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Farewell:

We will miss our fantastic 8th graders, but we are excited for them to move onto great things in high school.

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This whole school picture was taken at the beginning of the year. Look at how young we were - What a difference a year makes!

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER...

As another school year draws to a close we want to encourage our students to continue learning and growing to help prevent the "summer slide."

"We think summer is a great break from school, but not a great break from learning." said Gary Huggins, CEO of the National Summer Learning Association. Studies show that over the summer students may forget what they have learned. It can take weeks at the beginning of each school year to reteach due to summer learning loss. This "summer slide" can be prevented.

1. Read, Read, Read! - Be reading at least 20 minutes everyday. Visit our local public library and find several books that you can get into and enjoy reading.

2. Read Some More - Find new opportunities to read. For example, pick up a

newspaper, read directions as you're riding in the car, do some cooking and read the recipe (for an added bonus work on fractions by trying to double the recipe), or read aloud to a friend or family member. Explore new types of reading, like poetry, biographies, or start a book club with your friends or family.

3. Go Online - There are tons of free websites that offer educational games. These are easy to use everyday, no matter how much or how little time you have. Try these websites:

- ABCya.com - math, reading, geography, typing and strategy games
- Starfall.com - reading

- *Dance Mat Typing* - keyboarding/typing
- *Switcheroozoo* - animal science
- *National Geographic Kids* - geography, science, reading, games and videos
- *Splash Math* - math games
- *Into the Book* - reading, comprehension, strategies, synthesizing, and inferring
- *Reading Eggs* - reading, phonics, comprehension, and vocabulary

Summer is a fun time of year. Make learning a part of your fun too. Find some cool outdoor science experiments, chart the temperature each day, or go camping and read scary stories around the campfire.

THE TORTOISE VS THE HARE



The Greatest Race

The inhabitants of West Sandy Bottom are preparing for the highlight of their year - the annual race between the Reptiles and the Mammals. As the race proceeds a tiny bunny is lost. Can the Reptiles and Mammals work together to find the lost bunny?

Missoula Children's Theatre Transforms Students into Actors in One Week

Day 1: Auditions - By Kenedie Scholes - Welcome back MCT! This year's production was Tortoise vs. the Hare, a classic story with a new take on it. This year auditions were a blast! There was singing, dancing, and of course, acting. Everyone did amazing, and this is going to make this the best play ever!

Day 2: Acting Workshop - By Savannah Halligan - Day 2 of Missoula week they took time to teach us how to act out tall tales. They were demonstrating how to act them out instead of tell about them, and they used the students to help them out! This was a great workshop. It was one of the best that I've been to in a while.

Day 3: Practice - By Savannah Metzger - By Day 3, they expect us to have most of our lines memorized. It was very stressful and

brain-frying, but we had been practicing and correcting ourselves. This was the day we work on volume, expressive movements, and our lines!

Day 4: Practice - By Maci Kopp - MCT has been great! The directors, Alex and Jordan, were really fun. At first we thought the story might be boring. It's not though because you have the TV Crew, the Mammals, the Reptiles, the Troupe, the fan club, and of course, the Tortoise and the Hare. Today we finally got to see all the parts put together and it makes an awesome show.

Day 5: Dress Rehearsal and Performance - Stormy weather, bouncing bunny fan club, and a moral of friendship. All of the student actors were on pointe tonight. It was once again an amazing performance. Thank you to everyone who helped support the MCT this year! We couldn't do it without you!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE SWAN VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL FOR MAKING MCT POSSIBLE THIS YEAR!

DIRECTORS	MAMMALS	TROUPE	TV CREW	REPTILES	POSSE & FAN CLUB
Director: Jordan Leggett Assistants: Justin Snider, Dominic Jorgensen	Jeffrey Martinez, Wil Poole, Cannon Ausland, Madisyn Ausland, Madison Anderson, Ian Metzger, Savannah Metzger, Abigail Metzger	Matthew Steffes, Carmen Martinez, Trayson Christiansen, Savannah Halligan, Ireland Weeks, Alex Waitinas	Sonny Sandberg, Althea Sandberg, Chance Vias, Alex Waitinas, Traason Pruet, Maci Kopp, Garrett Urrutia	Rowan Allen, Holly Escalera, Oakley Pruet, Julia Walker, Zane Poole, Wyatt Winterfeld, Djoulisa Allen, Matthew Urrutia, Josalyn Walker, Millie Zohner	Kylie Witt, Nathan Ausland, Hubert Fleming, Kambree Pruet, Ryleigh Robertshaw, Aedynn Robertshaw, Halle Jacobson, Autumn Jacobson, Hailey Liss, Lulu Lundquist, Sonora Lundquist, Ava Escalera

GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!

