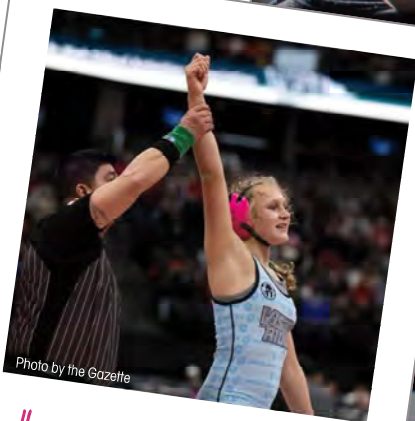


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Haylen Newberg, 11, Won state at the
Ball Arena in Denver, Co
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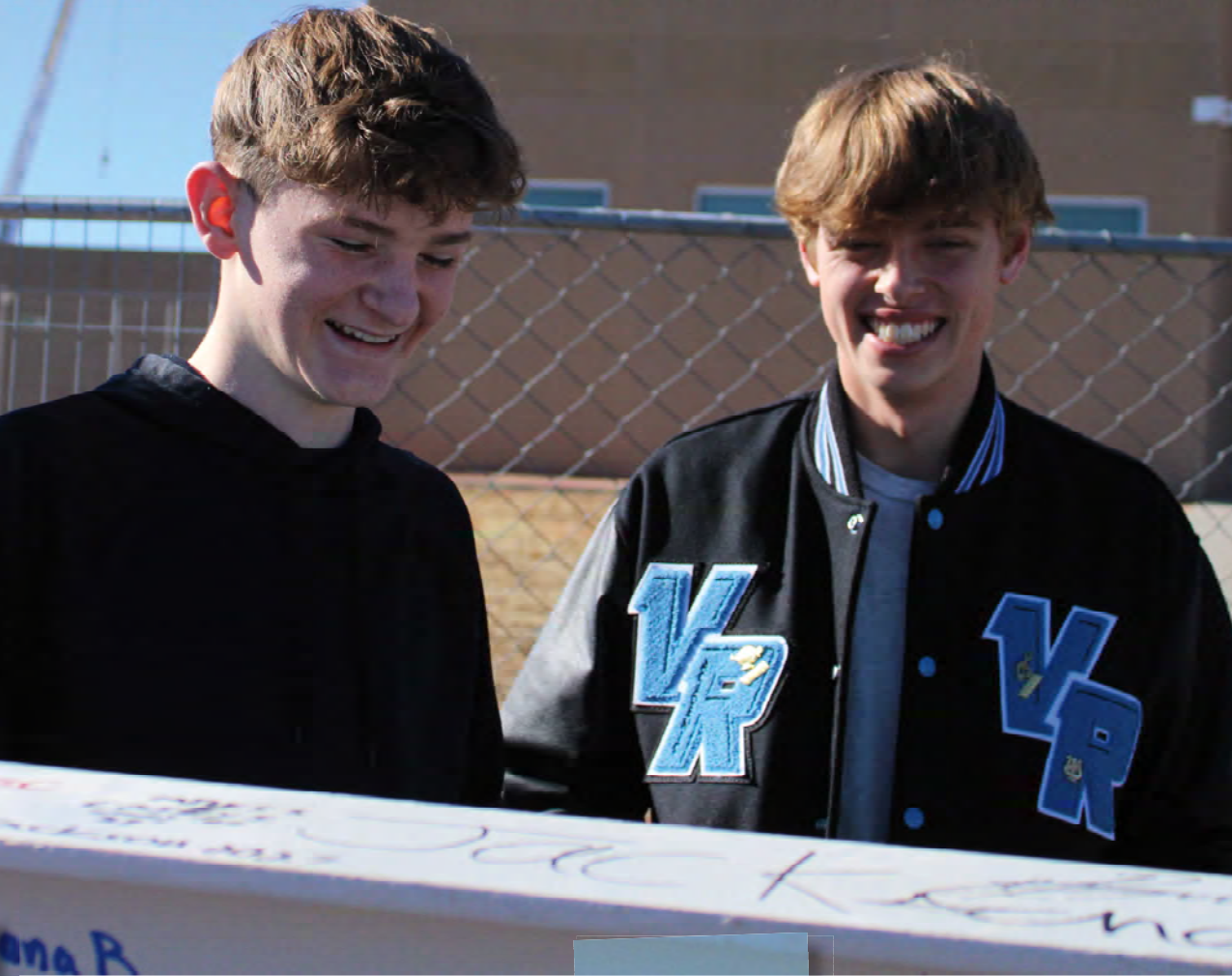


Vance Orders, 12, and Brayten Gould, 12,
Competing in Utah for robotics.
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Doug Conway, 12 and Mason Carter, 11 making
Greek masks in Theater 11.
Pg 82-83

BEN ARNOLD, II, MARK BRUNO, II, & LINCOLN ANDERSON, II, LEFT THEIR MARK ON VISTA WHEN THEY SIGNED THE BEAM DURING THEIR MATH CLASS.



