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Hello students from HMS! Welcome back to school

Labor Day is coming up on Monday September 5th

Peach Days is September 1st-3rd

No School on Monday September 5th

Get ready for sweater weather!

Have Halloween costume ideas yet?!



REMEMBER TO LIVE BY OUR SCHOOL MOTTO THIS YEAR:

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY KINDNESS

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THE RETURN OF "ELBERTA DAYS"

By Audrey Vick

Did you know that Peach Days was originally called Elberta Day?

It was called Elberta Day because the most popular variety of peaches was Lemon Elberta. When the hurricane canal was finished & people started planting crops in 1904, very popular among the things planted was peaches. Frank Barber, a nursery man from Centerville, came in 1907 &, along with his commercial club, they planted several thousand Elberta peach

trees in 1908. Peaches from Hurricane were even talked about in the Salt Lake Tribune because Barber brought Hurricane peaches to the Salt Lake Valley & sold them there, even though people didn't think the peaches would make the journey. As the production of fruit increased, so did the production of peaches & soon we were celebrating the fruit festival. A few years later the festival was renamed Elberta Day, that is until 1915 when the name was changed again to Peach Days.

After a while the name was changed again in 1951 to The Washington County Fair. When the fair was moved to the new fairgrounds people started to miss having peach days & decided to bring it back. They finally succeeded in reopening Peach Days to our community in 1999. David Stirland and Jarolyn Stout, the chairs of the Peach Days Committee, decided that Peach Days should not only be for the fruit or vendors, but to celebrate our ancestors who built this town brick by brick.

Every year at Peach Days you can find



floats in the parade that tell the stories of our founding families. Walking through Old Town Square you can find Pioneer corner where you can watch & experience blacksmithery, carpentry, & games from the early 1900's & the peach cook-off to name but a few. Today the historic Hurricane Bell will be dedicated in Town Square by the Pioneer Museum. This bell has been ringing true in our town for over 100 years. Just like our heritage & history this bell has stood the test of time.

HMS 8th grader Kallie Simpson said:, "My favorite part of Peach Days is when the Fire Trucks drive by in the parade and spray all the kids."

Reuben Wadsworth, a history teacher at HMS and a Peach Days committee member, says that his favorite parts about Peach Days are the 5.7 mile canal hike through the canyon and the peach cobbler from the peach cook off. Whether you are there for the peaches, Pioneer Corner, or the parade, Peach Days will always be a celebration of our sweet history.

HMS's New FACS Teacher Comes With a Wealth of Experience

By Corban Beutler

As our wonderful summer break comes to a close, Hurricane Middle School is pleased to welcome all 8th and 9th graders through their doors. But students aren't the only ones being welcomed into the school. A handful of new teachers have also been welcomed as part of our HMS Staff. Mrs. Smith is one of these wonderful additions, as she prepares to start the year as one of our CTE/FACS teachers. But before you rush into the fun and engaging activities that her class provides, there are a few things you should know about her first.

Mrs. Smith is very capable for the task of teaching here at HMS. After graduating from Hurricane High, she earned her Associate Degree at Dixie State University, then continued to Southern Utah University where she received her Bachelor's. She then spent one year in Kentucky on a Dairy Farm, before moving to Beaver, Utah, where she spent an additional two years on a Dairy Farm.

At this point in time, Mrs. Smith took the opportunity to move to Mississippi with her husband, where she achieved her Master's Degree, and is currently working on getting her Doctorate Degree.

After spending the next seven years there, she moved here to Southern Utah, where her teaching career began. She taught 7th, 8th, and 9th grade for three years at Dixie Middle School, when she then decided to take a break from teaching. However, teaching found its way back into her life as she accepted a part time job as a Foods teacher at Dixie College. Mrs. Smith then worked for one year at Canyon View, followed by

an additional year at Valley Academy Charter School, before coming to HMS, making this her 6th year of full-time teaching. Mrs. Smith is also currently taking on a part time job as the teacher of an online Human Development class at SUU.

When she isn't focusing on her classes, Mrs. Smith enjoys hiking, gardening, and improving her home, as well as spending time with her seven children. She enjoys Mexican food, and her favorite drink is Wild Cherry Pepsi. Her favorite candy is a Twix, though she has no belief in the Left/Right Twix theory. Mrs. Smith has always thought of horses as very beautiful animals but doesn't plan on ever getting any. If she could travel anywhere in the world, it would be Hawaii. However, even though that seems like a wonderful dream vacation, summer is over, and the busy classroom is where she's needed most now.



KRISTY MURPHY'S DISNEY OBSESSION

By Savannah Rasmussen

Do you like Disney? Well, meet their biggest fan, Kristy Murphy, our very own lunch lady. Brindi Lovell, yearbook coeditor said, "Every time I walk into Kristy's house I see Disney puzzles, bags, and dec-

orations EVERYWHERE!" Not only does Murphy bring Disney into her home she makes time in her schedule to go to Disneyworld or Disneyland almost every year. When asked what job she would

work at Disney Murphy responds "I would wanna be one of those ladies that makes candy on Main Street that sit in the window so everyone can see or the people that called the salesman and explained the sitsweep the floors and pick up trash so I can talk to people and give them directions." Kristy has 63 lounge fly bags. That's a lot of bags! "Sully started it all" exclaims Murphy.

