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Barbie movie or Oppenheimer?

Barbie movie - 16
Oppenheimer - 4



Skiing or snowboarding?

Snowboarding - 7
Skiing - 13

Girls volleyball or girls soccer?

Girls volleyball - 12
Girls soccer - 9

Baseball or football?

Baseball - 5
Football - 15

Which subject is your favorite?

Language arts - 3
Life science - 5
Geography - 4
Math - 2
Elective - 3
PE - 3

What's the first thing you do after school?

Homework - 3
Sleep - 0
Sports 17
Other - 0

How much time do you spend on homework every night?

15 minutes - 0
An hour - 14
2 hours - 4

Anonymous Q&A

Q: "I have trouble coming to school because I have social anxiety. What are some things I can do to make school seem easier?"

A: Hi friend! School can be difficult, but there are definitely some ways to make it better! One thing I would do is to find something to be excited about each day. For example; 'I get to see my friends in math today!' Or 'I have art class today!' Another thing you could do is take deep breaths. I learned from a program about mindfulness. Mindfulness is staying present and in the moment. There's another technique related to mindfulness called 'the senses star'. This is where you take a second to find five things to see, four things to hear, three things to touch, two things to hear and one thing to taste. Remember to focus on the positive! Thanks for asking!



Articles

You Decide: Saved By the Bell?

By Kara Blakely and Eliza Fullmer

CON: BRIIIIIINNNNNNGGGGG! A sudden noise rings out in classes throughout the school, and sure enough, students now know what would be coming in just a few minutes: the bigger and much louder bell to tell them class is dismissed. This used to be the scenario in many classrooms at Desert Hills Middle School. As of last year, however, the prominent 5-minute bell was taken out of most classrooms without any notice. Quite a big question still remains; was it taken out for the better, or for the worse? Due to the way the bell lessens learning time, takes away from students' motivation to do classwork, and is an overall disruption, there is solid reason to believe the 5-minute bell should be kept out of classes.

First and foremost, the bell has always taken away some time from classes. Multiply the 5 minutes that students lose focus each class period by the 4 classes everyone has, and that would be 20 minutes (per student) of learning lost each day. Geography and yearbook teacher Mrs. Cordero stated, "...students started cleaning up once they heard the bell, rather than when they were given directions from the teachers."

Once the 5-minute bell rings, there is almost a guarantee that students will start thinking about anything else but whatever classwork they are doing.

Going along with this, students will no longer be motivated to finish up the last bit of their work or tune in to whatever instructions the teacher is giving. Often, it can cause students to think it's not worth doing more work if they will be done with class in a few more minutes anyway. Class time is wasted and students left without reason to continue work obviously adds to this argument.

Some people, such as many students and teachers, feel that the only thing the 5-minute bell does is let students or teachers know to wrap up what they are doing soon. Honestly, that is not the reality of middle school. While the bell does inform people that class will end shortly, those who know middle schoolers know that the majority are distracted fairly easily.

When asked why she thought the bell was taken out, Mrs. Taylor- a Business Office Specialist teacher- said, "...my guess would be that in some classes they were still working, and kids were just starting to put everything away, thinking that it just meant they could be done automatically." No matter how many times they are told otherwise, students hear the bell ring and take that as their cue to clean up. Sitting in class for over an hour makes everyone look forward to what is next, so hearing the bell does increase excitement for a change of scenery. Clearly, the 5-minute bell has only made classes less efficient because of the message it has given to students.

Overall, it's not hard to see that the famous 5-minute bell takes away from some class time, eliminates student motivation, and is a disruption to classes.

Although it's not much, those 5-minutes lost in class every day do add up. The motivation to continue doing classwork for just several more minutes also diminishes with the bell, as anticipation builds up for whatever's coming next. Of course, this all adds to the fact that the sole thing the 5-minute bell brings is disruption. Much to the dismay of numerous teachers or faculty, it seems that the bell causes students to start cleaning up and stop whatever they are working on earlier than necessary. Now that the effects of the 5-minute bell have been discussed, there is only one thing left to do: embrace the change, as school is surely better off without that small yet troublesome ringing.