It is almost summertime and there are a lot of fun things that our students like to do.

By: Jaci Johnson

What do you like to do during summer? Well, I like to do many things such as go swimming at the lake and have a picnic on one of the docs with my family.

I also like to go on horse rides and take a lunch and have a picnic with my horse.

I asked Lulu Lundquist some of the things she said she likes to eat cake on her birthday, jump on the trampoline, and go swimming.

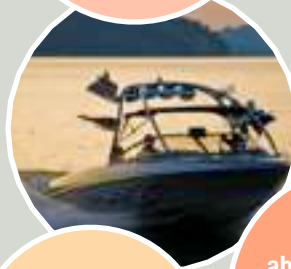
I also asked Sonora some of the things that she like to do during summer, and she said that she likes to play with her dogs and going to Lulu's house.

Some of the things that you can do in Swan Valley in summer is go to the Square Ice Cream and get some ice cream, or go to the lake for a swim, lastly you could go to the art in the park when it is in town.

You could also read a good summer book or movie. Some book series you could read would be the Harry Potter series or the Series of Unfortunate Events.

Boating and swimming at the lake.

- Kambree Pruett



Most kids agree that they love getting ice cream in the summer



Playing basketball outside.

- Hubert Fleming

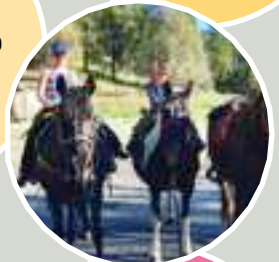


I like to play basketball at my house and ride horses up to my camp.

- Matthew Urrutia

I like to go swimming in the lake and going to iJump.

-Nathan Ausland



I like going boating in the summer.

- Julia Walker

One thing I love about summer is swimming and tubing at the lake.

- Millie Zohner

I love spending time with my animals and playing catch with my siblings.

- Abby Metzger

Going on trips and swimming at Heise Hot Springs.

- Rowan Allen



I love horseback riding in Fall Creek. Also, I love swimming in Little and Big Elk.

- Oakley Pruett

I like to go swimming and play with friends.

-Ryleigh Robertshaw

Going fishing in Rainey Creek.

- Wil Poole



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, May 23rd @ 1:30 PM - School Talent Show, parents are invited to see the show
- Wednesday, May 24th - K-6th field trip to iJump, remember to bring a sack lunch

- Wednesday, May 24th @ 6:00 PM - 8th Grade Graduation
- Thursday, May 25th - Last day of school, yearbook signing and field day, dismissal @ 11:30 AM

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- Reading Camp - July 24 - Aug 4
- Art Camp - June 19 - 23, grades 1st - 8th are invited

SKI SCHOOL

By: Madisyn Ausland

Ski School isn't all about winners, it's about skiing or snowboarding and having a good time. We all have a wonderful time going and it is a privilege to go. This year, when we were racing, we raced on the Bobsled run. It has tons of turns and it was really fun. We didn't race against Alta or the Learning Academy, we were simply racing against each other. Every student who raced got a medal. A few people tried snowboarding and skiing for the first time. I think that everyone had a great time and it will definitely be remembered. I can say that I will never forget my experience with ski school in all my years here and I am pretty sure that my comrades will agree. All in all, it was one of the best years we have had.



Swan Valley Annual Boys vs Girls Basketball Game

By Chrisnaider Allen

This year both boys and girls worked hard to play against each other and when the time came the game was brutal. The starters for the boys were Snaider Allen, Rawley Johnson, Chance Vias, Matthew Steffes, and Zane Poole. Coaching the boys team was Jason Pruett.

The starters for the girls were Sadie Pruett, Carmen Martinez, Savannah Halligan, Kenedie Scholes, and Josalyn Walker. The girls were coached by JoAnne Hincks.

After the first half of the game the score was 16-0, with the boys in the lead. Toes were being stepped on, elbows going to players sides, and bodies slammed.

For the second half Coach Jason put the 3rd grade boys in and the game went to brutal to

funny because JoAnne put some of the 8th and 3rd grade girls in the game. At this point the score was 26-10, with the boys still in the lead.

