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## ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

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On March 5th and 6th, EskDale High School put on a production of *Once Upon A Mattress*. In a small kingdom, the king is under a curse of silence that can only be broken "when the mouse devours the hawk." This has left the controlling Queen Aggravain as the de facto ruler, and she has made the a law that no one can marry until Prince Dauntless is married.

Aggravain comes up with tests for the girls that are impossible to pass, for the queen doesn't want the prince to get married. In the play several girls come to try for the prince's hand in marriage and of course, they all fail. Sir Harry goes to find a true princesses for Dauntless so that he may marry Lady Larken.

On a stormy night a swamp princess Winnifred, swims the moat and arrives at the castle brought by Sir Harry, to apply for the prince's hand in marriage. The queen gives her a test on her sensitivity.

The Queen and the Wizard give Winnifred sleeping potion to make her sleep.

Then the queen puts 20 mattresses on her bed with a pea under the bottom one to make sure that she sleeps. If the pea keeps her awake then she is a true princess.

Then next morning Winnifred comes down from her slumber not having slept at all. The Queen is aghast. Since the princess passed the test she may marry Dauntless, however the Queen continues to tell Dauntless that he can't marry

Winnifred. Dauntless stands up to his mother and tells her that he is going to marry Winnifred whether she approves or not. Thus, the mouse devoured the hawk! The Queen is now mute, and the King Sextimus can talk. The curse is broken and now everyone can get married because Dauntless is married. They all live happily ever after (except the Queen)!

The starring roles of the play include Kara Conrad, as Princess Winnifred, Sam Roberts as Prince Dauntless, Jenna Conrad as Queen Aggravain, Carlos Saucedo as King Sextimus, Charlie Sheppard as Sir Harry, and Danielle Hayward as Lady Larken. Other equally important cast roles include the ladies in waiting played by Burkle Wright, Rylee Elmer, Ava Hamilton, and Larissa Crouch. Then the courageous knights which include Adrian Juarez, Ernesto Avelar, Ernesto Duran, Diego Huerta, Aidan Faber, and Cody Howland. Last, but not least the Jester was played by Matthew Baker and the Minstrel by Yudnelly Avelar. Each cast member played such an important part in making the musical amazing.

The students play such an important part, but it doesn't compare to the work of the people who helped behind the scenes. Lois Faber, the drama and choir teacher, has put so much effort into making the kids work very hard and



do their best. Whether it was singing or saying lines, Lois was always helping the students do it right. Sharon Conrad helped a large amount with choreographing and also helping students say their lines. Dean Hayward did the lighting for the play and the sound equipment. Dean always made sure everything was working properly so the students could sound their best.

Crystal Eldridge dedicated many hours of her time to make the beautiful backdrop for the play. Not only that, but Crystal also helped her mom, Janene Eldridge, make all the costumes for the play. Crystal and Janene put so much effort into bringing the characters to life! The students are so thankful for all of the help that was put into the musical to make it exquisite!

The performance nights of *Once Upon a Mattress* went really well! There were a few minor technical difficulties such as sound and mic equipment not working and costume troubles. However, despite these problems, all the students did great, and every one had a great time. The students truly appreciate people coming and showing their support for their school! ♡

By Jenna Conrad



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## BEHIND THE SCENES: ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

Accompanying every amazing performance is hidden, hectic backstage, and EskDale High School's performance of Once Upon A Mattress was no different. During the performances, there were ripped dresses, shoes stuck in curtains, secret donut eating, crowns falling, and everything you can possibly imagine.

### What was your favorite moment during or leading up to the performance?

- ◆ **Danielle:** During our very first dress rehearsal Spanish Panic was a disaster. Sam's crown fell off and Jenna's hoopskirt covered her face. It was hilarious.
- ◆ **Sam:** On the nights of the performance we did a group cheer and yelled "GET OUT!" from behind the curtain. My heart nearly stopped as I realized it sounded like we were telling the audience to get out.
- ◆ **Jenna:** When Kara yanked on Diego super hard and he kept on resisting so Kara let go of his hand and he yeeted backwards. Or when Kara fell during FRED.
- ◆ **Cody:** I didn't have a favorite moment, but I enjoyed the Spanish Panic.
- ◆ **Carlos:** When it was over.
- ◆ **Daisy:** During the dress rehearsals when I

kept tripping over my costume and making it rip, so there were pieces of my costume all over the stage.