PRO: On the other hand, no one was alerted to the change until the first day of school. The five-minute bell was suddenly gone from many classrooms around DHMS! This has left many students to wonder why the administration would remove something that could hold value for teachers and students alike. The five-minute bell allows students time to clean up for their next class. It's beneficial to teachers because it gives them a reminder as to when the class period ends.

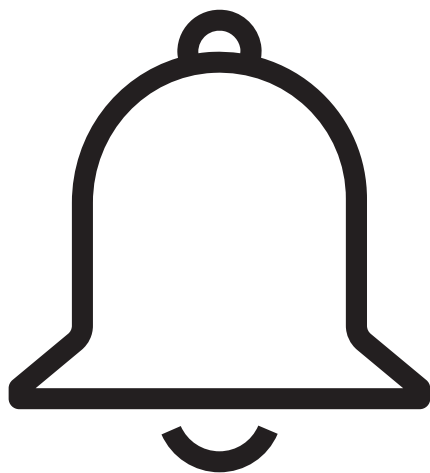
The five-minute bell was a critical part of DHMS routine because it gave students free time to prepare for their next class, as well as giving a reminder to teachers who have a very busy schedule. But can Desert Hills thrive without its help?

The five minute bell at the end of each class period helps middle schoolers to clean up in time for the release bell, ensuring that they won't be late.

Without it, students may be late for classes and teachers might not be able to finish their lesson.

"...sometimes I forget to give enough time to clean up", says Geography and yearbook teacher Mrs. Cordero. If the five minute bell is not being used, some teachers could be abruptly cut off when the release bell dismisses their students. They might not realize what time it is without a reminder, and students will miss out on valuable information. The bell helps educators to take into consideration the limited amount of time left and wrap things up, modifying their lesson and giving their students time to clean up. All in all, it is an effective and easy way to help with time management.

For some with another viewpoint, the abundance of assets has been swallowed up by doubts of how effective it really is. Those who doubt the worth of the five minute bell will see how effective it is when they get to their classes on time and learn everything they need to know in class before the period ends!



Without the warning bell, many might not be on time to their next class. The last thing a student wants is to get hauled off to lunch detention for too many tardies! Almost every student has experienced being tardy at least once, and it is usually due to lack of time to get to their next class period. Although some may argue that the five minute bell distracts students from the last few minutes of class, teachers would appreciate it to have their students get to classes on time, even though they might be cleaning up a bit early.

To summarize, the five minute bell may be viewed as a distraction to some, but in reality, it is an incredible asset to keep the school running smoothly.

In the end, it's obvious that the five minute bell is a valuable asset to DHMS. It is a key component to the routine of middle schoolers and educators alike because it provides an opportunity for students to clean up before the release bell, and gives teachers an indication as to when they should finish their lesson. There are many positive side effects of these outcomes. Teachers could have time to finish their lessons without being cut off, which would help them to teach their students all the necessary information.

There are less tardies when students have time to clean up. Some may say that the bell is a distraction, but in reality it is helpful and efficient, allowing all those at school time to organize and prepare. To

conclude, the five minute bell is clearly what everyone at DHMS needs to keep their busy lives organized.

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The new sandwich contains precisely what you might expect: a bun, regular fried chicken, jalapenos, pimento cheese, and honey. However, according to an anonymous Chick-fil-A customer, the three toppings do not come in the quantities seen in the advertisements. The anonymous customer said, “[I got] the sandwich, [and noticed] that the images [had] deceived [me]. When I opened my sandwich I found only 3 jalapenos, a small dollop of the pimento cheese mixture as well as a small amount of honey”, and also said that due to the small amount of topping, many of the bites were “plain”, while the bites with a “decent amount of toppings” were delicious. The sandwich sounds as if it will accomplish Chick-fil-A’s aim of creating “a standout sandwich that would deliver a unique spin for our guests, without losing the classic taste of the Original Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich.” The anonymous customer, all things considered, recommended that people try the sandwich, and readers should now know what to expect from it. Time will tell if this new sandwich flops or is wildly successful!

