

NEW SEVENTH GRADE AT ESKDALE HIGH SCHOOL



The Soldier's Sword

WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY THE LANGUAGE ARTS STUDENTS AT ESKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Once again Eskdale High School has been blessed with a new batch of lovely 7th graders. Aron Huerta, Clara Faber, and McKaylee Davis joined us at the start of the year, and it didn't take long for us to all love them. Aron is the second of three Huertas to attend, and Clara is the last Faber to join us. McKaylee, however, is the first in her family to ever come to this school because she lives in Spring Valley.

I jumped at the opportunity to interview these three students, and I had so much fun talking with them. Here was our interview:

Q. How have you adjusted to the new school?

- A. "Good enough that people like me!"
C. "I think pretty well"
M. "Good!"

Q. What is your favorite thing about this school as opposed to others you have attended?

- A. "I really like the bean bags haha!"
C. "I like that we get out earlier and that I am so close to home"
M. "I really like choir."

Q. Would you rather only ever eat potatoes, or never be allowed to eat potatoes?

- A. "Hmmm...Only ever eat potatoes, they are too good."
C. "Only eat potatoes."
M. "sigh* I guess never eat potatoes."

Q. What do you do in class when

you are not paying attention?

- A. "Go to sleep haha!"
C. "I listen to other people talk."
M. "Ummm daydream in color."

Q. Have you made friends yet?

- A. "Yes, I consider Eligh and Landon my friends."
C. "Yeah, McKaylee and Camber."
M. "Yeah, I'm talking to one right now" (I consider you a friend too!)

Q. Hotdogs or Cheeseburgers?

- A. "Cheeseburgers. Hot dogs are overrated. Cheeseburgers have CHEESE!!"
C. "Cheeseburgers."
M. "I love cheeseburgers."

Q. What do you want to be when you grow up?

- A. "A school counselor."
C. "An abstract artist."
M. "A horse vet."

Q. If I gave you the power to pick my senior quote, what would you pick?

- A. "...STIR DEM BEANS!"
C. "I am the leader, I am awesome."
M. "I love everyone!"

Q. Do you have a favorite class?

- A. "Choir."
C. "Probably orchestra or choir."
M. "I think choir and orchestra."

Q. What is the funniest thing that has happened this year, in your opinion?

- A. "Probably breaking my wrist haha!"
C. "Man, so many things."
M. "Probably the volleyball at lunch."



Q. What are you excited for in the future?

- A. "I'm excited for being in my career."
C. "I can't wait till I can be in drama."
M. "Doing fun stuff with my horse."

We are so blessed to have you three here, and we could not be happier. Thank you for letting me bombard you with questions. Also thank you for telling us a bit more about the graduating class of 2031! ♦

By Alexa Crouch

MORE NEW STUDENTS AT ESKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Eskdale High is very happy to announce two additional new members of our super cool high school crew! Madalyn (Maddie) Urquidez is in 9th grade, and she has recently transferred here from Ely, Nevada. Alexander (Alex) Timm is in 12th grade and has transferred here from West Desert, Utah.

I have interviewed each of them, so here are some fun questions for and facts about them.

Since you've been here, how has this school been different from other schools you've been to?

Maddie: It's small and everyone's nicer and stays out of trouble.

Alex: It's been more comprehensive and on beat than other schools I've been to.

What do you do in your free time?

Maddie: Play basketball.

Alex: Music, workout and game professionally.

What is your favorite color?

Maddie: All the blues.

Alex: Pink.

What is your favorite movie/tv show?

Maddie: I don't have one.

Alex: The House of a Thousand Corpses.

What is your favorite season?

Maddie: Fall, fo' sho!

Alex: Autumn.

Are you excited for Christmas? And the Christmas Banquet?

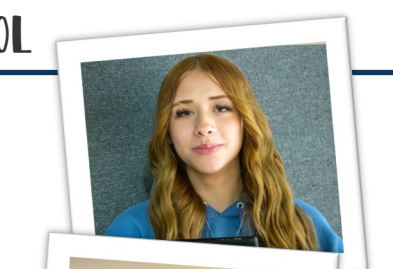
Maddie: Sure.

Alex: I'm not excited for Christmas, and I don't know how I feel about the banquet yet.

What are you hoping to achieve from this school?

Maddie: I'm hoping to stay out of trouble.

Alex: To at least graduate high school.



Maddie and Alex, we are so excited to have you here with us! We're so happy to have you a part of our tiny school community. You're going to have the best time ever here with us! ♦

By Ella Faber

CROSS COUNTRY 2025 SEASON

This year, EskDale High School is excited to have a Cross Country team again! Gretchen Baker has been amazing to volunteer to coach both Cross Country and Track and Field (in the spring) for EskDale High School, and we are so grateful for all the new opportunities and experiences this gives our students.

This season for Cross Country, we had three runners participate: Emma Baker, Luis Avelar, and Stratton Gilleland. They participated in six meets. The first meet was in Juab on September the 4th, and the last meet is the upcoming State Cross Country meet on the 28th of October.