- ◆ **Kara:** During the dress rehearsal when I randomly fell during FRED.
- ◆ **Burklie:** During the intermissions when I was running to and fro to get everyone water.
- ◆ **Yudnely:** When we were doing Spanish Panic and Jenna's dress flipped up and covered her face.
- ◆ **Ava:** When we couldn't get Kara's dress on and we had to make up lines.
- ◆ **Aidan:** My favorite was when the music for Shy didn't start and we were all laughing on stage.
- ◆ **Charlie:** Doing the Spanish Panic and when the music for Shy didn't start.
- ◆ **Matthew:** Being done.
- ◆ **Nomi:** When Sam's boot got stuck in the curtain and he couldn't get off the stage.
- ◆ **Ernesto D:** When the music took forever to start before Shy.
- ◆ **Diego:** When Sam's boot got stuck into the curtain.
- ◆ **Larissa:** When Carlos' crown got stuck in the curtain and he had to continue on with the scene without his crown.

- ◆ **Ernesto A:** When Sam's boot got stuck in the curtain.
- ◆ **Adrian:** When we were secretly eating powdered donuts behind the curtains and then we all had white powder all over us and it looked like Ernesto A. was doing cocaine.
- ◆ **Sharon:** When Kara sang Shy on Wednesday night. ♥

Some other good moments were when Jenna's crown fell off, and she had to hide it in her costume for a whole scene. During the dress rehearsal Larissa couldn't get Kara's dress on so Kara did the whole scene with an unzipped dress. Meanwhile backstage Carlos and some of the other boys were trying to get high by sniffing markers. Or during Spanish Panic when Sam kept getting kicked. Such fun, memorable moments.

The students would really like to thank Crystal and Janene Eldridge, and Dean Hayward for all their hard work and time that they put into the musical. From having to order new mics to fixing ripped dresses on the spot, and still the show went on. The students would also like to thank everyone who supported the school by coming to the performance, donating, and making cookies. Thank you so much, everyone. ♦

**By Kara Conrad**

## HONOR CHOIR

On January 23rd through the 25th, EskDale High School sent Kara, Jenna, Daisy, Danielle, Sam, and Carlos to Honors Choir. Honors Choir is where kids from all around the state meet up together and perform a concert together. There is a girl's choir and a boy's choir. The girl's choir sang five songs and the boy's choir sang five songs, and then the choirs combined and sang two songs.

This year the choir had their concert at Abravanel Hall and had a great time!

There were 800 kids in all. The girl's choir was directed by Marci May and the boy's choir was directed by Brendan Jacksob. Overall everyone had a good time and I asked the kids who went what they thought of it.

**Kara-** "I liked it!"

**Jenna-** "It was fun! There was a lot of singing

and the girls I sat next to were entertaining."

**Daisy-** "Overall it was good, but I wouldn't do it again."

**Danielle-** "I had a lot of fun!"

**Sam-** "I really liked it! It was fun."

**Carlos-** "It was fun, especially ordering water from McDonalds from the hotel at 2 in the morning!" ♦

**By Danielle Hayward**

## SEARCH AND RESCUE FUN

On January 24th the entirety of EskDale School went over the state line into Nevada to visit Great Basin National Park for an exercise in Search and Rescue. This exercise was supervised by the three Law Enforcement Officers that work at Great Basin. Doug, Matthew (not Baker), and Josh the lead officer.

We went over to Great Basin from 12:45 to 3:30 pm when we arrived we were met by Josh who briefed us about who we were looking for and what their shoe prints would look like.

We split up into 4 groups passionately called Control 1, Speed Team 1, Speed Team

2, and Speed Team 3. The Speed Teams split up and covered a large area of ground in three main areas: the Visitor Center area, The Housing Area, and The Stargazing Area. Speed Team 1 took the Visitor Center, Speed Team 2 took the Housing Area, and Speed Team 3 took the Stargazing area.

The person that we were looking for was Teddy Woolsey, who more recently helped us with filming for the White Pine County Film Contest. We were shown a photo of what he was wearing and what his shoe looked like. Speed Team 2 found a footprint along the path to the Housing Area, but we kept the two other Speed Teams searching, but a few minutes later we heard over the radio from Speed Team 2 that they had found Teddy! So

we redirected the other Speed Teams over to the Housing Area and then packed up Control 1 and started heading over ourselves.

