

# The Diking Chronicle

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## Junior High Community Day *by Jillian Van Hise*

The Junior High Community Day took place on Friday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bellevue Outdoor Skating Rink. This fun activity was followed by a movie with hot cocoa, cider, and cookies at the main campus. These activities were organized by student council. When asked why they chose ice skating and movies, one of the student council members, Lexi Salazar, said, "We knew we wanted to do ice skating because in previous years we went ice skating followed by a movie." This was a fun day for the junior high students, even if they had never ice skated before. Lexi also said that "it was a good time for friends to celebrate Christmas together and to have fun." Community Day was organized to be a festive and fun activity before Christmas. If this year's Community Day was this fun, then next years can only be as great. Thank you, student council, for an amazing day!



Lexi Salazar & Eve Henry



Mr. Pridmore, Keon Saburi, Taylor Franklin



Ms. Steffen, Mrs. Eble, Mrs. Johnson



Calvin Schwarz and Nathan Wasson



Katherine Gile and Vivian Arenas



Karina Herrboldt

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## Successful Spirit Week

by Emanuel Termure

Spirit week was a fun time for the Junior High. It was also a time for friends to bond and have an amazing experience for a week. Spirit week days included the following: 7<sup>th</sup> graders wore green and 8<sup>th</sup> graders wore red, dynamic duo day: a day where you can have fun with one of your friends and dress up as things that go together, crazy hat / sock day, sports team day and Christmas spirit day.

Josiah Clark, who is a member in the student council, said, "The purpose of spirit week was to give the junior high something fun to do the last school week of 2018 and get hyped for Christmas break. Spirit week is something that student council does every year. Usually, we brainstorm ideas and vote on the ones we like during class."

Josiah also said, "I think there might be another Spirit week this year because we think the first one went well and we might do it again. My favorite part about spirit week is that I come to school seeing people being dressed and seeing what they did for spirit week."

## Christmas Band Concert Fun!

by Ava Harrison

The Christmas band concert was one of many exciting events that happened this past holiday season. It was an outstanding concert that many loved. The music was loud, the seats were packed, and the people were very pleased with the concert.

The event was held on December 19<sup>th</sup> in The Commons. According to band student Emily Betts, "Learning to play new music definitely expands how you think and play, it is one of my favorite things in band." I wondered if there were any other instruments she would play besides the one she was currently playing. "Yes! I have switched back between clarinet and bass clarinet" The last question I asked was if she was going to continue in band in the future. She responded, "Maybe, it mainly depends on how my schedule falls in future years."

After hearing all these answers I most definitely would like to go to the next band concert in the future. I think that the Christmas band concert was one of the best events from the year.

## Silent Night, Holy Night

by Izzy Martin

The BCS Christmas choir concert involving JH Choir, Singers, and Concert Choir was a success! The concert took place on January 10, 2019. The choir started learning Christmas music at the end of October, so all the choirs had around 7 weeks to prepare for this performance. The concert was originally postponed due to a power outage at the school. The event took place in the BCS Commons at 7:00 PM. The performance celebrated the coming of Christmas and the celebration of Jesus. The concert was put together by director Mr. Ross DeWit, and he said, "This concert has been the best mix of music, the choices of music were thoughtful, and the choir sounded different with every song." Each choir sang each song with confidence and they all knew the music very well. The last song that was performed was "There is a Redeemer" and the director even invited alumni who sang in choir when they were at BCS to come up on stage and sing with everyone else. In some songs, a few choir members would play a drum, kazoos, or even sing some songs a capella. The instruments helped make the song stand out even more and help it come to life.

Mr. DeWit said, "I really love the relationships formed in the class and thinking you can do more than you think you can." Overall the concert was successful and entertaining. There are a few things that Mr. DeWit said that he thought the choir could have done better. He said, "I wish we could've worked on dynamics and singing more fully."

Choir members have expressed the joy and fun that they have while singing and performing on stage, and they hope you'll join them for their next performance in the future!