Hollywood Strike: Writers Fight for Fairness

By Andrea Angeles

Every three months, the Writers Guild of America, people who write scripts, plots, and screenplays, create new phenomenal stories for all genres for the public to enjoy, meet with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), those who decide what is taken out of the writing room and onto the big-screen, to negotiate deals. Most of it goes smoothly, but this May, after six weeks of getting nowhere with the writer’s and actor’s demands and the AMPTP’s unfair deals, a smashing 97.85% of the guild voted in favor of the strike, and it was soon approved.

The writers and actors of America have been on strike since May 2, 2023, uniting and bearing signs to fight for their rights as entertainers and artists. This strike is more than exercising their rights to protest, it is a refusal to work on favorite television shows and movies until their demands are met. One reason for the strike is the dispute for higher and more stable pay rates. Producers’ technique nowadays is called ‘mini rooms’. This is hiring small groups of writers inconsistently and for very little money. They are usually not very famous and the show hasn’t aired yet. This takes advantage of their ideas sold for very little. If the show is a hit, they find another few writers to make a few more episodes, and again. It keeps writers employed for a wedge of time and for not nearly enough money that they deserve. Another reason is a demand for better control of the areas AI will affect the entertainment world. Why is AI a concern here? As many know, ChatGPT can be used to write ideas, storylines, scripts, etc., and although there are many videos online of comedy-based Youtubers trying these scripts and confirming how subjectively unfunny and bland they can be (Can AI make you laugh?); AI can be used to script favorite shows and movies nonetheless. AI animation can also provide fake background actors for scenes, putting real-life actors out of a job.

What movies and TV shows is this affecting? It's stopping production on Beetlejuice 2, Dune 2, Stranger Things, Cobra Kai, and even Jeopardy!

This summer's spotlight double-feature of the Barbie movie and Oppenheimer (also known as Barbenheimer) was an attempt to get people back into theatres! Albeit a huge success, even the stars of these movies are backing the strike.

I had the chance to interview 9th-grade student Kara Blakely, whose dad works as a truck driver in this industry. He drives furniture for sets around and sometimes actors too, and although he can thankfully keep working with commercials (which aren't very affected by the strike) during this time, this affects his job, too.

Kara provides an insightful look at the strike, saying that although the face of the strike is led by famous actors and writers like Florence Pugh, Lola Tung, Dwayne Johnson, and many others, the people resisting and bravely protesting this as well as being out of a job are so many people without that much representation, like behind-the-scenes crew members.

Through Kara, who so kindly helped me, I got her dad's opinion on the strike. He says, "It's important for crew members to have leverage, in order to pressure the producers (AMPTP) to agree to fair contracts. However, the extended time without work is an extreme financial hardship." A testament to how the strike affects all aspects of the movie industry.

On September 1st, it had just hit the 4-month mark. Historically, there have been many strikes, and the longest one was nearly 154 days.

Our current one looks like it will outdo it. Kara tells me that insiders think it might end soon, but usually with compromises on both sides for something reasonable.

This is the hope. A quote from the Guardian says, "Our livelihood is at stake. We take great satisfaction from our jobs but we need to be able to make a living". It captures the spirit of the artists. A passion for their job, but passion alone will not feed mouths. They need cooperation from their producers, and the producers need their talent, the writers.

With actors, writers, and crew members alike more united than ever, it is only a matter of time before the best TV shows and movies are back on track and rolling on the big screen.

The Unpopular Opinions of DHMS

By: Samantha Spencer

Many students at DHMS have some unpopular opinions. An unpopular opinion is an idea or belief that goes against or completely contradicts the conventional status quo.

Kaleigh Davenport from 9th grade has said, "Conrad Fisher from the Summer I Turned Pretty, is the ugliest man alive!" For those of you who do not know what the summer I turned pretty is, it is a love story where Belly has to decide between Conrad and Jeremiah. This is an unpopular opinion because many girls think the exact opposite.

Oaklee Crandall in 8th grade says, "Vans are overrated!" Vans have been a very popular shoe brand since 1966. Many students here wear vans everyday. Vans are very popular and well liked even now.