I went with Nomi over to Teddy while the other members of Control 1 went to get some medical supplies, which consisted of a rolling stretcher and some splints. We put the splints on Teddy's leg then after a lot of work we got him onto the rolling stretcher and rolled him to the ranger station where he promptly got off and congratulated us on finding him. We then went inside the ranger station and talked about how we could help with other search and rescues.

This exercise was very interesting and educational for the school. The school should do this again. ♦

**By Matthew Baker**

## EVERY BRILLIANT THING

On December 18, 2019, the students and teachers of EskDale High School got to watch an amazing performance presented here at school by the Utah Shakespeare Festival. It was really well put together, and it had some really good meaning behind it. The whole



play was to raise awareness about suicide prevention.

There were two tour groups that went all around Utah performing the show for every school in the state of Utah. This was a show that everyone enjoyed. The students also had a fun time interacting with the actor, Cordell Cole.

The story begins when, at seven years old, the lonely character hears that his mother is in the hospital after her first attempt to take her life. Later he begins to write a list about all of the brilliant things there are in the world. Stuff worth living for. With humor and inventiveness, the story explores topics such as depression, uncertainty and change,

relationships and solitude, risk and resilience, and guilt and forgiveness. Throughout the story the actor interacts with the audience to tell the story of Every Brilliant Thing.

The show went to every High School in Utah and performed the show for free. They had a couple of sponsors to be able to make that possible. Sponsors such as: The sponsors are The State of Utah, The Utah Department of Heritage and Arts, The Utah Departments of Arts and Museums, The Rural Health Division of Southern Utah, Southern Utah University, The Ashton Family Foundation, and The Hemingway Foundation. They were the ones that were able to make the show free for everyone to watch. ♦

**By Carlos Saucedo**

## ELY FILM FESTIVAL

This year, EskDale High School was invited into a student film contest for the Ely Film Festival. Several of the EskDale students took part in the contest. There are prizes for the first three places. First place receives \$100, second place gets \$75, and third place gets \$50. The three winners will also have their

films shown on a big screen at the Postal Palace in Ely on March 14.

The students who made movies for the film contest from EskDale were Danielle Hayward, Yudnely Avelar, Burklie Wright, Matthew Baker, and Ava Hamilton.

Danielle, Burklie, and Yudnely's film was a murder tragedy, Matthew's film was about

a nuclear bomb hitting White Pine County, and Ava worked with Emma Baker to make a tragedy about cancer.

They all put lots of time and hard work into their short movies and the students all hope their short films will do well in the Ely contest, but even if their films don't win anything, they had fun making them. ♦

**By Burklie Wright**

## MINI CONCERT PARTY

On January 31, the students of EskDale High School held a Mini Concert - a mix between lip sync and karaoke, in which the students sang to the original song, rather than a track with the lyrics removed. This took place at the EskDale Auditorium.

The list of people who attended includes Jenna and Kara Conrad, Sam Roberts,

Danielle Hayward, Diego Huerta, Charlie Shepard, Yudnely Avelar, Adrian Juarez, Ernesto Avelar, and Ernesto Duran. Here are some of their thoughts on the concert.

Disney songs, particularly villain songs, were very popular, but not all-dominating. Tunes such as the Star-Spangled Banner, Bad Moon Rising, and I'm a Barbie Girl were sung along with Hakuna Matata, Savages, and I'll Make a Man Out of You.

**Yudnely:** It was very weird. The only parts I liked were the Sisney songs, and Diego, Charlie, and [Sam] singing "I'm a Barbie Girl."

**Danielle:** I thought it was fun. I enjoyed when people sang- it was a lot of fun to just hang out and sing fun songs.

**Jenna:** It was fun. I liked the different songs everyone had to sing. ♦

**By Sam Roberts**

## A DAY OF SCIENCE FUN

On March 6th, the school was visited by John and Inga Kenney from Concordia University in Oregon. They first talked to the morning Earth Science class, attended by the ninth and tenth grades. At the center during lunch, the Kenneys made ice cream with liquid nitrogen for the entire school.

(Liquid nitrogen has a temperature of -

320.44 degrees Fahrenheit, so things got cold fast!)

