

HALLOWEEN PARADE

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Interview with Greta Griffiths
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We know that there will be no masks no weapons and no face masks. Anything silly, creative, and funny is welcome. The parents are going to be in the parade route anywhere they want. The parade is going to be on October 28. 9:00 am. Music will be played throughout the school. Teachers will participate throughout the school. We will be walking one block in the parade. We will be doing the parade outside unless there is bad weather.

Marching for Microbes

By Mohan Balaji, James Zhang, Ryker Thompson, and Myles Massey

M4M has passed! What is M4M? M4M is the school fundraiser for Sci-X. The goal was \$14,000 which is an average of \$30 per student. The reason students paid donations was because the science teacher had to use those donations to buy everything she needs. The PTA parents also helped by using their donations for the radio, tents, water, oranges, and bananas. Each grade had three students who raised the most. They won a M4M award such as, gold, silver, and bronze medal. They also got their picture taken. The winners were called out on Smash Night.

The obstacle courses were caution lines, and the parents kept whacking the student foamy loops. Also, they had tents for all the grades such as 6th grade, 5th grade, 4th grade, CBTU, and etc. When students got to their tent, the teachers would give you a lash on your paper which hung from student's necks.

"M4M may have been a fundraiser for SCI-X, but what was all the running for? They should have just asked the parents to donate

money,” says James Zhang, 4th grade. Some students were tired and frustrated with all the running. Also, people kept splashing water on each other. Ryker Thompson, also 4th grade, says “Everybody was splashing water on each other and everything was getting crazy.” Also, some people got water in their eyes. That is the feedback for M4M. M4M was an awesome and exhausting fundraiser.

Smash Night

By Sam Crawford, Mateo Kljajo, Zander Nani, and Roland Mead

Have you ever been to SMASH Night? It’s a fun party hosted by Beacon Heights Elementary School. It involves you buying pumpkins and sweet refreshments. The pumpkins are thrown off the ladder on a firetruck. The pumpkin explodes on the ground with its guts flying everywhere. The kid competition is to see how many pieces of the pumpkin you can collect. This time at SMASH Night there was a 12-foot Albino Boa. I think that is pretty cool. All the money you use to buy items on SMASH Night will be put into helping Science, Math, Safety, and Health. We interviewed the Science Teacher, Dea Ann Cate, to learn more.

What was your favorite part?

“I liked the 12-foot Albino Boa.”

Do you think that SMASH Night should keep going on?

“Definitely, I think that this is one of the things that keeps the school alive.”

SMASH Night is able to raise money for science that wasn’t able to be raised during M4M. Not only does it do that, but it raises money for almost everything else. So as you can see, SMASH Night is a great idea, and a great thing to go to. Make sure to go to SMASH Night next year!

Ms. Inskeep New Teacher

By Kaylynn Mitchell and Penelope Knight

We interviewed Ms. Inskeep and we asked her some questions. The first question was, "Do you like Beacon Heights?" She answered, "It is incredible!" Next we asked her, "Do you like teaching kindergarten?" She answered, "I love it!" Then we asked her, "Are your students good?" She answered, "They are good." The next thing we asked her was, "What do you like to do during your free time?" She answered, "I like to bake and hike with my dog." Then we asked her, "How long have you been teaching?" She answered, "Five months." Then we asked her, "Where are you from?" She answered, "I am from Salt Lake City." She answered. Next we asked her, "What grades have you taught so far." She answered, "kindergarten, 3rd, and 1st." Next I asked her, "What is your favorite subject?" She answered, "I like to teach math." Then we asked her, "What is your favorite holiday?" She said, "The fourth of July." The last thing we asked her was, "What is your favorite sport?" She said, "Skate Skiing." And our last interesting fact about her is that she went to school with Mrs. Jones.

The Beacon Heights Chess Club has been busy:

-Beacon Heights Chess Club took home the 1st Place Team Trophy at the Scholastic Kickoff Tournament. The members are:

Olivia Jiang in 2nd grade (she also won 1st place in the 2nd-3rd grade section), Eli Slovik in 4th grade, Aidan Slovik in 4th grade, Joshua Joseph in 5th grade (he also won 5th place in 4th-6th grade section, and Sai Muddam in 6th grade (he also won 6th place in the 4th-6th grade section).

-Krishnam Goel in 4th grade played at the National Chess Day Marathon of Chess, and won the prize for Under 10.

-The Beacon Heights Chess Club came in 2nd place at the West Jordan Scholastic Tournament.

-The Beacon Heights Chess Club came in first place at the West High School Tournament.