Jedd Shepard, an 8th grader said, "Newborn babies are very ugly!" This can be controversial because people love babies.

Drew Robertson, a 9th grader said, "I love broccoli, but it has to be uncooked!" Most teenagers hate eating vegetables, especially broccoli. When teenagers actually eat broccoli it tends to be cooked, so this is surprising.

As you can see, there are all types of unpopular opinions around us.



Dear Teachers, Learn These Slang Words

By: Izzy Miller

Slang words are specific words or phrases that have a cultural definition that is different from the literal definition.

Many adults and teachers are not yet up to date with the new slang words.

Old slang words often come back around and become popular again. New slang words come as new generations arise. In the 90s some of the slang words were: "as if", "all that", "booyah", "cha-ching", "talk to the hand", "and more".

In the early 2000s some slang words consisted of: "peeps", "sick", "brb", "chillax", "sketchy", etc. Now some of the slang words are:



2023 Slang

Slay - That's cool

Queen - Girl power

Pop Off - Good for you

Snatched - You look good

Ship - You see 2 people being a couple

Fire - That's cool

Lit - That's cool

Down Bad - Thinking someone is good looking

Dope - That's cool

Low-key - To be honest

Sick - That's cool

Yeet - Item being chucked

Cap - No way

Flex - Something you can show off

Ight - Alright

Bet - Challenging someone

Simp - You'll do anything for someone you like

Ick - Getting grossed out

The Arts

Art Throughout History

Chloe C



Fine Arts is very popular nowadays and used a lot in everyday lives. People use the arts all the time throughout their life, some jobs and schools. Art has been around for a long time, the earliest form of art was in the stone age. The later stone age, the late Paleolithic of Egypt and the Upper Paleolithic of Europe, are the first signs of art on Earth. Leonardo da Vinci had made a lot of famous artworks. He painted the Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, Vitruvian Man, Self portrait and more. Types of art that are from the olden days are cubism, ceramic art, rococo, romanticism, fauvism and others. Some of the main art types today are pop art, abstract art and expressionism art and more. The art has changed in some forms but has also stayed the same throughout the years. Types of art that have stayed throughout history are sculpture, Op art and realism are some that have been around for a long time. Art all in all has played a big role throughout history and changed within different times in life.

Music:

Unpopular bands that need traction!

By: Jonah Saling

This months band: again&again

again&again is a collaboration of many musical artists. Those artists include Atwood, Garrett., RYCE, Planet Girl, Juicebox Caviar, Bluknight, and Wet Day Timetable.

The band joining was announced on X (Twitter) on March 16th, 2020.

The band fastly gained traction after their song "eighty-five" released on March 18th, 2020. The genre of the music they make is Indie/Pop. Going viral on Soundcloud and Spotify and now having over 400k monthly listeners, their music is loved by many.

Music: Interviews

Questions that were asked and people that were interviewed:

- (1) What is your favorite song that was released recently?
- (2) What is your favorite genre of music?
- (3) How often do you listen to music?

Carter Mccmillin: (1) Lonely - Imagine dragons, (2) Jazz, (3) Every day

Matthew Pickett: (1) House of Gold - Twenty One Pilots, (2) Not rap (3) Every day

Jared Cook: (1) Golden hour - Jvke, (2) Rock, (3) Every day

Ms. Pendleton: (1) any by Benson Boone, (2) Lo-Fi, (3) Every day

Mr. Kitchell: (1) Pompeii - Hans Zimmer, (2) Country, (3) Every day

Morgan Wang: (1) Vampire - Olivia Rodrigo, (2) Hiphop, (3) Every day

Garren Udy: (1) None, (2) None, (3) Not often

Kayson Donk: (1) Close My Eyes - Chyde, (2) Rap, (3) 3-5 hours every day.

