

### SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN!

School has started once again, meaning new teachers and new students! It is a brand new year for sports and school activities!

In this issue, we will discuss sports, a new staff member, and natural disasters!

### THE NATURE OF SONG By Heathen

The Nature of Song  
Falling so slowly,  
Things like this don't last forever.  
I'm nothing without.  
Light dances over  
Morning mist that hangs in the air;  
Such beauty ignored.  
Sun kissed horizon  
A gift thrown across the skies;  
Unforgettable.  
Snow falls at moon down,  
Calling to the rising sun;  
Turning one more page.  
Stars shine,  
Sweet scentful rain of blessing;  
A natural bliss.  
Quiet sound of song.  
Life of the darkest midnights,  
One and only peace.

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## PRESCHOOL NEWS By Melissa Balikian

School has started once again, and that means... new students! Across the hall from Mrs. Kroeger's room, there is a class of completely fresh-faced students, the youngest of the school! This year, there are five preschool students in Mrs. Kari Christensen's classroom, though they aren't new to the area!



Since they have only been in class a few weeks so far, many classes are still just starting lessons. The Preschool class has done a few things, such as a Sink or Float science project. Soon, this cute bunch of kids will be learning how to make play dough, how to count to twenty, how to write their first names, and how to sing the alphabet. At Christmas, they will have a Christmas party. Ms. Kari has some fun art projects planned for them, too. Search out their crafts on the hallway walls!

I'm sure we all hope for the best for these kids! We hope they all have long lives ahead of them. They're only just starting their education! Good luck, Preschoolers!

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS By Melissa Balikian

Years are passing, and we are moving up in grades! The Kindergarten class has bright, new students! These ten kids have a bright future ahead of them, so let's hope they get to do what their little hearts desire!



The Kindergarten class, taught by Mrs. Lisa Kirby, has been learning many things. They are focusing their learning on rhyming, syllables, and safety (learning how to recognize and be aware of signs around them). They'll also review the alphabet, and numbers zero through five. Mrs. Kirby has a math calendar they will use to learn the months of the year. They also make daily patterns.

Mrs. Kirby's goal is to have taught all the names of the alphabet letters, numbers zero through ten, as well as writing and comparing numbers before Christmas. Students will be starting addition, and will begin science, learning about motion and living things.

Just like every year, the Kindergarten class will have a Christmas Countdown. There will be lots of Christmas crafts planned. Students will focus on studying Christmas Around the World. They'll be learning about what other countries do to celebrate the season. I'm sure that they will enjoy that!

Although they are a year older, like preschool, we hope these kids have long lives ahead of them! Let's hope they learn well and grow up to be what they want to be! Have a great year, Kindergarteners!

## MISS VANGEN By Ciera Parsons

Miss Keturah Vangen is the new Agriculture teacher for Medicine Lake School. As most may know, last year we did not have an Ag teacher, instead we had a substitute teacher the whole year. The reason she applied for the job is that the school is in the area where she wanted to live and she wanted to get back to teaching. Miss Vangen is from Wisconsin. She has also taught in Bozeman, Montana. Before she came here, she was a furniture builder, but she has been an Ag teacher before. Her number one priority for this year is teaching students about agriculture.

Miss Vangen believes learning is more important than teaching. She wants a student to be self learning and to stay on topic during class. Her number one pet peeve is bullying; she will not tolerate it at all. Her number one rule in the class is respect, respect towards her and other classmates. To get to know her students, Miss Vangen likes to give info sheets. The information sheet includes things like students favorites, likes, dislikes, and what they want to learn in the class.

Miss Vangen plans to develop herself as a teacher by going to professional conferences. She also sees herself here, still teaching at Medicine Lake five years from now. Miss Vangen hopes to have every student taking at least one Ag class. Ag classes can open many other options for a student.

Let's give Miss Vangen a warm welcome to our school, and hope she has a good year with all of her new students. We hope she stays with us for a while.

Welcome to Our School!