All of the athletes made great progress throughout the season. Luis Avelar even made a new personal record by almost two full minutes at the Region Cross Country Championship meet on October 15th, where both he and Emma came in second in their respective meets!

Here are some questions for the Cross Country runners:

Q. How did you like participating in Cross Country?

Strattun: *I liked it a lot, and it was fun!*

Emma: *I had a lot of fun at the meet, but practices are very hard.*

Luis: *I had a lot of fun at the meets and had fun talking to other people at the meets.*

Q. Would you like to participate in Cross Country again next year?

Strattun: *yeah, I would want to do it next year!*

Emma: *I want to do it next year!*

Luis: *yes I do want to do it next year!*

Great job this season. Wishing our athletes the best of luck at the State meet this coming Tuesday! And a huge thanks to Coach Baker for working so hard with our runners and helping them do their best. We appreciate you! ♡

By Luis Avelar



ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL AT GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK

Back in September, Great Basin National Park held an Astronomy Festival. The festival was from the 18th to the 20th. Park rangers were in charge of everything. They guided people where to go, told you where you could park, and told you the rules that made it so everyone could enjoy the festival. Some of the rules were things like don't bring cars down to where the astronomy events were, this was an exception in some cases where people couldn't walk or walk very far. One really important rule was that we were to only use red light because with normal light people's eyes take a long time to adjust back to see stars in the dark.

This year Teresa Conrad brought her Astronomy class - Ella Faber, Alexa Crouch, and Remi Perea - to the park for the festival. We went there on the evening of the 18th and only stayed for a small amount of time because it was a school night. During this festival there were lots of

things planned. Some events though were things you had to reserve or come way later for. So the only thing we went to was a presentation called "Art in the Dark". The presentation was held in a roofless, stone sitting area with red light fixtures all around. There was one stone wall where they used a projector to present a slideshow about the park's night sky, night inhabitants, and how to lower light pollution to our class and all the other visitors who came to the presentation.

After the slideshow was over the park rangers set out giant foam versions of the planets in our solar system. We were told to all paint them, but something that was interesting about doing this is that the red light made all the colors look gray and black, so you didn't know what colors you had. So after painting a little, our group decided to start heading back to our vehicles because there was nothing else we could really do. The clouds above

made it hard to see any stars. Lucky for us is that the clouds separated a bit and we were able to see a couple stars through the telescopes. Then we got to our vehicles and went home.

I asked Alexa, Ella, and Teresa two questions:

"What was your favorite part?"

Alexa: *When it wasn't cloudy.*

Ella: *Getting to see Park friends and look through telescopes.*

Teresa: *The program.*

"Do you wish anything was different the day we went?"

Alexa: *That it wasn't cloudy.*

Ella: *I wish it wasn't cloudy.*

Teresa: *That the sky had been clear. ♡*

By Remi Perea

FLEX FRIDAY PRESENTATIONS

Every Friday, the school's schedule moves backwards ten minutes to free up an hour before lunch to assemble all the students to talk about important topics. This year, we have had a number of people come and do presentations for us for Flex Fridays. We've had presentations on a wide variety of topics, and the students have had a lot of fun with them.

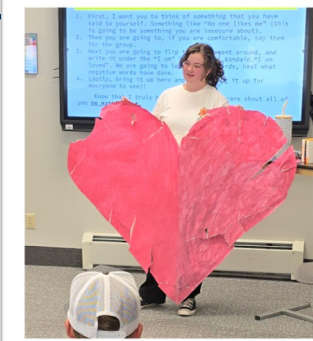
Our first presenter of the year was Jack Straton. Mr. Straton taught us about important historical women who made really great contributions to what we know about astronomy.



The three women we learned the most about were Henrietta Leavitt, Cecilia Payne, and Annie Cannon.

Our second presenter was Nels Anderson, who brought drums for us to play! Mr. Anderson owns a company called Drum Utah, and he transports lots of old African style drums around in his truck to make drum circles with people. The whole school had a lot of fun playing drums with Mr. Anderson!

Our third presenter was Trujillo Amy, who gave us a presentation about how important it is to be emotionally intelligent. He gave us lots of tips on how to gauge and handle emotions, it was really useful and interesting information that everyone appreciated.



Our fourth presenter was Colton Griffiths, our school counselor. Colton showed us a couple of Ted talks and presented some pretty concerning information about screen use. Colton's presentation surprised everybody because there were some seriously scary statistics on how much time people spend on their phones and what it is doing to everyone's attention spans.

Our fifth presentation was given by our very own senior, Alexa Crouch. Alexa's presentation was about suicide awareness. She showed a slideshow with some heartbreaking statistics, and then she had a project for us.

To start the project, she had a large paper heart that was ripped up and broken. Then she gave us band-aids to write kind things on so that we could patch up the heart. It was a very well done presentation, and everyone enjoyed it.

Flex Fridays have been a lot of fun this year, especially with so many amazing presenters! All the students have learned so much, and it has really been amazing to have so many people willing to teach us. Thank you so much everyone who has done a Flex Friday this year; they have all been really great! ♡

By Emma Baker

UTAH STEM MAGIC SHOW!