Eliza Fullmer: (1) Lots of different songs, (2) 80's popular, (3) 1-2 hours every day

Andrea Angeles: (1) Pool House - The Backseat Lovers, (2) Indie, (3) An hour or more a day

New Movies

Lexi Everett

As of late August 2023, theaters have released 182 movies so far. These consist of horror, romance, comedy, action, and thriller movies. Although most of these movies are out on all platforms, there are unreleased movies just waiting to come out. Some of these movies include Dumb Money, coming out on September 22, and the popular horror movie, The Nun, coming out on September 8. These movies will be out in theaters for about four weeks. After that, they will be restocked with the latest films. Some movies that have just made their way out and are showing in theaters is Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem, a movie created from the well known kids show. The movie is now available for streaming on Paramount+ with a subscription. In short terms, this movie is about four turtles who have mutated into walking, talking, and crime fighting ninjas. They are trained by their sensei and are prepared for whatever lies ahead of them. Sibylla Anderson states, “The movie had great animation, the plot was easy to follow, and the music fit the movie very well.” However, some parts of the movie didn’t entertain her as much. She says, “The movie isn't similar to the show and some characters from the show are missing.”

The overall rating she gave this movie was a 10/10!



Mr. Robinson & Shakespeare Competition

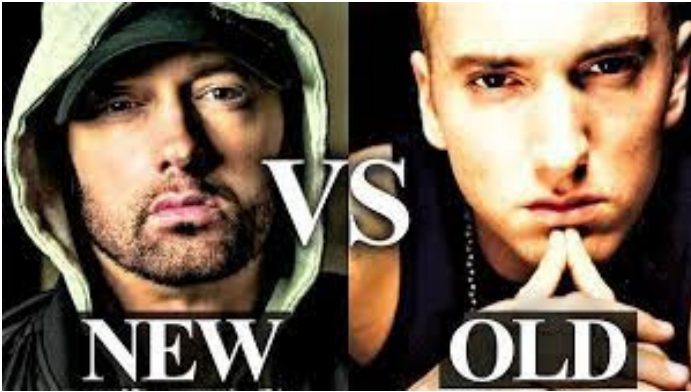
By: Emily Thacker

As many of you know, the Shakespeare Competition is coming up and it’s important to know about the event and what teacher is running it. The Shakespeare Competition shows off acting skills through an ensemble piece, a few groups acting together, and a couple monologues. This national competition celebrates Shakespeare and the art of professional theater. It showcases talent and a love for putting on a great show. About 22-23 schools were registered at the time this was written.

Throughout these next few weeks, the students in the Shakespeare Competition will be rehearsing and perfecting their performances to show them off in Cedar City, October 5-7. Auditions may have passed, but eighth graders who want to give it a shot can do so next year. Mr. Robinson is in charge of our school’s Shakespeare Competition group and what they perform. He also teaches multiple electives for Desert Hills Middle School. Robinson teaches creative writing, theater one and two, speech and debate, and film. He said that his favorite class to teach is theater one. This is because he gets to introduce kids to theater for the first time. He also likes that the class plays a lot of fun improv games. He said that his favorite thing to do as a teacher is the five minute plays. He stated, “I’m combining two classes together, taking the plays that were written by creative writing and we produce them in the theater classes.” The Shakespeare competition is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents and it wouldn’t be possible without Mr. Robinson’s hard work.

Now Vs. Then: Music

By Kayson Donk



Throughout the years there have been many types of music such as: jazz, rap, pop, rock, and country music. When you listen to music, whether it's by Eminem or Taylor Swift, everyone has their own personal taste. During the 2000s, the top hits were Eminem, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Diddy, Kelly Clarkson, and Eve. Popular artists this year are Miley Cyrus, Taylor Swift, Ice Spice, and Morgan Wallen.

After interviewing a couple people I got a few answers for top 2000's music. I asked Mr. Kitchell if he liked recent hits or music from the 2000s. He said he preferred music from the 2000s. If he could, he would bring back the style of that year. Jonah Sailing said he preferred today's hits overall, and thought that some music from the 2000s is good, however he likes hip hop and rap and thinks that music from then to now has gotten more technical with better beats.

Chloe Christensen said she likes to listen to music and thinks that present music is better than what it was in the 2000s. She stated "the lyrics and beats have changed" since the 2000s. She says that music helps her focus, cope with things, and calm down.



