

# Our Mighty Pen

# The Soldiers' Sword

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## JUNIOR HIGH HAPPENINGS

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Recently in the Junior High science class, the students were studying genetics. As a way to help the students understand the different alleles. Ms. Sharon Conrad had the students do a chapter project. In the project the class created a family of paper pets. The students then paired up and compared the alleles of their two paper pets. Then, using the possible pairs of alleles, the students created six children for the two parent paper pets. They flipped a coin to decide the outcome of the pairs of their paper pets. After the class finished the projects, they had a better understanding of genetics.

Junior High have completed are soccer nets and rockets. Both of these activities were completed in the CTE class. The teacher of this class is Mr. Faber. We recently sat down with Mr. Faber and



PAPER PETS AND ROCKETS!

asked him a few questions about the CTE class.

is the goal of this CTE class?

**Mr. Faber:** The goal of this CTE class is to deal with career education and technology. It helps students to decide whether or not they like the different projects. It also helps the students to discover different projects that they may or may not like.

**SR:** What are some upcoming CTE projects?

**MF:** We are going to do a unit of cooking and one on ceramics, but I don't know what others yet.

**SR:** How do you feel about teaching this CTE class? Do you like it?

**MF:** Yes, because it is very interactive and the students really like it. This class is very exciting, and we get to do very interesting things!

More projects that the

**Student Reporter:** What

*By Megan Baker and Melanie Heckethorn*

## DR. SHEPPARD

Recently Ryleigh Vaughan interviewed our new school administrator, Dr. Sheppard, on her new position. Ryleigh asked Dr. Sheppard, "Do you enjoy your new position?"

She replied, "I do. Although it's a lot more meetings than I thought. So I miss a lot of school. I feel like my time isn't spent here, and that makes me feel bad."

Dr. Sheppard studied at Stanford University. She started out as a secretary here at the high school, and then took on duties as an

AmeriCorps volunteer. Now she is our school administrator - a really good one!

Dr. Sheppard was asked, "Has it always been your dream to be a school administrator?"

"It has been my dream to work with kids," she says, "but I didn't know I would become an administrator."

When Dr. Sheppard is not at school she says she plays with her son Charlie and also goes on walks every now and then.

Dr. Sheppard says one challenge of being administrator is that she worries she won't make the deadlines on some assignments she is given as an administrator. She says an advantage she has of being administrator is that she gets to see potential for great things for us.

Ryleigh Vaughan finished by asking Dr. Sheppard, "What advice/words of wisdom do you have for EHS/GSS students?"

"Find your tenacity. Follow your dreams."

*By Ryleigh Vaughan*

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# CHROMEBOOKS COMING TO EHS /GSS

EskDale High School and Garrison Secondary Schools are receiving Chromebooks as part of an experimental program by the Millard School District, the goal of which is to provide schools with 1:1 device ratio – one device for every student! The District wants to see how effective Chromebooks can be on a classroom level, and our tiny school works as an excellent test subject. The faculty also believes this technology will help students have more success academically.

The Chromebooks will be arriving during the second week of October. We will start training and learning how to use them properly on October 6th-8th.

All of our students believe that this technology for our school will be

very helpful. Melanie Heckethorn says, "I think the Chromebooks are going to help our school, because it's going to be a lot easier to do English because we type a lot during English. In Mr. Faber's class, Math, we will be able to look at math problems on the internet, and a bunch of other stuff like that." Our new school administrator Dr. Sheppard says, "It will allow the students to have more access to academic sites than we have now." We will be able to have more readily available access to academic sites on the classroom level, and it will also be easier for EHS students to get all of their work done.

There was some talk of students possibly being able to take the Chromebooks home, although Dr. Sheppard has stated that we cannot because the risk of destroying

or losing them. Another reason is because the charging stations are here at the High School, so we would not be able to charge them at our homes. We must agree that this is wise because some kids here at Eskdale High School are irresponsible and could destroy their Chromebook or lose it as Dr. Sheppard stated.

