



TRACK ATTACK SHAKEUP



Rachel Z. practices her high jump skills at an after school track practice

Vincent Ting

Edited by Kimberly Mai

Get ready to track your progress and attack your goals because Track Attack is back this year with some exciting changes! For years, Track Attack groups have been divided up by gender and grade, but this year, Dixon's shaking things up! To encourage teamwork and inclusivity, students will be grouped by class, meaning you can do stations with your friends- no more worrying about who's faster and stronger in your grade.

"I think it's a neat idea that allows kids to explore new activities with their classmates." Mrs. Pedersen, the school librarian, said.

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With everyone coming together, it's an opportunity to build camaraderie and companionship with your classmates and a chance to show that, in Track Attack, it's not just about the winner in a race... it's also about your pace.

Mr Lawler, from Div 2, commented, "I think that the new system will be more efficient and will allow for all students in grade 4 to 7 to learn new skills and experience all of the track and field events."

"That would be nice, because I can be with friends and not the people I don't know." Said Nathan, from Div 2.

So try to ace your races, get first place, run with grace, and have your mistakes erased. Dust off those Nikes and start practicing. With these new changes, Track Attack's bound to be 'track-tacular'!



School News

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EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Cibeles Cabello Moller

Edited by Sofia Kanavaros

Key dates:

- Track attack will start Wednesday April 23, 2025
- Dragon day will start Friday June 6, 2025

Basketball vs teachers took place April 8 Tuesday 2025 the score was 30:10 - teachers 30 kids 10 - and that was the last match of the year. On the other hand, a new sport has joined Dixon, what's the name again? ...well of course indoor soccer where groups of 3 on 3 teams compete until the finals. Good luck to them!

Now, lets talk about our school and I mean mostly about our gym, yes that nice gym that we had our gym class in and assemblies in etc. Unfortunately, that old crumbly old brick wall in the gym facing northwest will stay dusty and old during grade 7 graduation because renovations of the gym won't be done. The gyms colours will be different because someone will paint a fresh batch of paint, it will be layered on to our gym.

INTRAMURAL SOCCER KICKS OFF

Nathan Wu

Edited by Kimberly Mai

Basketball season has come to an end, but don't be worried, because there is something else coming, and that is Intramural soccer. This, actually, is the first time we have ever done this sport in the school, but we have had a fiery start with the Destroyers overcoming the Ninja chickens with an astonishing 7-3, and a close 3-2 for the random soccer players who went against the Magic squirrels. And the more the teams win the higher they are in the play offs at the end of the season. Stay tuned if you are interested.

READERS CHOICE AWARDS ARE HERE

Issa Lai

Edited by Kimberly Mai

The Reader's Choice Awards is an annual event that happens in Dixon. There will be eight books, consisting of two graphic novels and six novels, such as The Dog knight, Rez Dogs, And Then, Boom!, and The Secrets of the Ravens. For each book you read, your name will be put once in a draw, and once the winners are drawn, they will be able to claim book prizes. Mrs. Pedersen will also be hosting a voting day, where you can vote for your favorite book among the eight books. If you read three to four books, you will get one vote, while reading five to six books enables your vote to count as two. Finally, reading seven or more books will make your vote count as three. Learn more by talking to Mrs. Pedersen at the library. This event ends in the beginning of June.

HAPPY READING!!!

THE DOG KNIGHT

Issa Lai.

Edited by Kimberly Mai

The Dog Knight is about a non- binary girl who found out that they were chosen by dogs to become a superhero-like knight, destined to protect humans from gremlins. Gremlins are why you lose things or mess things up. Even worse, humans can't see them! That is why when the Dog Knight wears a special helmet, they are able to locate gremlins, along with communicating with dogs. Of course, the soon- to- be Dog Knight needs pass a series of exams— five, to be exact, to become one. Follow along their journey to become a Dog Knight.