As you can see, everyone has their own personal taste in music. There is one thing that we can agree on though, and that is music is awesome!



Sports



Girls Soccer



By Sibylla Anderson

WHEN ARE THE UPCOMING GAMES?

Girls JV2 @ Crimson Cliffs September 5, 5:30-7:30 pm

Varsity Girls Soccer @ Crimson Cliffs September 5, 7:30-9:30pm

Girls JV2 @Dixie September 7, 4:00pm-5:30pm

Girls JV2 vs Snow Canyon September 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Girls JV1 vs Snow Canyon September 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Varsity Girls @ Cedar September 14, 4pm-6pm

Girls JV2 vs Pine view September 21, 4pm-5:30pm

To find more dates for games go to dhthunder.org/calender/

Spotlight With Lily Harris

Lily Harris is a Freshman on the Desert Hills Girls Soccer Team. "I've been playing soccer for 7 years," Harris says. When I asked her who her dream team was, she responded, "I would play for the Women's USA Team." Her least favorite thing about soccer is flopping. "It is really annoying when you just do shoulder to shoulder and a player fakes an injury and flops to the ground!"

Mountain Biking

By Jackson Bird

Recent Race

Recently we had an MTB team race up north by Cedar City. Most people who took part in the race said that it was muddy. Zane Heaton, however, had a different take on it. He said, "It was gnarly muddy dude but it was ultra chillin." Andrew Vlinsca added, "It was super hard and muddy."

Best Bike

Moving on to the best bike, according to Asher Jones, the "clapped rocky mountain is the best." So, if you are looking for a new bike, it might be worth checking out some Rocky Mountains.

Best Trail

As for the best trail, Dayton says "Bear Claw is my favorite." So, if you're looking for a great trail to ride on, Bear Claw might be worth checking out.

Race Results

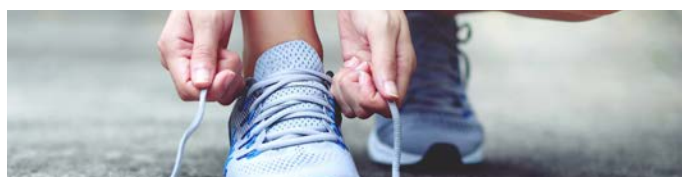
If you want to know the race results, you can find them on the NICA website. Just look up Region 6 and our school. The next race will be in Beaver City on 9/16/2023, so get ready for the next race.

DHHS Cross Country 2023

By Ella Gallagher

Cross Country is a long distance running sport. Desert Hills has two dedicated and amazing coaches: Coach Fielding and Coach Raiger. Practice is usually at 6:00 am and after school at 3:05 pm. Typically the team runs 3 miles in the morning and 2 miles in the afternoon. Coach Fielding's favorite part of coaching Cross Country is "seeing kids improve and get better." He has been coaching for 17 years and also teaches at the high school.

Here are the races for this season: July 26, Aug 7, Aug 16, Aug 23, Aug 26 (JV), Aug 26 (Top 10-15), Sept 1 (Mount Timpanogos), Sept 5 (JV), Sept 16 (Top 10), Sept 20 (JV), Sept 27, Oct 3, Oct 10 (4A divisionals), Oct 24 (State championships), Nov 3, Nov 18, Dec 2 (Nationals), Dec 2, and Dec 9 (Nationals). So far Desert Hills has won on Aug 7 at Bloomington Hills North Park (Boys team), and on Aug 16 at Cedar HS (Boys and Girls).



Volleyball

By Giovanna Fleming



As highschoolers, we think that school is just drama and homework. But our school has the best sports program in all of southern Utah. Our Desert Hills volleyball team is a prime example.

We have gone to state every year since 2010 and while we have only placed first once in 2012, the desire to get to state and win the championship is what keeps us motivated on and off the court. It all starts with tryouts, where you have to really put in the nerve racking effort.

