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SCHOOL IN THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

How do you have school during a global pandemic? School is definitely different than it was before, but luckily, we are still able to have school here at EskDale High. We are following the state guidelines and taking many precautions so that we are able to stay healthy and so that hopefully we can keep going to school in person, without it being shut down.

Every student is required to wear a mask and social distance throughout the school day. Every student's temperature is checked when they enter the school in the morning, and we no longer use lockers. This is to help discourage students from gathering closely together

in the hallways.

One of the boys' bathrooms was made into an isolation room where students who are sick must go to while they are waiting to be taken home. In choir, the students wear face shields in place of masks, and while they are not cleared for performances, they make it so that we are still able to sing and have a choir class. When we do have performances, we will have to wear masks and social distance accordingly. The school district also sent us some clear, plastic masks that seal around the edges. We will have to use those for any choir performances, as it is hard to sing in cloth masks.



Hopefully all of these precautions will make it so that our school will be able to stay open throughout this pandemic. The students all have to be careful because if 2% of the students contract Covid-19, the school will be shut down for a minimum for two weeks, and we will have to return to online school. We only have 13 students this year, so 2% isn't very many people. So far, everyone has stayed fairly healthy, and hopefully we can keep it that way. Δ

BY BURKIE WRIGHT



Over the summer, Kiah Conrad was hired as our janitor to clean the school. As a further precaution, the school gets cleaned at least twice a day and every desk gets sanitized in between classes in addition to the whole school being sanitized several times a day.

The student tables in the EskDale Center have their chairs spaced six feet apart and students must wear masks as they go through the line to get their food. Students can also eat outside if they choose to.

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ONLINE SCHOOL VS IN PERSON LEARNING

Last spring was a sudden and painful shift to online school due to the Corona Virus outbreak. Thus, the fourth quarter was difficult for everyone involved, teachers and students alike.

But how does online school compare to school now? Here are some opinions around the classroom:

Ernesto A: I am glad we're in person. It's easier to ask for help from teachers now because you can have an in person conversation and not send messages that may be unclear.

Ernesto D: I definitely prefer normal school because it's easier to get help.

Matthew: I didn't do well at online school because it was so much easier to forget things like assignments and due dates.

Sharon: Online teaching was five thousand times the work for me with much less results in terms of student learning.

Kara: I hated online only. It was just horrible.

Diego: school online made everything feel a lot harder.

Adolfo: I prefer in person because it was easier to pay people to do my homework.

Online school wasn't much fun for me either. I related to what Matthew said for sure. I'm just glad that we get to learn in person this year so far, and I can safely assume I'm not the only one! Δ

BY AIDAN FABER

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KARA CONRAD



Q: What is it like to be the only one in your grade?

A: Ummm... it's been pretty sad, but I can do what I want. You can't get help from other kids in class, but overall it is pretty good!

Q: What will you be doing after you graduate high school?

A: I will be going to college somewhere in Utah.

Q: What kind of majors are you going to college for?

*A: Oh my goodness *sighs* I have been looking at nutrition, law, and obviously politics.*

Q: What would your goal be after college?

A: Find a man, have a family, and start a career in politics (subject to change).

Q: What will you miss most about EskDale High School?

*A: *silence* 😊 Choir, drama, student council, lunch, my free classes, classmates, and my teachers.*

Q: What are you most excited for once you leave?

A: Making new friends and seeing more than the same 20 people everyday. Also, going to basketball and football games.

Q: What is your favorite memory during your time at EskDale High School?

A: So many. Choir state, making the Layers of the Earth music video, drama state, solo and ensemble state, basketball, Myrtle Beach, San Antonio, geology trips, Cinderella, Thoroughly Modern Millie, especially Once Upon a Mattress, the bus ride home from 7th grade choir state, and dancing with Danielle and Jenna at the banquets.

Q: What is something you would like to say to the future graduates of EskDale High School?

A: Work hard, stop complaining, sing louder in choir, don't stress, and have fun!

Q: Last but not least, what is one final thing you have to say?

A: Red or Dead 2040!!

Well, that's it folks. Kara might be missed! Wish her luck, she is going to need it! Δ

BY JENNA CONRAD

Kara Conrad will be the only graduate from EskDale High School in the class of 2021. During her time at EskDale High School, Kara participated in track, cross country, basketball, and student council. She played a major role in choir, orchestra, and drama. Here is more about our only senior!