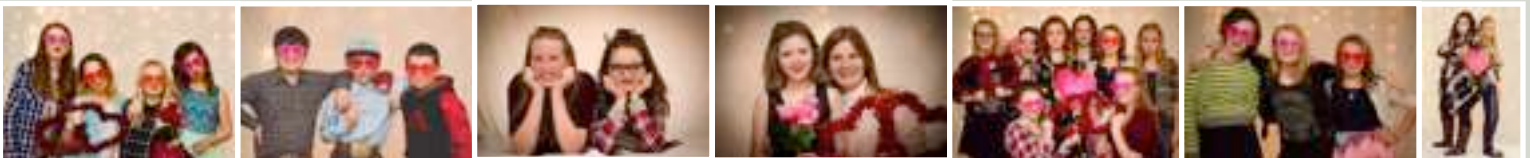
There were a lot of fouls going on, but the referee was letting them slide.

The boys reached 30 points, but the girls were fast approaching at 20 points.

There were 50 seconds left on the clock, the boys had the ball. Rawley tried to shoot, but Kenedie fouled him. He had two foul shots, but missed both. The girls took control of the ball, but not for long, Snaider got the ball and with the final ten seconds he threw the ball at the buzzer, no point, but the boys ended the game 30-20.

Valentine's Day Dance

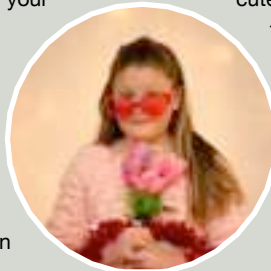
By: Savannah Metzger



It was a blast! Literally. The first time you walked in there, your ears were nearly blasted off. But you get used to it.

I think the funnest part was nearer toward the end, where everyone had gotten past the awkwardness of it all, and we just danced, sang (more like screamed), jumped and had a good time.

There were some parent chaperones. There was also some punch (I think it was Gatorade to keep us boosted up on energy) and lots of little store bought goodies. They were so



cute! But they were also so delicious.

There was a photobooth! I love photos. When you take a picture of someone or something, you are capturing so much beauty in so many ways. It is magnificent.

We took pictures, ate those little cookies, sang, danced, talked and really enjoyed each other's company. I know I have said this about a million times before, but it was so much fun!

CLASS OF 2017 FAREWELL



A FAREWELL TO THE 8TH GRADE CLASS

It is going to be a very different school without our current 8th graders. With 10 students in this class they are the largest

class in the entire school. These 8th graders have been great leaders, outstanding athletes, and bring a diversity of opinions. The underclassman have big shoes to fill.

Thank you for all the memories and we wish you the best of luck as you head off to high school.

Thanks for all the memories 8th graders!

SADIE PRUETT



Nickname: Pruett
Will be attending Ririe High School.

Looking forward to in high school: The sports, and learning who I can trust.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: Rawley flipped his desk over and I was sent out in the hall for laughing so much.

Advice to younger schoolmates: Always try your hardest and never give up.

Something you've learned: I like learning about sports because I understand it. I like playing sports because it's something I'm good at.

How do you want to be remembered: I want to be remembered as a good athlete and kind.

The underclassman most like you: I think that Lulu or Maci is most like me because they are kind. They are always putting others needs before their own needs.

CHANCE TROY VAIS



Nickname: True Grit
Will be attending Ririe High School

Looking forward to in high school: Ag class.

Most scared or worried about going to high school: Failing my classes.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: Preschool with our teacher Lanae.

Coollest event that you were a part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: Missoula Children's Theatre.

Advice to younger schoolmates: Every time you get a new teacher, befriend them.

Something you've learned: I like learning about science because it's interesting and I learned many things from it, like cells or galaxies.

How do you want to be remembered: I want to be remembered as the Krause Class Clown.

SAVANNAH HALLIGAN

Nickname: Hooligan
Will be attending Ririe High School

Looking forward to in high school: A bigger school and meeting new people.

Most scared or worried about going to high school: That I will fail and won't make friends.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: When Mr. Krause tripped on the pole when he was pushing me on a swing.

Coollest event that you were a part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: The old Christmas things because we used to do skits.

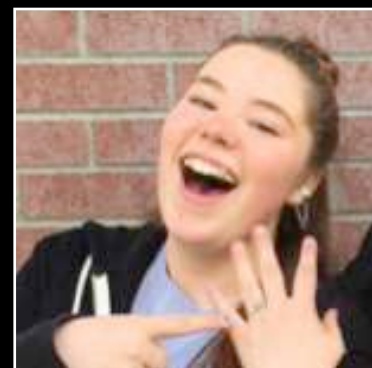
Advice to younger schoolmates: Even when it gets hard it will get

easier, even if you don't think it will.

Something you've learned: I like to write because it helps clear my mind.

How do you want to be remembered: I want to be remembered by my weirdness.

The underclassman most like you: Oakley because she is very energetic.