Marathon, Scholastic Chess Day

Saturday, October 8

By Krishnam Goel

If you like chess, the chess day section is the section for you! On Saturday, October 8, many amazing chess players went to West High School to play in the Marathon chess or the scholastic chess tournament. The Marathon chess Tournament [there were two choices in the Marathon: Blitz and Quick tournament] was for more advanced people, in other words the chess players that have played for many years [including adults, any age]. Some people who have been playing for only around a year were also allowed to go to. I decided to attend the Quick tournament in spite of my less experience to see how serious the advanced games were. The players that I went against were all adults. They flawlessly carried out their game plans and had a big range of opening moves. I lost all my games, but the organizers still awarded me \$30 because I was the only person whose rating was under 1000. There were some whose ratings were above 2100. If you're wondering what ratings are, they basically are numbers that show how good you are at chess, the higher the number the better it is. The scholastic tournament is played between same grade and similar chess level players. It is more fun with every one getting a prize/trophy. I encourage everyone who likes to play chess to participate as these tournaments are awesome!

Margret Peterson Haddix

By Luke Justham, Jonas Christianson, and Krishnam Goel

The amazing author visit! On Wednesday, September 18th, 2016, the 4th, 5th and 6th graders came to school to find out that they were going to Dilworth Elementary School. "We're going on a field trip?" says 4th grader Luke Justham. The teachers said that we were going to walk

there. When somebody asked why we are going to Dilworth, the teachers answered that we were going to meet an author. Everybody got excited, some were saying that it would be J. K. Rowling or some other famous author. The teachers were getting irritated by all the people who were asking if the author was J. K. Rowling. Finally, the teachers answered that the author was Margret Peterson Haddix! Everybody was very disappointed. After, the walk was fun, because people had seen one of her book trailers and people were chatting about it. Margret Peterson Haddix told us some parts of some of her stories, and she told us that we would have to find out the endings by ourselves, which left us in suspense. Ms. Hammons, Beacon Heights teacher, says “That left me in suspense!”

Ms. Jones, the new teacher

By: Maya Whisenant, and Harper Pearce

We interviewed Ms. Jones, the new teacher, to figure out more about her. Our first question for her was, “What do you think about the celebrations at Beacon Heights?” “I love how involved everyone gets with them. It gives me Beacon Heights pride!”, Ms. Jones answered.

“How long have you teaching?” “I taught dance before this at an elementary school.” Was her response. “Where were you born?” was our 3rd question. “Salt Lake City! Utah!” she answered. “Do you remember 4th grade? What do you remember about it?” “4th grade was my favorite grade! My teacher’s name was Ms. Klunker, and we could only write in cursive.” We then asked her what her favorite holiday was, and she replied, “Christmas!” Our next question was, “Do you think that you will have fun this year? Why?” And she said, “Yes! Because Beacon Heights Elementary has the best kids.” Our 8th question was, “What is your favorite season?” “Summer!!!” She said happily. Then we asked her, “What is your favorite thing to do to pass the time?” “Mountain bike.” She said. Our final question for her was, “How did you get your name?” She answered, “Everyone’s name in my family starts with ‘J’.” We also told her that our friends were interviewing Ms. Inskeep, and she answered excitedly, “Me and Ms. Inskeep are friends! We went to school together!”

We think that it went really well with Ms. Jones, and we want to interview somebody again!!!!

Mac Barnett

By Sylvia Kim, Jennifer Kim, Jenna Tran, and Miye Masters

Guess what? Did you know that Mac Barnett came to our school (Beacon Heights), is that amazing?

Mac Barnett came on Friday September ninth 2016. He wrote the books: Terrible Two, Count the Monkeys, Oh No! How My Science Project Destroyed the World, Sam and Dave Dig a Hole and lots more! He has more books that are not published yet. Before he became an author he used to be a summer camp staff. So there was a girl at the summer camp that hated fruit. Then one day He gave her a melon seed. The girl threw the melon seed in the ivy plant. The last day Mac Barnett bought a melon and put it in the ivy. He told the girl to go look in the ivy. She took out the melon and a kid came and asked why there is a sticker. She said that she didn't know. For the rest of the day she was carrying the melon proudly.

Did you know that Mac Barnett started writing because of a writing contest? He started writing so he wrote and wrote. He wrote about 20 books. He is 34 years old and right this moment he lives in California, San Francisco. His favorite thing to do is writing (obviously).

We interviewed Mrs. Wolfe the second grade teacher to see how it was when she met Mac Barnett. We asked "how did you feel when Mac Barnett came" She said "it was amazing, fun, funny, entertaining, and great!" Next we asked "what is your favorite book that he wrote?" She said "Sam and Dave Digs a hole." We asked "what is you students favorite book that he wrote?" she said" Counting the monkeys" Last we asked" How was it?" she answered" It was amazing".

So this is the article about Mac Barnett coming to our school Beacon Heights.

Beacon Heights Teacher Recognized as part of National Project

The Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN/UEN) has named Beacon Heights Elementary's Judi Marcy an American Graduate Champion for helping Utah learners stay on the path to college and career. As part of the national American Graduate initiative, Utah's Champions were recognized at a gala dinner at Ashton Gardens in Lehi on September 15, 2016. Congratulations Ms. Marcy!!