Later, they talked to the junior high science class and exhibited many experiments with Van de Graff generators, Tesla coils, liquid nitrogen, and vacuum chambers. Everyone liked the fun and interactive experience, and we hope to see more like it. ♦



**By Aidan Faber**

## STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

This year at EskDale High School, a storytelling couple returned to our school. They have been presenting stories to EskDale students for the past few years. The storytellers, Sam Payne and Suzanne Christensen, came out for three different days: January 17th, 30th, and 31st.

The reason they have been coming to our school is that they were teaching us how to make a story.

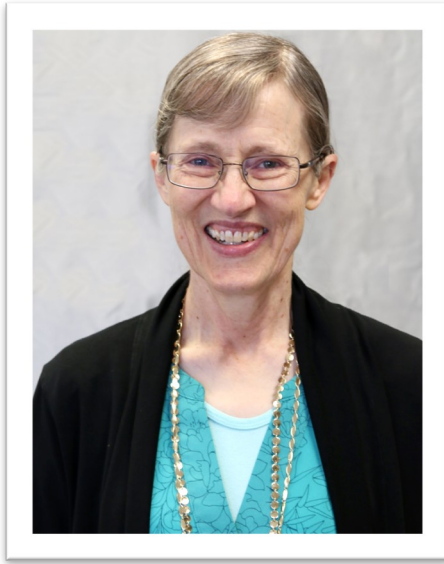
The first day they came was on the 17th of January. They came and told us their story which took about an hour. Then the next time they came we had to search for a heroic historical person who was a woman and then

write what they did that was heroic about them. On the third day when they came, they brought a microphone and recorded our stories. However, not all the people that told stories at the first session wanted to go again. But hopefully they come back next school year. ♦

**By Diego Huerta**



## FEATURED TEACHER: KATHLEEN HAYWARD



I recently had the opportunity to ask Kathleen Hayward some questions. Here is what she said:

### ●What are your thoughts about EHS?

"I think there are a lot of opportunities for students...that you can't get in a big school, like getting individual attention, like you can here."

### ● Do you have any fun or interesting stories you would like to share about this year?

"Umm not necessarily stories, but it has been fun in CTE with all the people we meet, and all the places we go to."

### ●What is your favorite class to teach?

"Probably CTE, but reading has been really fun to teach."

### ●Who is your favorite student?

"OHHHHHH you can't pick favorites. Everyone is unique and special in their own way."

### ●What is your hardest class to teach?

"Computer Tech"

### ●What is your favorite thing about EHS?

"I love that it is small enough I can know each student personally. We can also do a lot of really neat stuff because we are small."

### ●What is your least favorite thing about EHS?

"I honestly don't know. I love my job!"

### ●How long have you been teaching at EHS?

"This is my second year. But I taught at EHS when it was still a private school."

### ●Why did you become a teacher?

"I was going to school out here in 7th grade and a teacher for the 1st-4th grade got really sick, so a group of us got together and were able to help teach the class. I LOVED IT!!"

### ●What do you like about your job?

"I love the hours. I love the kids. I love my fellow teachers, and the people who come for CTE. And I enjoy working one on one with the students."

### ●What do you not like about your job?

"When I need to leave it is hard to find another teacher or substitute who can take over my classes.

"Also another hard thing is when you go to lunch to get back to your class on time."

Thank you so much Kath for your time!!! Your answers are awesome. Everyone loves having you here and hopes you stay for a long time! ♡

By Larissa Crouch

## EVERYONE HAS A STORY

There are many people who have wonderful stories but the one that caught my eye was my mother, Maria Sandoval. At a young age, she was already helping her family have enough money for food in Mexico. She left school 5th grade and went to look for a job to help her mother, but when she had spare time she would teach herself how to read.

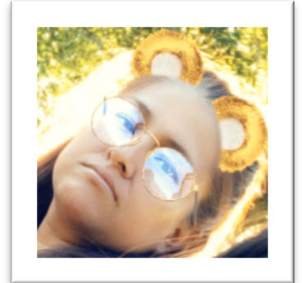
Little by little her family was getting back on their feet, but it was too late for her to go back to school so she just looked for a full time job. After a few years she met a man

(who is now my father). A few years later, they crossed the border together. They got caught and were sent to jail. The only reason they got out was because my mother was almost giving birth to me, after that they got a little small apartment (but boy, do I have to say that apartment was amazing! Why did we have to move?)