## Kindergar-toon! *by Sydney Ohlemann*

Mrs. Mandy Fiechtner, the drawing/cartooning teacher for the Junior High, thought of an amazing idea for the class to visit the kindergarteners at Three Points Elementary campus and spend two weeks drawing a cartoon. But this isn't any normal cartoon, it would be a cartoon based off of the kindergarteners own creative imagination! The class took the first visit on November 16<sup>th</sup>. They did this project to open up the little kids' imaginations and to grow their creativity.

Ava Harrison, a student in the cartooning class said, "I enjoyed seeing the kindergarteners because they were able to use their imagination to the fullest and make an amazing and silly cartoon." How this project worked was the students individually asked one or two kindergarteners a series of questions to get the most amazing fun ideas of a cartoon to draw. The students then went back to their class and spent about two weeks putting together three versions of their cartoon. On November 30<sup>th</sup> they went back to see their buddies and gave them their cartoon. "It was so incredible to see the look on Analise, my kindergarteners' face. It lit up instantly!" Ava exclaimed. According to Ava, this was a fun and wonderful project.



Cartooning Class with Mrs. Hatate's Kindergarten Class

## Photoshop Fun with Kindergarten

*by Bryce Ryan*

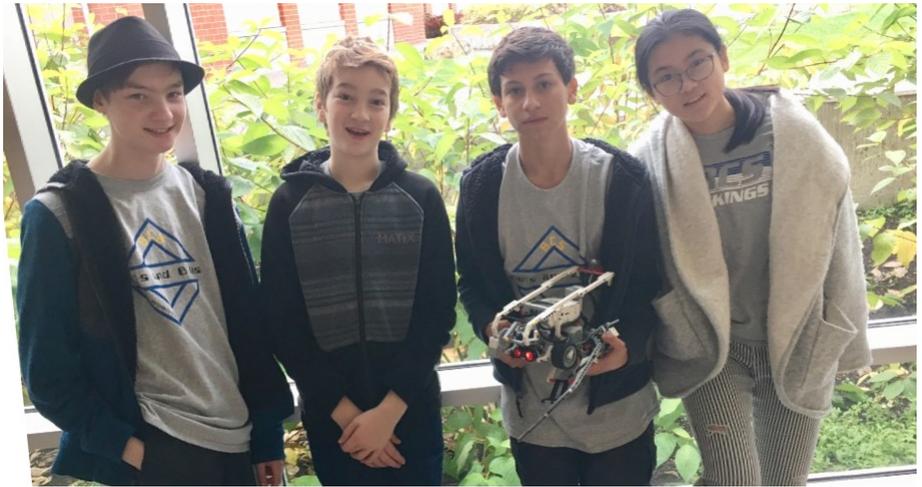
Do you like using Photoshop and drawing? If you do you will like this article. The Jr. High photography class went to Three Points Elementary on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and they went into the kindergarten room. The kids were so excited to see them. The students went in there and sat down and asked about their characters. They made characters with the Jr. High drawing and cartooning class. Each student asked them what characters they had and where they lived. All students including the kindergarteners had so much fun talking and working

with all the little kids. Everyone learned so much about our little buddies and their lives. Finally, they came back to main campus and they started to Photoshop the characters into the computer. The junior high class kept on working for the last month and we are finally

finished. They are going to go back to Three Points Elementary to drop off all the projects. We made a book and it has every kindergarteners character and book the kids are going to be so excited to see the book. Most can't wait to see all of them again and their reactions to the amazing book.

## Robo Attack *by Estella Wollny*

The robotics competition was on Saturday, December 1, 2018. The competition was held at Chinook Middle School. It took 20 hours of getting ready with only a few hours each week to work. The robotics team members were Jenny Chen, Matthew Tjoelker, Matthew Morin, and Colby Kuhia. The most difficult thing about the competition was the presentation. Right now, the team is improving builds and programing. Matthew Morin said, "My favorite part about the competition was the auto ritual when they all gathered in the gym." Some of the members were nervous before hand but they all had hope for their team.