Many of the students believe that the Chromebooks will help accomplish assignments in a shorter period of time. For instance, we will be able to do our work even when all the computers are taken in the Study Hall.

We believe the Chromebooks will be a big help, and we are very excited for their arrival.

*By Ryleigh Vaughan and Fatima Villarreal*

## AARON ASHTON

World class violinist Aaron Ashton is visiting EskDale High School / Garrison Secondary School on October 17, 2014. There will be a concert performed by Aaron Ashton and his band for the kids here at EskDale High School at 8:00 P.M. in the EskDale auditorium.

This visit by Aaron Ashton was arranged by choir and orchestra director for EskDale High School Lois Faber. The arrangement was unofficially made in June, but it was the day before school that official arrangements were finalized. At first it was only going to be two people coming to EskDale but soon changed to a whole band. Aaron Ashton is a very

well known by musicians and has won many awards. He has played for people like Joseph Williams, Josh Groban, and other celebrities but has yet to become widely popular on a national level.

Aaron Ashton is coming to EskDale High School and Baker School to help with the musical education programs and to bring a higher interest in music to the kids there. He is going to teach the orchestra kids things about different styles of music, improvising, etc. The hope of

this endeavor is that the kids here will learn while having fun at the same time, and that there will be a revived interest in music.

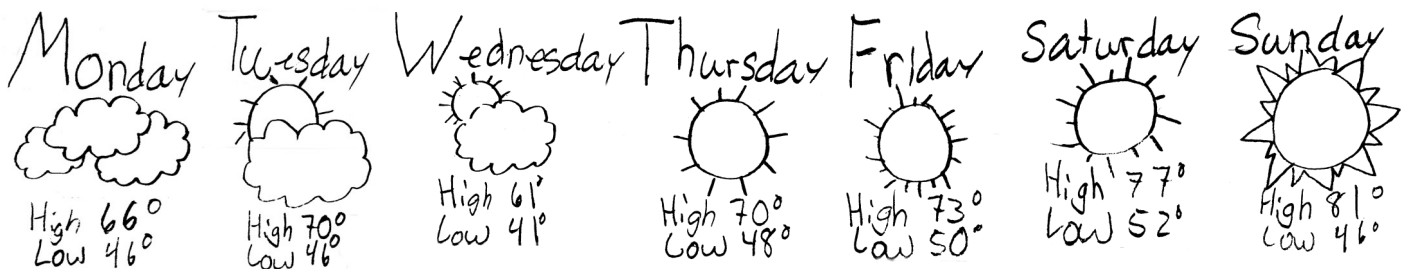


Aaron Ashton will arrive at Baker School at 11:00 A.M., and then at about 2:00 P.M. he will arrive at EskDale High School and teach the kids there. There will be a potluck barbeque at 6:00

P.M. for the band, faculty, students, and their families, and after that a concert will be performed by Aaron Ashton and his band at 8:00 P.M.

*By Dallas Hayward*

## LOCAL WEATHER (ESKDALE & GARRISON)



*By Jami Weigert*

# KHAKIS AND POLO SHIRTS

Do you like uniforms? Do your fellow students like uniforms? Do the teachers agree with uniforms? Well, we found out the answers on August 22nd and 23rd through a school poll.

This poll revealed that seventeen students dislike uniforms, three students and one teacher are ambivalent about the uniform, and one student and three teachers like uniforms. All in all, most students dislike uniforms. To find out the scoop why people don't like, do like, or don't care about uniforms, we interviewed two students and our Administrator at EskDale High School. Here is our interview with senior student and EHS President, Breanna Conrad. The first question we asked was, "How do you feel about the uniforms?"

Breanna answered, "Personally, I didn't used to like it, but I got these Hollister pants that are super cute, so I'm okay with the pants. The polos I could do without. Some are ok, depending on how I'm looking that day, but other than that I'm ok with it." We thought this was a great answer because it was very personal.

The next question we asked her was, "Do you think that the uniform rule should change?"

"Yeah, I think if people follow the rules about not wearing illegal clothing, the uniform rule should change."