SUNRISE ON THE REAPING

Sofia Kanavaros

Edited by Mary Tarrant

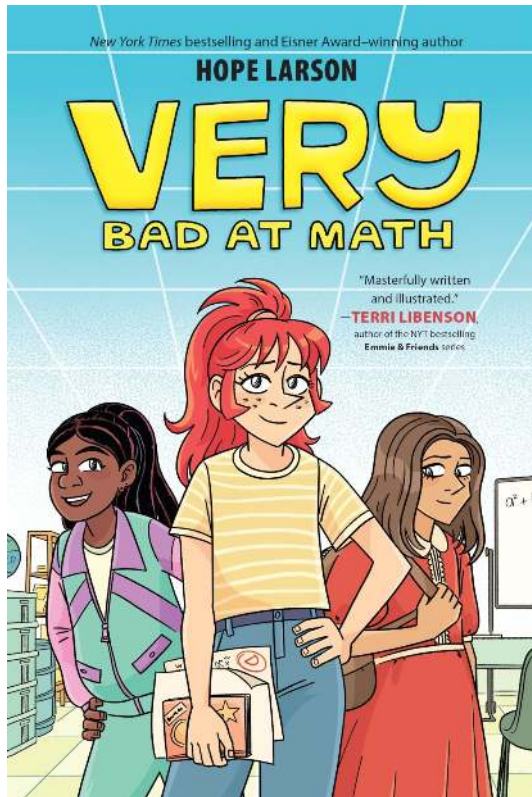
During spring break, I had the chance to read the new addition to the Hunger Games series, **Sunrise on the Reaping** by Suzanne Collins. This novel follows the story of Haymich Abernathy on his 16th birthday, and how he gets torn away from his family and put into the Hunger Games.

While reading this, I came to understand the deeper meaning of the book, that in Panem, you will always be manipulated by the Capitol and even if you win the games, you will still lose everything. **Sunrise on the Reaping** really hooks onto the other novels in the series, and develops the secondary characters such as Wiress, Beetee, Mags, Effie, Plutarch and Burdock.

After reading this novel I felt bad for judging Haymich on how he acts later in the series. In this book, we see him develop and experience trauma that has long-term effects on his behavior.

I also started to feel stronger hatred for President Snow because he intimidates people that get in his way and threaten his lifestyle.

As the book pulls together, you see the same acts of rebellion and character development as the other novels. This book was very well put together and I have to thank Suzanne Collins for creating arguably one of the best novels in the series. In my opinion this book is a must read for 12-year-olds and up.



VERY BAD AT MATH

Keira McMillan.

Edited by Izzy Boettcher.

Very Bad at Math is a perfect story with lots of ups and downs that will make your stomach drop! The simple yet complex storyline follows an overachieving girl with big dreams and a lot on her plate. I personally loved this story because it's so comforting to see that we all struggle with our own unique issues. From friend drama to battling with algebra problems to gossip. I would recommend this book to anyone looking for an interesting book to read over the weekend (or while you're not paying attention in class...). My only note on this book is it feels like it's been done before. It's definitely unique in a lot of ways but at the same time it feels, for lack of a better term, repeated. Over all, this book is an entertaining read that I would recommend to all my friends.

Overall rating,
8.5 out of 10

Book Recommendations

Brianna Chesters

Ages 6-8

- Mr. Wolf's Class
By Aron Nels Steinke
- Bird & Squirrel
By James Burks
- Word Collector
By Peter H. Reynolds
- Zac Power
By: H.I Larry

Ages 8-10

- Dork Diaries
By Rachel Renée
- Smile
By Raina Telgemeier
- The Babysitter's Club
By Raina Telgemeier

Ages 10-11

- Harry Potter
By J.K Rowling
- Keeper of the Lost Cities
By Shannon Messenger
- Iceberg
By Jennifer Nielsen
- The Lightning Thief
By Rick Riordan

Young Adult

- Hunger Games
By Suzanne Collins
- I am Number Four
By James Frey
- Divergent
By Veronica Roth



Teacher Feature

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A Familiar Face at Dixon

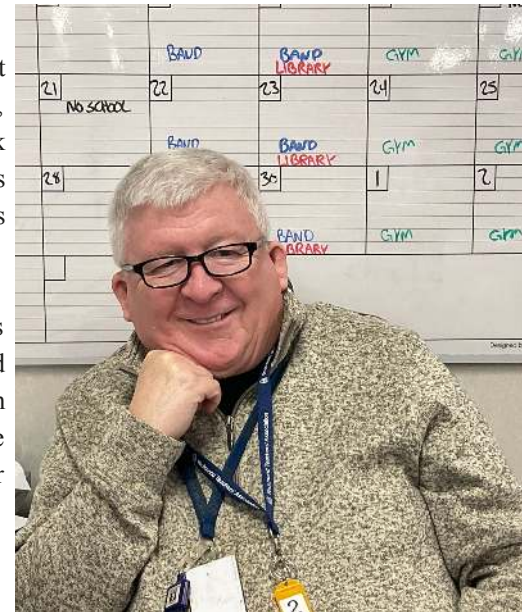
Gabbie Young and Zarina Lam
Edited by Kimberly Mai

As we all know, our beloved teacher Mr. Hunter unfortunately retired in 2020. He has still been subbing in for teachers for five years now, filling in roles when teachers are sick or have meetings, and being a huge part of our Dixon community.