Then (if you make it) you still have to work extremely hard to earn your position and playing time. When some people think about volleyball they may think that there are no injuries; this would be dead wrong. Last year alone, 974 injuries were recorded by volleyball players in the United States. As a Desert Hills volleyball player, we practice for a whopping 2 and a half hours a day. The side effects of all this hard work are often sprained wrists and ankles, bruises on our hips, and scraped up knees. Speaking from my own experience, I've been on and off crutches twice while playing this sport.

Not only is the Desert Hills Volleyball program physically demanding but also socially demanding. This schedule keeps the players out late and cuts into much of the free time they once had. One must become skilled at time management. It can be exhausting to keep up with this rigorous sport schedule while balancing it with homework and family.

So, what motivates these girls to keep pushing themselves to the limit? After talking to some of the girls about what inspires them, I received a very similar answer from most. Taylor Graff, who is an outside hitter on the Varsity team, said, "What motivates me most is fear of failure and fear of knowing what I can give and not giving it." After asking almost the entire Varsity team the same question, their answers were nearly identical to this. Mistakes are going to happen, however, these girls strive to make it as little as possible. Varsity team Freshman Samantha Spencer says that what motivates her is getting her rightful time on the court. During Samantha's first Varsity game, she scored 2 points from aces and many great digs. So far this season, Desert Hills' record within the region is impressive. The team has won 3-0 against Dixie and 3-1 against Crimson Cliffs. Volleyball is a lot of work, with 5 practices a week and 1-2 games a week. But while working hard we still have lots of fun with dance battles on BYE days or team dinners. All the work that we put in is rewarding but the biggest honor is simply being able to say, "I am on the Desert Hills Volleyball team."

When growing up no one knows what they want to do. Some people play one sport their entire life, others try playing all sports from A to Z. But eventually, I feel we end up with the sport that we are meant to play.

Volleyball is that sport for the players on the Desert Hills Volleyball team, we are a family and we feed off of each other's energy. As Tatum Gardner the Varsity setter said, ".. on the days I don't feel that good or energetic, I look around at my team and don't want to disappoint them.." proving that others can affect our energy and our effort. Desert Hills has the determination and grit necessary to get to where we want to be. And where we want to go is the state championships!





DISCOVER

Travel
By Christian Patilano

Reach Your Destination



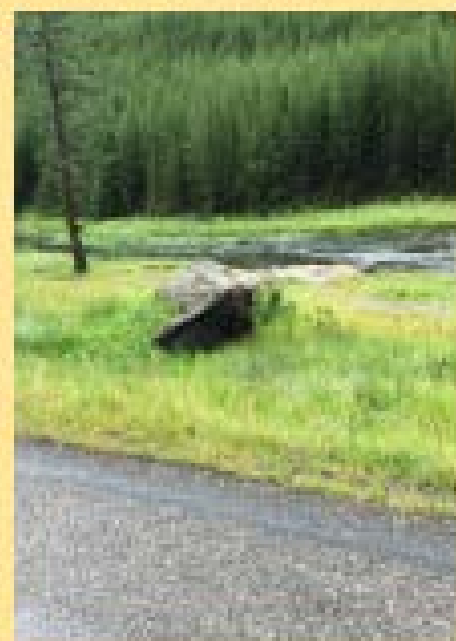
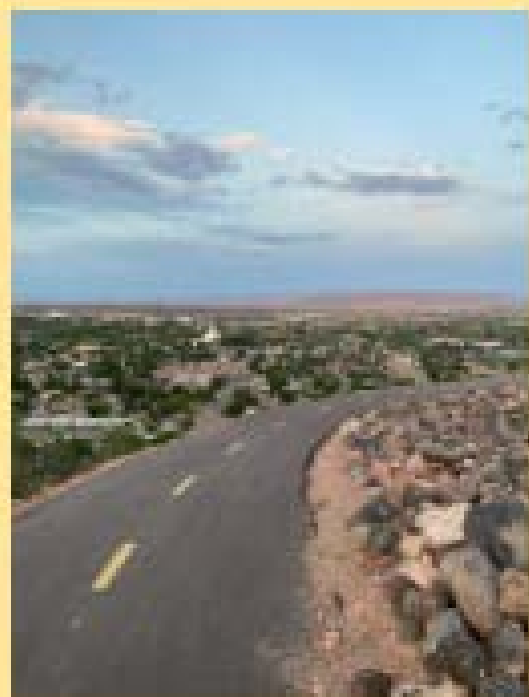
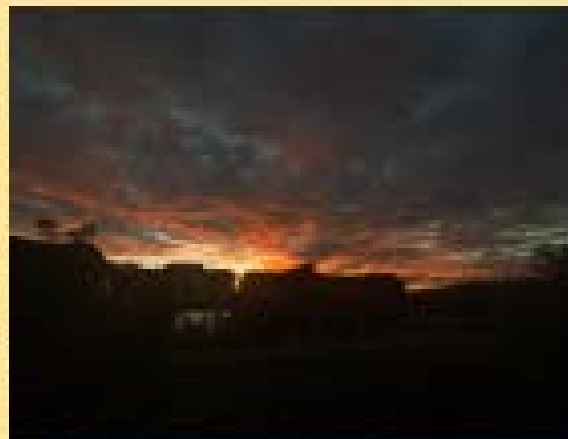
Popular Landmarks