Matthew Tjoelker, Matthew Morin, Colby Kuhia, Jenny Chen

## The Inlay Project *by Moriah Schaeffer*

In the Junior High woodshop class, the students are working very hard on their final project which is an inlay project. You make an inlay project by coming up with the design you want to do, then you grab some veneer and use a piece of black paper with the end of a scalpel and trace it on your veneer. Next, use another piece of veneer and trace the same design on the other piece, and then fit in to the piece you cut out. You follow these steps for the rest of the project. When done, get a piece of plywood and tape the veneer project you made, and wait for it to dry. That's all there is to it. There are many ways to do inlay in such as wood to wood, marquetry, and much more. You can get the materials mostly from the eastern coast of the United States. Mr. Martin Zschoche says his class is doing inlay projects because, "It's to teach you how to work with tools." You can find examples of what you're planning to do on the internet. The purpose for the designs is determined by the students. That is what's happening in the Junior High wood shop class.



## Girls Basketball, Off to a Great Start

by Emily Betts

Girls basketball, which has recently started up, is off to a great start. This year, two teams have been created, both prepared to hold a winning season. Our coaches, Mr. Tom Pridmore and Mr. Kelly, have helped them come a long way. They have learned to work together as a team and build each other up through encouragement and determination.

Mr. Pridmore, the D1 coach and PE teacher, says that, "The 3 most important things about basketball are ball handling, ball handling, ball handling." Pridmore backs this statement up saying that with a good handle, players will further learn how to drive to the basket. The D1 teams first game was held at Bellevue Presbyterian, and tip off was at 3:45, and the game was over by 5:00pm. The seats were packed with parents and students, all there to support one another. Planning to win more games, the teams are looking forward to a new season full of perseverance, and most of all, glorifying God with the gifts he has blessed them with.



Cast of *Our Teacher is an Alien*

## Our Teacher is an Alien?!

by Anna Dell'Osso

The Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been working hard at the play *Our teacher is an Alien* since October! It was performed January 17-19 in the BCS Commons. If you didn't see it, you definitely missed out because it was super exciting! Mr. Ramquist, the drama director, says that his favorite part is "the exciting plot twist at the end!" He hopes everyone enjoyed the show and had fun trying to figure out if the rumors were true or not.

The play was about some students from East Reedsville Middle School who got a new math teacher, but they thought she was an alien! They heard and saw her doing some strange things outside of the classroom and concluded that she was out of this world! Eventually, Ms. Neila reassured them, but the insane plot twist had us all on the edge of our seats. The Junior High cast decided to do this play because there was lots of comedy, and enough parts for everyone. One of the drama students, Kallie Alford said she enjoys being in drama because "It is tons of fun, and I love acting!" The play was so much fun and if you are in drama next semester get excited because there will be even more opportunities to be in plays and musicals!

## What is SAS? *by Lilliana Werth*

Student Academic Services is a program that helps and encourages kids to become better learners by thinking, processing, retrieving knowledge, and academic influence from their teachers. Student Academic Services is also known as SAS. SAS is not just tutoring, it is a rewiring of the brain and changing the way kids think. SAS works with students with different struggles to become more efficient learners. SAS means that it helps students with their struggles in academics. 10% of the population at Bellevue Christian does SAS. Originally, there was NILD and then Bellevue Christian adopted this program and has been using it ever since.

SAS has been offered at BCS for about 36 years. SAS helps students because it makes a dynamic change of the brain and effects the way kids think. SAS sessions are done by doing rhythmic writing, the 5 techniques of NILD, bluebook, buzzer words, and design titles. The techniques used in SAS are reading, writing, auditory, and processing skills. Mrs. Saburi says that, "I get to work with students one on one and see the process and progress they make through their learning," as her favorite thing about being an SAS teacher. In total there are 13 SAS teachers at Bellevue Christian.

Kaitlyn Novak & Megan Lemery



Bryce Ryan & Gavin Hill



Justus Loving-William & Brett Olson



### Upcoming Events

1/28 D1 & D2 v. UPREP

1/31 D2 @ SC

2/2 GBBall Jamboree  
@Overlake

2/4 D1 & D2 @ CPC

2/6 D2 v. NW

2/8 D1 & D2 @ SAAS

2/11 D1 @ NW, D2 v SC

2/14 D1 & D2 v. Overlake

2/15– 2/19 President's Day  
Vacation