Kristy's funniest Disney moment is

when she and her mom Mrs. Holler, a former HMS librarian, her step dad and her sister Julie, bought tickets to Disneyland online. This was when they just barely started selling five-day passes online. Well,

> California residents would buy them and sell the passes individually. So Mrs. Holler bought these tickets and they went to Disneyland. Murphy and her sister got through security but their mom

and stepdad got stuck. The security guards realized what the Californians were doing and they refused to let them in. Holler uation. Luckily, they were able to get the money back, they bought new tickets and were allowed to go back into the park.

Murphy's favorite ride is Space Mountain. What is your favorite ride? Murphy's favorite character is Mickey Mouse. "

> He's a classic," says murphy. Do you like Mickey as well or do you like a different character? We asked murphy what her first Disney moment was and her reply was " my first Disney moment was when me and my mom and my stepdad went to Disney and I don't remember anything else we were just sitting on a bench. Disney sure has an awesome #1 fan. Murphy's next Disney goal is to go on a Disney cruise next!



World record holding HMS Tiger!

By Colten Higgins

Do you know someone who holds a world record? If so, how do you know them? Do they live close by? Well, we have a world record holder right here at our school who's name is Elijah Clyde.

Clyde broke the record of most shoes stacked in a minute. He states "It took about 2 weeks to practice and break the record. I practiced in my free time. I was required to be in the park with a time-keeper (Joey Lacalzi) and witness (Lucas Hanks)."

On the day that Clyde broke the record, it took him 3 attempts. The first time was 12 shoes. Second was 13 shoes. Then, the third time questioning in was the charm, he finally





got 14 shoes stacked in a minute. Upon the interview Elijah says "I used 14 different brands of shoes, mainly open toe shoes. The shoes had to be commercially available, like anyone can buy them."

Not only is it hard to break the world record, it is hard to get Guinness Book of World Records to know you broke the record. Clyde, "Very annoying process to get a hold of Guinness World Records. I submitted it in January and then 12 weeks later got an got email to put evidence."

But we congratulate Elijah for breaking for him breaking the record. Great job Elijah!

Bump, set, spike: HHS volleyball begins new season

Brindi Lovell

That's what our Hurricane High volley-ball players are working hard to do every day. Volleyball tryouts were August 1st and 2nd, and 12 freshmen were chosen out of many candidates. The team has practice and games Monday-Friday and are hoping to become region champions at the end of the season.

Savannah Rasmussen, a Hurricane volleyball fan said, "Volleyball is really fun because you get to take your anger out by hitting the ball instead of hitting people

What better way to get rid of built up anger and frustration than by mashing the ball in an opponent's.

One of the freshman volleyball players, Aimee Sapp also commented, "It's really fun to be able to work as a team and help each other out."

When it comes to sports and everyday life, it's important to get close to each other to become a team family. The volleyball team has team dinners every week to help build their



friendships and learn to trust each other on and off the court.

Their next home game for the freshmen team is September 1 at 5:45, and their opponent is Dixie High School! They also have more home games on September 8, 13, 22, 29, and October 11 in the Auxiliary Gym.

For more information go to the Hurricane High website under the sports section. Come support our tiger volleyball players and cheer them on at their games!



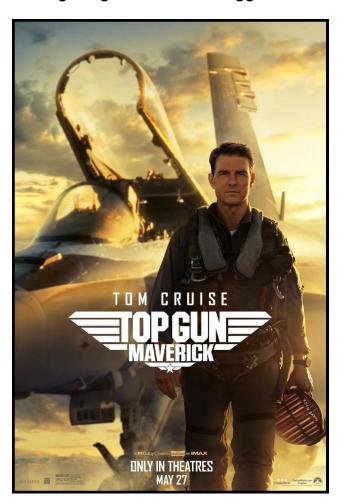
What do students think of Top Gun: Maverick?

By Ruby Phipps

"Talk to me Goose".

Top Gun Maverick has taken the world by storm. Its amazing characters, good plot line, and fantastic soundtrack make it an incredible movie. Top Gun Maverick was filmed in San Diego California, with Tom Cruise as the main character. Most people can agree that it's an amazing movie but why is that? Let's find out.

Eighth grader Colten Higgins ex-



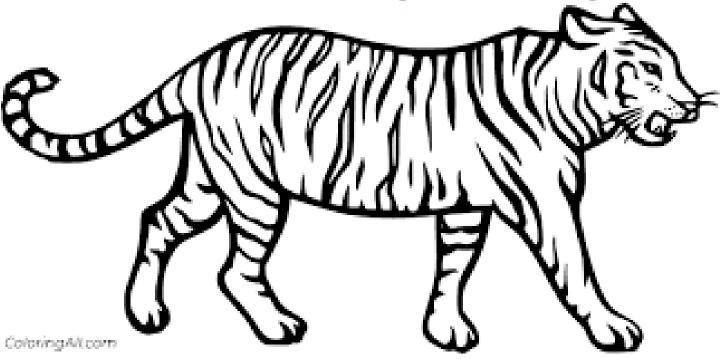
presses
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thoughts
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movie.
Higgins
says "I
wish that
Rooster
got an
explana-



tion on why Maverick pulled his papers." He then went on saying how they did actual G-force training and flew the actual planes. Higgins states that the best Top Gun character is Phoenix because she is so determined yet caring.

Ninth grader Gabe Monson shares his opinion on the movie. Monson explains "I don't think I would want to change anything about this movie." Monson's favorite character is Rooster because of his good character build and backstory. If Monson had to recommend this movie to someone else he would talk about how it is exciting and how it has amazing characters. All in all, Top Gun is a fantastic movie.

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