Next we asked Dr. Sheppard, the administrator, about her opinion on our questions. We asked the same questions, "How do you feel about the uniforms?"

Dr. Sheppard replied, "As the Administrator, it makes it easier because I have to do less policing."

We then asked her, "Do you think that the uniform rule should change?"

"If students can follow the Millard County dress code, then there's no problem," Dr. Sheppard stated.

We then interviewed, Megan Baker, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, with the questions that we had.

"How do you feel about the uniforms?"

"I don't think that the uniforms

are that bad since they changed the polos, but I would still rather wear jeans and other things instead of the uniform," Megan Baker replied.

We also asked her if she thought that the uniform rule should be changed.

"It can be changed. I don't really care so much, and it actually is nice in some ways."

We thought that all of these answers were very good, and we agree with every one of them. First, if the uniform rule does change, students need to follow the Millard County dress code. Also, we agree with Dr. Sheppard that with the uniforms there is definitely less policing that has to happen. We'll have to stay tuned to see if any changes will be happening to EskDale High School's uniform policy.

*By Mollie Eldridge and Melanie Heckethorn*

# EHS SPORTS

This year, 2014-2015 at EskDale high school, we have a cross country and basket ball team. We will be giving schedules, student's thoughts, and latest performances.

**Basketball** – The season starts on December 13, 2014 and goes until February 20, 2015. Our school will be combining with West Desert, and we will keep you posted on player's stats and the team's record. The people participating from our school are Ricardo Villarreal, Christian Conrad, Caleb Baker, Hesston Elmer, and Justin Howland.

Hesston Elmer, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and playing for his first time said "I'm excited for this season because it is

my first year, and I get to play with all my friends. I have prepared for this year by shooting hoops and playing small games occasionally. I



haven't gotten to know my coaches yet, but hopefully we will have a good year."

**Cross Country**- The season started on September 10<sup>th</sup> and

ends October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are currently halfway through the season. The participants on the boy's team are Zeke Torres, Ricardo Villarreal, Latham Weight, Caleb Baker, and Christian Conrad. The girls are Breanna Conrad, Grace Palfreyman, Tina Hayward, Lauren Palfreyman, and Emily Weight.

These are the top two fastest times from the previous meet in both girls and boys.

#1.Christian Conrad- 20:15

#2.Caleb Baker-22:31

#1.Lauren Palfreyman-24:49

#2.Breanna Conrad-25:48

*By Carson Wright and Vince Palfreyman*

# MINI-DEMON SPAWN

A SHORT STORY BY JAMI WEIGHT

It was a Monday morning, and we all had just arrived for school. Melanie, my cousin and best friend, overheard Vince and his best friends Carson and Dallas. Vince was telling them, "I have the best idea ever!"

Carson asked, "What is it?"

"You know how people really never do as someone wants. We should make something that makes people do whatever we want." Carson started to think about it. He liked the idea, but he didn't know if they should do it or not. After Melanie heard what they were going to do, she came and told Megan and me.

Melanie pointed out, "We need to do something about this because no one wants to do whatever he says."

Megan agreed with Melanie, "Yeah, we need to do something about it."

We didn't know what to do, yet we needed to know where he would do it and how. We needed to find out more.

Melanie encouraged, "Let's go find Vince and his team, um, I mean friends."

We found them talking at the basketball court and started listening to them.

Vince asked them, "How are we going to make this work? What we are going to do to make them do as I say—I mean, as we say."

Dallas suggested to Vince, "We could find something on the internet that will make them do as we say, and then put it in food or something."

Vince thought about it, liked the idea, but didn't know how to find something that would make people do whatever he says.

That afternoon after school, Carson told Vince, "I found a cookie recipe that makes people do as you say." Vince was so happy, he knew what to do now. They got the cookie recipe to make people do as you say then he tried to make the cookies. He couldn't really cook very well at all, so after

about the millionth time of trying to make them, they succeeded. They took them to school the next day. Melanie knew what he was going to do and tried to tell everyone, but no one believed her because Vince was just "too good of a kid" to do that.