Years passed, and they had my younger brother. After his birth, my parents decided to move to Texas. They stayed for two years, but they really didn't like it there. Then one day they got a call from a family member telling them they had a job for my dad in Baker, Nevada. So they took the risk and moved

here!

For a few months, my mom was going crazy. She really didn't like it at first. She just said there was nothing to do. Then she got a offered a job. She took it, and day by day, she got used to it. After all those years, she now has 4 children and a great house and husband, and she really is glad that they moved out here. ♡



By Yudnely Avelar

## CTE FUN

On February 10th, Teddy Woolsey came to do a digital media presentation. He lived in France. When he came back to the States, he got a GED. Then, he got an associate's degree. He wants to get his bachelor's degree this fall. Teddy was the victim in our search and rescue field trip.

He talked to us about lighting and what cameras are good for filming. Teddy also gave us some tips on how to use the sun as a lighting source. The sun should be behind the cameraman.

He started off with an old camera. He told us the quality of cameras has been greatly improved over the years. He also recommended you should get cheap headphones with a mic so you can get a better sound.

He taught us exercises that helped us work with friends or fellow actors. Teddy taught us a game called the number game. We had to try to get to 20 without having more than one person saying the same number, which is super hard. People would randomly say the number that goes after the

starting number. We also played an acting game called the improv game where there were two actors, and the audience decided the background and your name. Then Teddy gave us a phrase which was this is a fine mess you've got us into.

I really liked it when they came. It was so fun to learn about how you can use the sun as a light source. It was so interesting how there are games that can help you with acting. It is so interesting how over the past years camera phones have gotten better. ♡

By Ernesto Duran & Ernesto Avelar

## THOUGHTS ON EHS

EskDale High School and Junior High school are very different from the schools I went to in Reno, NV. I went to Shaw Middle School and Spanish Springs High School.

My high school in Reno had a block schedule. I did not like being in classes that long. The average class size was between 40

and 50 students. The high school offered more electives such as foods, sports medicine, engineering, animation, video production, and Paiute.

The teachers in Reno don't care about the students the way EskDale teachers do. I have sat in an entire class and nothing happened. No one would help me. You get

more one on one attention at EskDale, and you get help a lot quicker. EskDale lunches are so much better than Reno food. The food at EskDale is cooked from scratch, and the menu has more variety. I don't miss my high school in Reno, but I do miss my friends and having more activities to do after school. ♡

**By Cody Howland**

## HOW WE HAVE SURVIVED THE SCHOOL YEAR SO FAR...

This year so far has been... quite the year. We have had our fair share of ups and downs and highs and lows. Just like every school, we have had our laughs, we have had our cries, and we've had our drama.

We don't have many people in our school, but boy do we have a lot of memories here! We have definitely had our struggles and failures, but we have also had our wins and successes. We have no seniors, and we will not be getting any 7th graders next year, so what we have now is what we'll have next year. I asked some of the students what they thought about their school year so far.

**Rylee:** It's been unicorns and rainbows...not really. The best moment is probably the masquerade ball we had, it was fun.

**Danielle:** it's been going good, just way too much drama. My favorite moment.... I've

had a lot, but it would

probably be Teresa's looks whenever we are doing weird things, they're funny.

**Sam:** uh.. Pretty good, I enjoyed having mental breakdowns while playing "Good King Windowglass."

**Yudnelly:** school has been great... I can't pick the best moment because they're all great.

**Ava:** Good! I really like CTE because people come and talk to us.

**Mathew:** Better than Baker, wayyy better. It's hard to pick a best moment; there are a lot of things that I have enjoyed.

**Ernesto D.:** It's great.. The work is pretty easy so I really like that!

**Larissa:** Good I guess. I guess I liked doing the musical.

**Nomi:** It's been really great! I loved going to the Hale Center Theater to watch *The*

*Phantom*. I also really like seeing your guys' progress on different drama events. "Every Brilliant Thing" was also something that I really liked. Oh, and seeing all the different people come in for CTE and teach us about their careers.