JOSALYN SARA WALKER

Nickname: Jwalker

Will be attending Ririe High School

Looking forward to in high school: Making a new me.

Most scared or worried about going to high school: Not being able to fit in.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: Making a lot of friends.

Coollest event that you were a part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: Missoula Children's Theatre because I got to express myself.

Advice to younger schoolmates: Don't let people get on your nerves because it will ruin you life.

Something you've learned: Science because I can the information in easier and I have learned more about cells.

How do you want to be remembered: I want to be remembered as someone who helps others.

The underclassman most like you: Madison Anderson because she is kind, yet can be fierce.



RAWLEY JOHNSON

Nickname: Rawlanatior

Will be attending Ririe High School

Looking forward to in high school: More people and different classes.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: The last week of school when we just mess around.

Coollest event that you were a part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: Basketball because it is fun - Dribbling down the court, breaking ankles, and scoring.

Advice to younger schoolmates: Do as much as you can in school and try to have fun even though it is hard to in

school.

How do you want to be remembered: As a good kid and good to hang around.

The underclassman most like you: Aedynn Robertshaw because we have the same personality.



CARMEN



Nickname: Quoimen

Will be attending Ririe High School.

Looking forward to in high school: New people and new things.

Most scared or worried about going to high school: Meeting new people.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: When Mr. Krause tripped on the pole at recess.

Advice to younger schoolmates: There are hard days in your life, but they will get better. "Never say never."

The underclassman most like you: Riley Robertshaw because she acts like me and kind of looks like me.

*Remember
these moments*

MADISYN



Nickname: Madi
Will be attending Ririe High School.
Looking forward to in high school: Being able to switch from class to class. Also, to have new friends, but keep old ones.
Most scared or worried about going to high school: Not fitting in, or not doing very well in school
Coollest event that you were a part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: Volleyball. When I played volleyball it was so fun and I hope to continue playing.
Advice to younger schoolmates: If you get your work done and do it weel, you will be doing fine in school.
Something you've learned: I like learning about writing. I like this because when you write it is for you and not somebody else.
How do you want to be remembered: I want to be remembered as a strong student who never stopped caring. Also, as someone who would never give up in school. Always keep trying.
The underclassman most like you: Mimi is because she is strong and funny.

SAVANNAH METZGER

Nickname: Smetzger
Will be attending Ririe High School
Looking forward to in high school: Being treated the age I am and having good teachers.
Most scared or worried about going to high school: I'm scared of falling flat on my face for not knowing what I am supposed to do or not being caught up.
Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: In 7th grade we had an end of year party and we had so much fun.
Coollest event that you were a part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: I like the car wash. This happened recently. It was cool because we did service and had fun and earned lots of moola.
Advice to younger schoolmates: Never do anything halfway. Try your hardest and never

give up, but HAVE FUN!

Something you've learned: I enjoy learning more about literature. I like it because I like writing and reading. I have learned more about poetry.

How do you want to be remembered: By being a leader and unafraid to do things that others were. I want to be remembered by being very kind.

Underclassman most like you: Ireland Weeks because she is smart, beautiful, and nice.



High School
Watch Out, Here
We Come!

SNAIDER

Nickname: Snidy Whiplash
Will be attending Idaho Falls High School

Looking forward to in high school: Making new friends and passing the first year on a good level.

Most scared or worried about going to high school: Being bullied and teased. I'm also scared of not passing and falling behind.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: With Mrs. Krause when we would have parties and have fun together as a class.

Advice to younger schoolmates: Remember to be yourself and always know who you are and have fun.

Something you've learned: I enjoy

reading. I like it because I am a good reader and I enjoy books. I have learned that books hold meaning to life.

How do you want to be remembered: I want to be remembered as the kid who could be heard from a mile away.

The underclassman most like you: I don't have one because I am unique in my own way.



KENEDIE



Nickname: Keni
Will be attending Compass Academy.

Looking forward to in high school: Meeting new people and having new experiences.

Most scared or worried about going to high school: Not fitting in and failing classes.

Best memory at Swan Valley Elementary: Going on field trips, especially Craters of the Moon.

Coollest event that you were part of here at Swan Valley Elementary: The Rapunzel Missoula Children's Theatre.

Advice to younger schoolmates: It'll get better, don't stress it.

Something you've learned: How to write stories properly and make a great story. I liked it because I always loved writing. I learned any idea is a good idea if it's portrayed correctly.

How do you want to be remembered: As the nerdy outcast that always her head tucked away in a book.

The underclassman most like you: Maci because she is kind of nerdy, yet still fun and upbeat.

You will never be forgotten

Class of 2017