Q: What are some words you would use to describe yourself?

A: Savage, honest, caring, perfectionist, loud, annoying, too much for others, stressed 24/7, helpful, America loving Patriot, and a thriving legend.



HALLOWEEN QUIZ

1. In which country did Halloween originate?
2. Every Halloween, Charlie Brown helps his friend Linus wait for what character to appear?
3. Who wrote the novel Frankenstein?
4. Is a pumpkin a fruit or a vegetable?
5. Pumpkins can be orange, white, green, or what other color?
6. What's the color order of a piece of candy corn, from the base to the point?
7. Who has been the author of the Goosebumps books?
8. What was candy corn originally called?

(answers on back page)

BY DIEGO HUERTA

SCHOOL EVENTS SO FAR

So far this school year has been an interesting one. The Coronavirus has made it difficult to do things, but we are all managing. There are a lot of restrictions now in school, but that hasn't stopped us from having fun!

It is the start of the new quarter, and we have already had four events! The first event on September 11th was a get together event to play video games and have a cookie contest. It was a lot of fun and very interesting because we had to wear our masks and social distance. Even with all of that, we still played games and ate way too many cookies.

Our second event on September 25th was a bonfire. It wasn't actually a bonfire but more of a campfire. We couldn't have a huge fire because of the fire restrictions, so we

stayed in EskDale and used their fire pit. There were snacks, drinks and games. We played dare base, volleyball, and a game called nine-square. It was fun playing these games with everyone, and it was really fun playing these games in the dark!

The "bonfire" was a very fun activity even with the social distancing. Our third event on October 8th was some after school games. These games were not video games, but outdoor games. Right after school, we played dare base and volleyball. We all had a lot of fun screaming at each other, running from each other, and just having a good time in general.

Our fourth event on October 16th, was a movie party. On Friday night, the school gathered together again and watched *How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*. The movie was

played outside with a projector. The students came in their pajamas and brought blankets and pillows. It was a little cold, but it was a lot of fun watching the movie outside. Overall, all of the events so far have been really fun!

Almost all of the students have come to every event! We hope to have many more events this year, and we hope they are as successful as the ones we have already had.

Kara - "I think they've gone pretty good with who we have and everything.

Adolfo - "I've liked them. They're a lot more fun than the events at Heber!

Ernesto D - "I don't know. Yudnely - " They've been pretty fun!

Jenna - "They've been really fun. I really had a lot of fun with volleyball!

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BY DANIELLE HAYWARD

STAFF CHANGES AT ESKDALE HIGH

At the beginning of the school year, EskDale High School unfortunately lost Dr. Nomi Sheppard, our beloved principal/secretary, when she decided not to work here anymore. Luckily, Sharon Conrad, one of our teachers, offered to be principal as well. And then, this lovely and amazing person named Jessica Weight soon applied and got the job as school secretary. Here is my interview with our new principal and new secretary.

Q: How do you like being our new principal?

Sharon: *Sigh. It's more work but not bad. It's mostly paperwork. Well, and disciplining, but I already am used to disciplining. Ha ha.*

Q: Is it hard being the principal?

A: *Mmmm, it's different and keeps me busy. A lot more meetings and a lot more paperwork.*

Q: What principal stuff do you have to do?

A: *Well, currently, we're working on our school accreditation review, which is to prove on the national level that the school is doing a good job teaching and preparing our graduates for the postsecondary world.*

Q: If you had to give anyone detention who would it be?

A: *I'm not really a "give detention" type of person, but if so, it would be Adolfo since he just chose himself. Ha ha!*

This is my interview with our new secretary Jessica Weight.

Q: How do you like being our new secretary?

Jessica: *Good. It's an ongoing feeling that I still have stuff to learn but a good learning curve.*

Q: Are you glad you applied for this position?

A: *Yeah I am, I feel fortunate to come to the school and be with the teachers and students.*

Q: What do you think about the secretary job?

A: *It's a very important role, Nomi did so much, and you never know how much they do. It's like an under the radar job of what they do. A lot of people don't realize all that is involved.*

Q: Is it hard being a secretary?