Vince, Dallas, and Carson all went to Vince's house to try the cookies to see if they worked. Vince told Dallas to try one so he did. He ate it, and then Vince told him to go clean his room. Dallas went and cleaned Vince's room. Vince didn't think that it would work, but it did so he was ready to take the cookies to school to make people do as he said.

The next day he brought the cookies to school, and everyone ate one. He came up to Melanie, Megan, and me and asked if we would like one, and we said yes. We all ate one, but he didn't know what *we* did to the cookies.

The day before, when Melanie found out what they were going to do to the cookies, she knew that we need to make cookies and switch them out somehow. We made the cookies and went to where Vince's house where had hidden the cookies. Melanie drove us there, and we switched them in the middle of the night.

When Vince found out what we did, he got mad and yelled at us, "It was the best idea ever. Why didn't you let me get away with this?"

Melanie screamed, "We did it because no one would like to do whatever you say!" Vince didn't think that it was fair, but why would anyone want to do what he says? Not everyone likes to play basketball 24/7.

The next day we got to school, and

Vince was still not happy with us.

Melanie went up to him and apologized, "Sorry, but really, no one would want to do whatever you say, so that's why we did it."

Vince screamed, "I don't believe that!!! I think everyone would want to do as I..."

Megan interrupted, "Vince, stop it! No one would want to do as you say. Why can't you just accept that??"

Vince yelled at us, "It's because it feels like everyone hates me, and so I wanted to do something that people would just do as I said." After he said that we felt bad, but everyone liked him, so I don't know why he thought that.

Melanie came to me and asked, "Why do you think Vince thinks everyone hates him?"

I replied, "I think it's because when people are mean to him, he must think they hate him or something like that I guess." We really didn't know why he thought people hated him. We usually like him, but then we thought he was being evil. After that, things went back to normal, but we still didn't know why he thought people hated him.

He wouldn't ever tell us why he thought that, but we could tell that he was hurt.

Now everything was normal—well whatever normal is—and people still thought Vince wouldn't do anything bad, like make them do as he says. Vince didn't know what to do with his life because he thought everyone hated him and he wouldn't be happy ever in his life. That changed when after high school he went to college. He found a girl that liked him, and they spent the rest of their lives together. They lived happily ever after.

*The End!*



# October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Movie night	3 Cross Country (XC) Meet	4
5 XC Bake sale	6 Chromebook arrival & training	7	8	9 School Nurse XC Meet	10	11
12 Odd-Job Auction	13	14 XC Region	15	16 End of 1st Quarter	17 Vince BDAY Aaron Ashton	18
19	20	21	22 XC State	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Latham BDAY	30 Fall Break	31	

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*By Megan Baker and Vince Palfreyman*

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## WORD SEARCH

- BIOLOGY
- CHROMEBOOKS
- ENGLISH
- ESKDALE
- KHAKIS
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- NEW YORK
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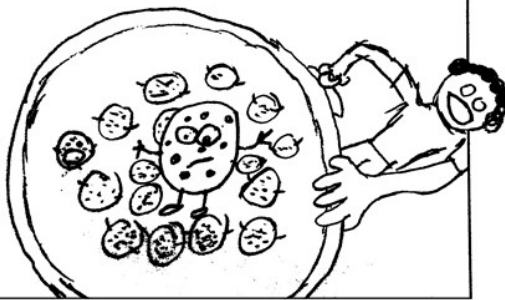
*By Fatima Villarreal*

# COOKIE MONSTER CHRONICLES

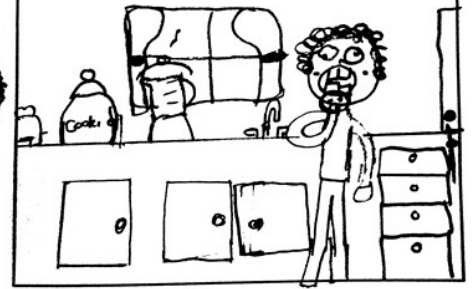
Help! Can anyone hear me?  
Hello? I need to get out of here!