Quarter three was a busy semester, Lets take a look!

DID YOU SEE THE HUGE BEAM BEING SIGNED OUT FRONT? The last beam going into the building was actually brought out for all of the students to sign their names on! You left a permanent mark on Vista!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES IN THEATER CLASSES?? **Mr Mello** has pioneered an amazing theater program and its a great opportunity to learn about many areas in the performing arts.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO YOUNG LIFE CLUB? Monday nights at 7:19 Young Life Club meets to have fun and build community.

DID YOU KNOW VISTA HAS A ROBOTICS TEAM? They build and test their robot for new competitions every year!

If you haven't heard about **Hayden Newberg's** epic win, You have to go check it out!

THAT'S SO FETCH...

Skinny jeans & hiking boots
JD Wilkerson, 10

Early 2000s fashion
Septum Piercings
Ethan Watkins, 09

Childish backpacks
Khyree Allgood, 11

Bummy Baggy Clothes
Addison Box, 09


Mens Volleyball
Aidan Nguyen, 11

Birkenstocks and Uggs
Tallon Payne, 11


Coquette styles - pink
bows and frilly
Madilynn Linsky, 09


Kung-fu Panda 4
Ember Bussell, 11


Vista Hallway Smells
Keagan Theobald, 09

Skinny Jeans
Rebekah Weiss, 11 


Fuzzy hats & Taco Express
Shinji Sands, 11 

Girls Basketball
Raina Jedlinski, 11 


Pedro Pascal
Zoe Dykes, 09 


Saying "No Cap"
Israel Tovar, 10 

90s baggy and Timberlands
Isaiah Robles, 10 

Girls not supporting Girls
Alysa Almonte, 09 



Stanleys and Cut shirts
Rory Young, 09 

Oversized shirts and not seeing
the shorts underneath
Paityn Farish, 09 

fast food delivery
Miguel Musni, 11 



The VRHS cheerleaders living it up at UCA Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

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Sara Ascock and the administrative staff taking a tour of the building renovations.

THIS YEAR

What's STILL the deal with Vista?

WERE YOU THERE when the building got a new wing added? Students came down from their classes to sign the final beam that would be added to the renovations, and staff held a topping off ceremony.

DO YOU REMEMBER all the amazing achievements students have earned this year? Hayden Newberg, 11, won first place at the state wrestling tournament! The cast of Mean Girls earned a chance to perform at Thescon in Denver, and the cheerleaders placed 8th at the national competition!

DID YOU HEAR about the musicians who went to all-state? Five members of show choir qualified and performed! Or **DID YOU CATCH** Clue? There was a dual cast for the first time in VR history!

And **BY THE WAY**, senior athletes have signed for colleges! Westley Wright signed to play football at Fort Lewis College and Austyn Larson signed to McPherson College to play football. We're so proud of them and all our other athletes!

So **WHAT'S THE DEAL** with Vista? Everything. This year was full of ups and downs, big and small changes, and we loved it all!

XOXO, Ridgeline Staff



Sydney Jahn, 12, & Kaylyn Yutzy, 12, pulling Hayden Newberg, 11, on the Vista Bell at her State Champion parade!



Zoe Lucas, 12, shows off her award winning artwork. Zoe's piece won Best In Show at the D49 art show at Library 2c



Students signing the final beam for the new CTE wing!

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Brandon Avance, 12, Lhemar Muhammad-Vives, 12, & Quassay Stevens, 12 showing some school spirit!

>> DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS,

This year has been packed full of LAUGHTER, TEARS, and ACHIEVEMENTS. We have worked so hard to get to this point and each and every one of us should be PROUD of ourselves. Some of us are getting ready to go to COLLEGE and start lives, some of us are just starting HIGH SCHOOL. Wherever you are at, CLOSE YOUR EYES, look back on this year. I hope you see growth and I hope you are able to cherish all the memories. NOW OPEN THEM, keep moving forward and continue to dream and to work for what you want. I DON'T KNOW WHO WROTE THIS BOOK, but you are all STARS, each of you has a PURPOSE, and you are all going to do GREAT THINGS.



Lillian LeVake, 12, and Madison Billingsley, 11, were this year's Chief Editors. Thank you to Ms. Adams for all your hard work!