## School Activities:

**October 10**

Shakespeare in the  
Schools

**October 10-14**

Fire Safety Week

**October 11**

Board of Ed 7:30 pm

**October 12**

Co-Op Meeting

**October 19**

Early Out, 1 pm  
dismissal

Sophomore

PSAT testing

End of First Quarter

**October 20-22**

Teachers Convention,  
No School

**October 27**

Parent Teacher  
Conferences 4-7 pm



# Happy Halloween!

## NATURAL DISASTERS STRIKE AGAIN! By Melissa Balikian

As school started, disasters were afoot! While we were off celebrating summer vacation, there have been fires, tropical disasters and floods. Here I will update you on just a few!

First, fires. There have been quite a few in California. These large wildfires spread quickly, but were mostly contained by the end of September. These fires have also been in Washington state. In our area, we've had quite a few field fires as well.



Second, tropical disasters. On September 12, tropical storm Ian formed southeast of Bermuda. On the fifteenth it was deemed no longer a threat to land. Tropical Storm Julia formed next, and, as of the fifteenth, Julia weakened and downgraded into a tropical depression, 125 miles southeast of Charleston, South Carolina. Julia is post tropical now, and has been since September 18-19.

Finally, floods. Flooding has been a major issue in Louisiana. Due to prolonged rainfall, runoff, and proximity to the ocean, thousands of houses and businesses have been submerged since August 12. President Obama declared a state of emergency, calling this disaster the worst in the United States since Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Thousands of people were evacuated. Too bad we couldn't use all of that flood water to take care of our fire problems!

There have been many deaths because of these disasters. With colder weather moving in, the fires should stop. Hurricane season officially ends on November 30th. Let's hope that everyone who has lost homes are able to settle down once more for the coming winter months.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL By Ciera Parsons

I interviewed Superintendent Tiffani Anderson about the Culbertson/Redhawk eight man co-op for football this year. Culbertson's head coach for football is Djay Hauge. This year we have negotiated a contract with Culbertson that allows players like Jordan Anderson, a senior from Medicine Lake to play football. Anderson would not be able to play football if not for the co-op.

The co-op is different from the Medicine Lake and Froid co-op, as it is a contract that could possibly last for three years. The board visits annually about the Culbertson contract to see if we have enough players to play our six man team. It's also different because instead of six man team, Culbertson plays eight man team.



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Some positive things about this co-op are the players do not lose a year of experience by playing with Culbertson. They are also able to develop new skills by playing with a different team.

One of the negative things about the co-op is that we as Redhawks lose some of our pride by having to team up with a rival team.

Some people might be wondering why we did not co-op with someone like Plentywood. The reason, if we were to join with Plentywood, they would go over their classification limit. The school had thought about it before, but decided to go with Culbertson because of the classification numbers for Plentywood.

Let's wish the Cowboy team good luck and hope that they have a great year!

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL By Ciera Parsons

Redhawk Volleyball is going great this year, winning eight games and losing only three games this year. The three losses were against MonDak, Savage, and Plentywood in the Plentywood Invite on October 1. Coach Nyby is the assistant coach of the volleyball team and coach of the JV team. The team is doing very well. The coaches keep the players and the parents as well as themselves on the same page of what is going on with the team and games.

Playing time is well organized. The JV team gets equal play time in their own games, and the Varsity players get their playing time during their games. Most JV players don't play on the Varsity team, but one JV starter does, Sydney Labatte. She still gets the same amount of playing time as all the other JV players.

Throughout the season, all players are expected to keep their grades up and have good attitudes during a game.

Coach Nyby has two main goals for herself as a coach. First, moving up the ranks and becoming a Varsity coach for a team. Second, having a volleyball program that all players can be proud of and will excel and get better in.

Coach Nyby thinks that her strength as a coach is holding her ground with volleyball players/parents. When she has a good reason, she will not back down. She thinks her weakness as a coach is the fact that she has a hard time telling the girls where they need to improve because she does not want to hurt their feelings. She also wants to be a good role model for her players and she wants to get to know all of them.

Let's wish them luck at Districts and that they get to go to Divisionals this year! Go Redhawks!

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Q: Why did the horse chew with his mouth open?

A: Because he had bad stable manners

Q: What do you get from nervous cows?

A: Milk shakes.

Q: What has two legs but can't walk?

A: A pair of pants