**Rhiggin:** school hasn't been good 'cause... it's school. And it gives me depression. I don't have any best moments.

Overall we have all really enjoyed school so far; well, at least, most of us have. We really have to thank all the teachers, friends, and others, who help make school fun and make some of the best memories that we will remember for the rest of our lives. It's been amazing going on trips, having fun projects in class, and of course enjoying all of our events and fundraisers that we do together that are all super fun! This year has had many great moments, and most of us can't wait to see what next year brings. ♡

**By Daisy Torres**

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: RYLEE ELMER

RE: "Work with my horses and Rodeos"

**What is your favorite part of school?**

RE: "Probably going home"

**What is your favorite class and why?**

RE: "Geography because we watch videos"

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

**Who is your favorite family member?**

RE: "RHIGGIN"

**What is your middle name?**

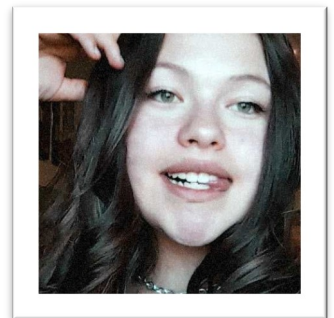
RE: "Saige"

**What is your favorite part of English?**

RE: "When Sharon lets me make coffee"

**What has been your favorite thing about this school year?**

RE: "Learning to play guitar." ♡



**By Rhiggin Elmer**

## NEW YEAR, NEW ME!

It seems like 2020 is flying by and is gonna be over before we know it! With the Coronavirus going around, maybe it's gonna be over real quick. A few months ago, we all made a New Year's resolution, whether its to better yourself or the world around you is a different topic.

While many people make New Year's resolutions, not many people actually keep them very long. But around the

school, several people made resolutions and from what I hear they're doing a pretty good job of sticking with it. I pulled a few away from their busy schedules to check in.

**Sharon:** "My new years resolution was to walk 10,000 steps a day, but mainly thanks to these last few crazy weeks getting the musical prepared, I have been walking about 20,000 a day!"

**Jenna:** "My New Year's resolution was to

try and lose weight. Well I haven't seen results...JUST YET!! The results are coming. I just know it!!"

**Carlos:** " My New Year's resolution was to eat less and drink more water. Haven't improved on the water thing, but I started eating 2 burritos instead of 3. Honestly I feel it working."

Keep up the good work, folks! ♡

**By Rylee Elmer**

## REGION EVENTS—CHOIR, SOLO ENSEMBLE, AND DRAMA

The choir will be going to delta to sing for Choir region. Choir region is where we go to sing for the judges and they will judge us. If we are good enough we will go to choir state. It will be in Delta.

It is on April 1st with the orchestra region. We will be singing 3 songs: Ayangena, The Crawdad Song, and Lightshine. The reason we are going is to see if we have good enough standards, and it will help us to be better a better choir. ♦

By Ava Hamilton

On the 25th of March, all 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will be going to the Solo Ensemble Region Festival at Tintic High School in Eureka, Utah, Everyone but Cody Howland, Rhiggin Elmer, Carlos Saucedo, and the 7th and 8th grade boys will be going. The students will be leaving at 6:15UT/5:15NV a.m. Students will have to bring lunch or can buy food at Maverik in Delta. After everyone is done with singing and doing their solos we will then start heading back to EskDale and arrive by 4UT/3NV p.m. If we are arriving late Nomi Sheppard will post on the EskDale school chat. ♦

By Adrian Juarez

On March 26th, some of the 9th, 10th and 11th graders are going to Tintic High School for Region Drama. Some of the group will be doing the Christmas Play - The Ballad of King Windowglass. Kara Conrad and Danielle Hayward are doing the "Happily Ever After" scene/ song from Once Upon a Mattress. All the regional competitions are based on judges' ratings and words that will help the performer to get better at acting. ♦

By Charlie Sheppard

**THE ABOVE EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO APPROPRIATE CORONAVIRUS SOCIAL DISTANCING.**



### SCHOOL NEWS:

As you are aware by now, we will be conducting school at EskDale High School online only for the foreseeable future—a minimum of two weeks, though it may likely be extended beyond that. Thus, our teachers will be utilizing our online courses found by logging in at: <https://millard.instructure.com/> .

Canvas can also be reached by clicking the Canvas link from the option waffle in student's school email inbox. (There is also a useful Canvas app for both android and iOs.) There, students can find all their courses, assignments, necessary links, due dates, etc.

Our school website will also be updated as necessary: <https://sites.google.com/a/millardk12.org/ehs-gss> and links to online textbooks, practice websites, etc. can be found on the Students page on the website.

We are entering uncharted territory together, so please be patient with us as we work this all out...

Thanks!