- The Colosseum, Italy
- The Eiffel Tower, France
- Sistine Chapel, Rome
- Taj Mahal, India
- Great Wall Of China, China

There are many ways to make traveling more affordable, such as using low-costing airlines, and using public transportation once you're there. This could also include the place you're planning on traveling to. Certain places will cost more than others so make sure to check before you book.



Thunder submitted pictures!

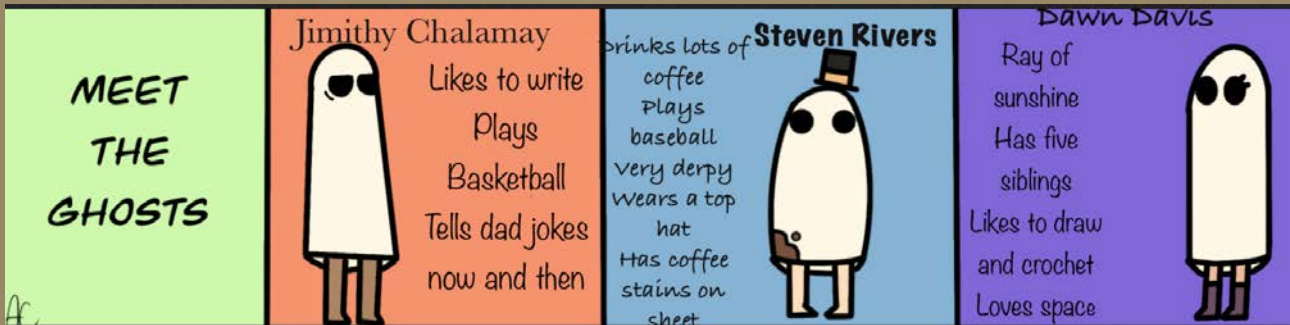


Email your photos to 27dunnaie@washk12.org if you'd like to see them in the paper! Please include a description of each photo. I will select 8-10. -C.D.

This months photos were submitted by Caitlin Dunn and Stephanie W!

The Ghosts

By: Audrey Carlson



SEPTEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023

By Caitlin Dunn

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Spirit week day 5	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL for Labor Day	5	6	7 Freshman FB vs Crimson Cliffs 4:30pm-6:30pm Freshman volleyball vs Pineview 5:45-6:45pm	8	9
10	11	12 Freshman volleyball @ Snow Canyon- 5:45pm	13	14 Freshman Volleyball Vs Hurricane- 5:45	15 Q1 Midterms!!	16
17	18	19 Freshman Volleyball @ Cedar- 5:45pm	20	21 Freshman FB @ Dixie- 4:30pm Freshman Volleyball @ Dixie-5:45pm	22	23
24	25	26 Freshman volleyball @ Crimson Cliffs- 5:45	27 DHMS Book Club 2:45	28 Freshman FB @ Snow Canyon- 4:30pm	29	30