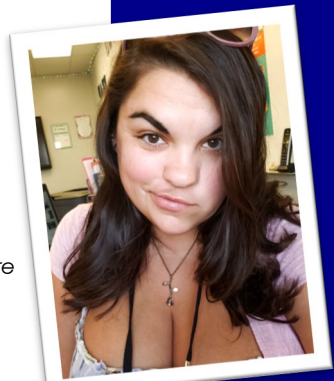
A: *Sometimes, yes, because there are some things you don't know who to ask.*

Q: What do you like to do for your spare time?

A: *Mmmm... I like reading, listening to music, love creating handmade letters, oh, and very basic graphic design. I also love hiking!*

Hopefully you enjoyed the interview. It was great fun getting to know our new secretary. Hopefully amazing things happen this year with our new principal and secretary. Δ

BY YUDNELY AVELAR



OUR NEW STUDENT: ADOLFO IVERSON

This year 2020 at EskDale High, we gained just one new student called Adolfo Iverson in ninth grade. He came from Heber City on the Wasatch Front. At first he went to preschool in EskDale then went to Garrison for K-2 then Baker for 3-5 but then wasn't able to finish 6th grade there because his family moved. Now, he has come back four years later because his dad bought Mt. Moriah for business.

These are some questions that I asked him:

Q. What is the most embarrassing that has happened to you?

A: *When I was asking someone out for homecoming and their mom said, "No, we don't do that here in this household."*

Q: How do you like moving back to the middle of nowhere?

A: *Like it because I got to see my friends again after 3 1/2 years not being here, but I also miss the ones in Heber so that's that.*

Q: What is your biggest fear?

A: *Spiders, aaaand dying alone*

Q. What's your favorite thing to do in the middle of nowhere?

A: *Riding on my four-wheeler*

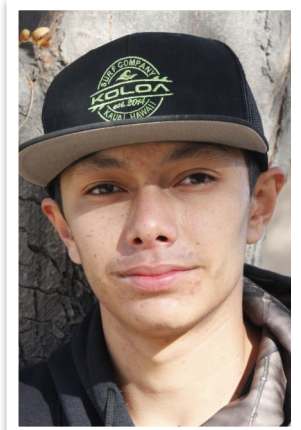
Q. What was your life before moving back here?

A: *Going out and skateboarding and playing COD (video game)*

Q. How do you feel about going to school with Covid-19 going on? Are you comfortable going to school?

A: *Sort of... Sort of not, BUT I would rather GO to school than online because it's better. Δ*

BY DIEGO HUERTA



TWO AUTUMN POEMS

When the green from leaves withdraws
to the campground we went
With my heart pounding, because
Camping is in tents.

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The temperature is constantly shifting
When the leaves turn to all the shades of fire
Ice in the morning, fire in the afternoon,
then ice in the evening
The constant shifting of jackets is enough to arouse
even a gentle soul's ire.

BY SAM ROBERTS

FALL BREAK PLANS

Fall Break is fast approaching, and the students of EskDale High School have a variety of plans for what they're going to do during that time. Some are traveling, some are staying here. Some are going to do something special, some are going to treat it as a long weekend. Some know what they want to do, some are going to take it as it comes. Here are their responses!

Jenna- I'm going to eat, do some sleeping, maybe go camping. We usually go camping over fall break. Maybe go to town. Visit with my family.

Danielle- Hang out with family, work on turning in my all-state recordings, and

hopefully make some progress on my research paper.

Carlos- Eat, sleep, repeat.

Kara- I have to come to Snow College classes. Also, hopefully pre-recording for All-State orchestra, but I might drop that.

Aidan- Honestly, I don't know.

Adolfo- Try to go to Heber city and plan a party with my aunt

Diego- Nothing.

Ernesto D- I don't know.

Yudnelly- I just might stay home or go to a wedding.

Burklee- I don't know.

BY SAM ROBERTS

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: SHARON CONRAD



I chose to find out a bit more about Sharon Conrad. She is one of the best teachers. (I have 4 of my classes with her so I have to say this.) Here are my questions with her.

What is your favorite sport?

SC: *Not really a sports person. If the Jazz are doing well, I'll sort of keep up with them. I'm a fair-weather fan.*

Where would you live if you could move anywhere for free?

She said no where, she likes where

she lives now. She also has lived in EskDale for 30 years.

What is your least favorite holiday? She does not like Halloween for a holiday. She likes candy, but not the focus on gross things.

I also asked, "What would you do if you could buy anything at all?" She said she would build a new school campus up in the hills behind EskDale—all new buildings, a gym with indoor pool and track, full theater and other facilities. That's the dream.