He comes back from time to time, enjoying being around all the students as he has been in our community for eleven years, and overall has been teaching for thirty-five years now.

Here is some more information about Mr. Hunter's life. On the weekends, he enjoys watching hockey and track and field, and going out with his friends to restaurants (he really likes dumplings and lettuce wraps.)

One of Mr. Hunter's favourite activities is to watch old movies. He has no pets. Hunter green is his favourite colour, and those are some of the things that Mr. Hunter likes to do in his free time.



A Paw-sitive learning Experience

Kathy, Lily, and Rachel

Chirp, Mrs. Evan's dog, is a hybrid of a Staffy and a Border Colley, bred for dog shows. Mrs Evans has been bringing her to Dixon recently so that Chirp can get used to being around people and loud noises, especially from the construction of the school seismic upgrades, as well as socializing more often and building confidence.

Some of Chirp's favorite hobbies are playing with a disc, tugging with ropes, and swimming. Like any other dogs, Chirp extremely likes beef-balls and treats (dog cookies). Recently, she's been healing from two minor injuries, one from cutting her face with a stick, and another was sandburn she got at a beach in Tofino.

Chirp has been asked to be in a commercial show some time in this month, so she's been looking forward to that. She has also been trained for being in a dog's sports show when she is older. At only 8 months old, she has already graduated from teens manners. If you want to learn more about Chirp, you can check out her instagram account: @chirppendale



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Fun and Games

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Connections

Designed by Keira McMillan and Maisie Peter

Organize the 16 words into four categories. Eg.: FISH: Salmon, Bass, Cod, Flounder or FAST _____: Fashion, Forward, Friends, Food

PAYDAY	GIP	PLUMBER	PAINTER
TAC	TANG	WONDER	ROOFER
STALLION	MARS	MILKY WAY	CARPENTER
GOD	THREE MUSKETEERS	SWIFT	ELECTRICIAN

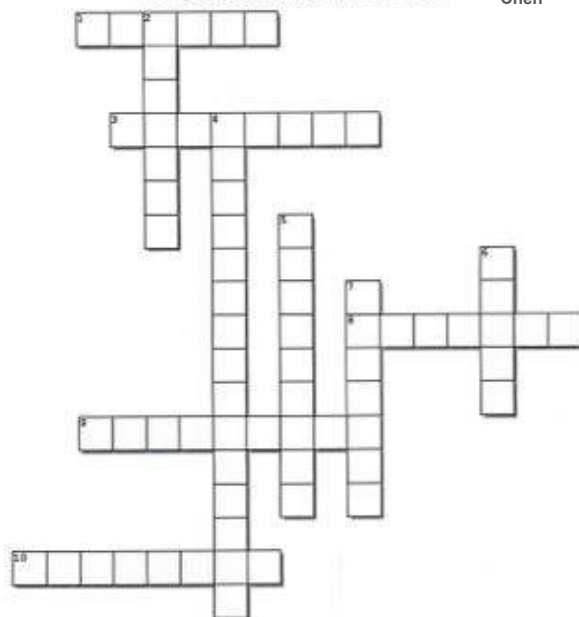


Word Search
by Zarina Lam

Easter
spring
bunny
chocolate
hunt
look
flowers
birds
April
play
colourful
fun

Track and field cross word
Complete the crossword puzzle below

By Jayden
Chen



Track and field (Track attack)

By Jayden Chen



LONG JUMP
SPRINTS
SHOTPUT
HURDLE
SOFTBALL
RELAY
TRACK AND FIELD
DISTANCE
DISCUS
HIGH JUMP

Across

1. What is the track and field event where you throw a circular, heavy, and filled in plate as far as possible.
3. What is the track and field event where you run laps to get a faster time
8. What is the track and field event where you jump over some barriers while you are running
9. What is the track and field event where you jump over a pole
10. What is the track and field event where you throw a hard baseball as far as possible

Down

2. What is the track and field event where you run as fast as possible to get a faster time
4. What is another way of saying track attack
5. What is the track and field event where you jump as far as possible
6. What is the track and field event where you run with a baton
7. What is the track and field event where you throw a hard metal ball as far as possible

TRADESPEOPLE: Electrician, Plumber, Roofer, Painter
ANIMALS BACKWARDS: Tang, Gip, Dog, Cat
SINGERS: Swift, Mars, Carpenter, Stallion
Wonder
CANDY BARS: Payday Milky way, Three Musketeers.

Crossword:
Across: 1. Discus 3. Distance 8. Hurdles 9. High Jump 10. Softball
Down: 2. Sprints 4. Track and Field 5. High Jump 6. Relay 7. Shot put