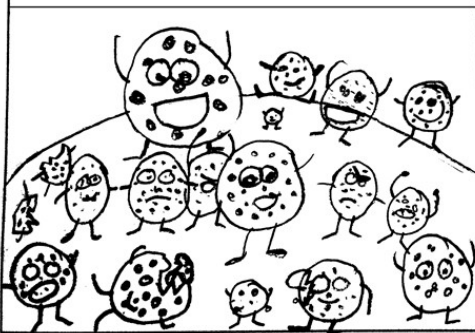
Okay... Listen up. Ow! Get off!  
You're stepping on me... I can't breathe!  
Shhh! Everyone shut up! He's coming!



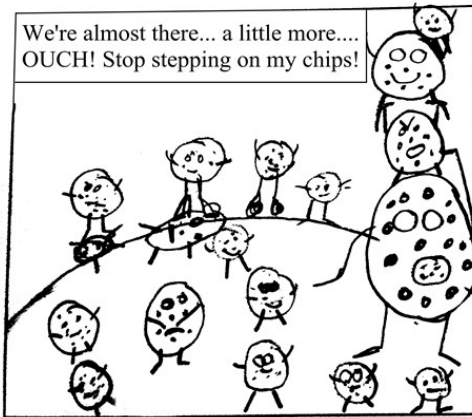
OH NO! He took Chip!  
Everyone, we need to leave!



Everybody, listen up! We need to climb on  
each other to get the chip out of here.



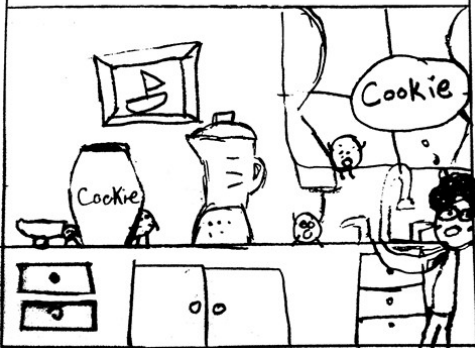
We're almost there... a little more....  
OUCH! Stop stepping on my chips!



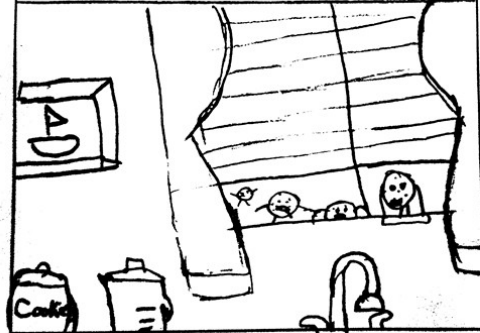
"I'm out! Wait! There is a  
cupful of that white liquid!"  
"Ignore it, and concentrate on getting us out!"



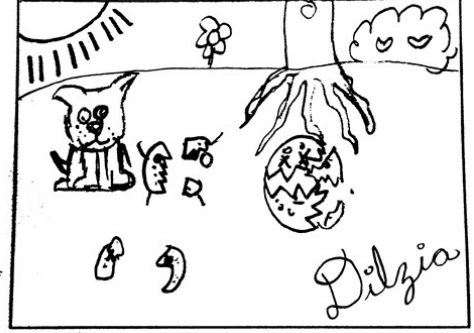
Here he comes! Hide behind the cookie jar!



He captured and ate Cocoa and Vanilla!!!  
Quick! Escape out the window!



Aaaahhhhhh! I'm melting!  
Nooooo! Here comes Spike!



## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Baker School Harvest Festival – November 14

Thanksgiving Break – November 26-30

Christmas Banquet – December 10-12

Christmas Break – December 20- January 2

2nd Quarter ends – January 9

Baker School Winter Carnival – March 13

3rd Quarter Ends – March 17

Choir Region – March 21

Spring Break – March 26-30

Choir Trip – May 8-12

Track State – May 15-16

Last Day/Graduation – May 21