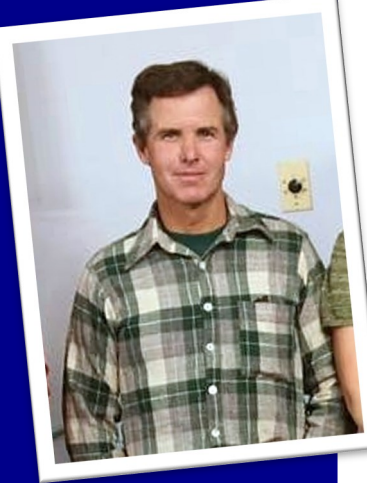
Some of what Sharon likes to do in

her free time is reading and taking photos of cool things. **One of her most embarrassing moments** was when she and some other people were staying at a hotel for a conference, and it had a hot tub. One afternoon she was talking to her sister and her sister was in the hot tub, and Sharon fell in and she was wearing a nice dress when she fell in the hot tub. Twenty or more people saw her fall in.

What is your favorite comedian? Sharon's favorite comedians are Jon Richardson and Taylor Tomlinson.

That's all, folks! Δ **BY ADOLFO IVERSON**

EVERYBODY HAS A STORY: CRAIG BAKER



Craig Baker was born in 1967. He spent a couple of years growing up in Ely, Nevada, and then he moved to Baker, Nevada. He spent the rest of his child and teenaged years living in Baker.

He went to college in Wyoming and Las Vegas. He currently lives in Baker.

What's your most interesting story from your college years?

CB: *The Pepcon explosion in Las Vegas, it was a rocket fuel factory out near Henderson (Very near to*

Las Vegas). I was eating soup at my table when I heard a WOOF, the walls flexed, and I went outside and there was a cloud of dust! It looked like it was at the end of the runway in the airport. At first I thought that a plane had crashed, but it was a few miles further out. After the plant in Henderson blew up, they moved to Cedar City and changed their name to Wecco.

Where did you go to school?

CB: *Garrison, Baker, Ely, Laramie, Wyoming, Las Vegas.*

Where are all the places that you've lived for very long?

CB: *Baker, Ely, Las Vegas.*

How did your childhood vary from kids now?

CB: *We played outside a lot, and we worked when we turned 12. When I was a young child we didn't have TV, no computer games, or computers.*

What are your favorite hobbies?

CB: *Riding motorcycles, mechanic-ing, and flying are all my hobbies.*

Thanks for the stories! Δ

BY MATTHEW BAKER

SCHOOL SUPERLATIVES

The students of EskDale High School were asked to vote for their choices in student superlatives, or "best ofs." For each category, they were able to pick their own option for who they thought fit the qualifications. Let's see what the students came up with.

- **Best Drip** - Carlos
- **Best Hair** - Carlos
- **Best Facial Hair** - Sam
- **Best Bromance** - Adolfo and Diego
- **Most likely to come back and teach at EskDale High School** - Danielle
- **Most Popular** - Kara
- **Most likely to be caught doing a TikTok dance** - Jenna
- **Best Smile** - Jenna and Yudnelly
- **Best at being tired** - Matthew
- **Favorite Student** - Jenna and Danielle

BY JENNA CONRAD

BIG 'RONA SUMMER

This summer was an interesting one because of the 'rona in the air. It canceled a lot of people's traveling plans for the summer, which was really sad. But we move on. This summer was still fun nonetheless, and people still did some fun stuff.

Here at the school most of the students work during the summer, but people still go out and have fun. Here are some of the things that people did over this summer break.

Q: What did you do over the Summer?

Sam: *Well mostly stayed at home and do chores and also some online classes and did an unholy amount of pushups around a*

couple thousand pushups and got buff in the process. Now, not so much.

Danielle: *I worked and played video games, and that's pretty much it.*

Jenna: *I went to visit my family in Kansas City. I went swimming a lot, and I also worked. That's pretty much it.*

Adolfo: *I skateboarded at Heber.*

Kara: *I worked at the park and hated Corona.*

Diego: *I don't even remember and went to warm springs a lot.*

Aidan: *basically I just sat around and used my Chromebook too much.*

Ernesto D: *What did I do? Be lazy. This summer was an interesting one for sure.* Δ

BY CARLOS SAUCEDO