On August 29th, the students of all the Snake Valley schools attended a really fun presentation held in the EskDale High School auditorium. The program was a magic show called STEM on Stage, hosted by Paul Brewer of Utah Magic. Baker and Garrison schools joined EskDale students in the audience, and all had a really great time.

The STEM magic show was funny and entertaining, and the things we learned were very interesting. STEM stands for Science Technology Engineering and Math. Paul is the funny and magical STEM teacher. He brought his very cute and fuzzy bunny named Luna. The STEM magic show was a very interesting experience for all of us.

Q: What was your favorite part of the presentation?

Curtis: The rabbit who got loose

Emma: I really like the bunny and the bird

Luis: When the bunny fell and walked away

Britton: He was funny and interactive

Caymen: Was how funny and his humor

Alexa: The bunny

Teresa: the brain teaser

Isaac: The fact the he somehow got the bunny in the cage

Eligh: The rabbit

Stran: The rabbit when it escaped

Sharon: He was very funny

Q: On a scale of 1-10 how much did you enjoy the STEM presentation?

Clara: 100%

Aron: A lot



Remi: 10

Camber: 9

Alexa: 8.52

Emma: 9.7624

McKaylee: 10

Kath: 10

The STEM presentation taught all of us a lot about how Science, Technology, Engineering and Math really affect our life and show up in all different types of career choices—even magic! We also learned that the people who study STEM and work in STEM really do help us do more things we couldn't even dream up years ago. And now thanks to them we can. ◇

By Landon Crouch

PRESENTATION BY UTAH PUBLIC HEALTH

On September 10th, we had a school presentation done by three ladies who came out from three different places but came representing Utah Public Health. Marry Ramirez is from Intermountain Health, and she does the community outreach. She's from Moroni, UT. Jori Koosterman is from the Central Utah Health Department. She is a health educator and lives in Richfield, UT. Alison Robison is from Central Utah Counseling Center, and works on the Certified Prevention team.

They were teaching us on how to take better

care of ourselves and also new ways on how to improve our health, mentally and otherwise. It was an enjoyable presentation, and they gave us each t-shirts and swag bags with various fidget toys, snacks, etc.

I got the chance to ask my fellow classmates how they enjoyed the presentation. Personally I really enjoyed it because we were able to get a prize out of it which had popcorn in it which was good.

Q. What part did you enjoy the most of the Utah

health presentation?

Luis: When we got that bag full of stuff.

Curtis: I like the popcorn

Landon: Honestly I was a wee bit disappointed because I wanted to see some cops (we thought it was a Highway Patrol presentation at first)

Britton: It was okay I probably should have talked less

Emma: It was good

Cayman: I thought it was okay I liked the stuff they gave us

Aron: the popcorn

Clara: I like getting that shirt

Remi: It was pretty fun, I liked the little gifts at the end ◇

By Strathun Gilleland

THE 2025 ANNUAL JOGATHON FUNDRAISER

It's about that time of year when the EskDale High School students go and run the Jog-a-thon. The Jog-a-thon is a school fundraiser where the students run, jog, or walk laps that are a quarter mile in the EskDale Community. They go and get pledges that are either a flat donation or a certain amount of money per lap that they do. They also give out prizes to the top 3 people with the most laps. For example, last year they gave out gift certificates for the Bristlecone General store in Baker. Last year a few people tied.

While the Jog-a-thon may be a great fundraiser as all the money goes towards each students' trip cost next year, they seem to dread doing it. This is likely due to the fact that they'll most likely wake up sore the next morning. But they'll get over it. ☺

Now let's see what the students are thinking and feeling about the Jog-a-thon this year (these questions were asked prior to the event occurring).

How many laps are you getting?

Alexa: At least four

Maddie: About 12

Are you ready for it?

Eligh: Mentally no, physically no.

McKaylee: Yes I guess.

Luis: Yeah I am

How do you feel about this year's upcoming jogathon?

Stran: (heavy breathing, probably PTSD from last year) I wanna burn it all down!!!!

How do you think the jogathon is gonna treat you?

Camber: - It's gonna pain me mentally and physically.

Aron: - I feel like I'm gonna trip.

Now that we have their before responses, let's take a look at the students' responses from after completing this year's Jog-a-thon.

How many laps did you get?

Alexa: 14

McKaylee: 21

Eligh: 14

Caymen: 14

Did you reach your possible goal?

Eligh: No

Aron: Passed it

Britton: no

Luis: I passed it

Would you do it again willingly?

Eligh: No! Not in a million years.

McKaylee: Yeah.

Are you in any pain mentally and physically?

Alexa: Mentally no, physically yes. Stran- Less mentally more physically

Did you get as many laps as you thought you would?

Ella: I got two more than I wanted.

Camber: Yes.

McKaylee: I got way more than thought.

Luis: I thought I was gonna get like 20 something.

Alexa: yes I did.

Do you think it was torture?

Remi: Yes.

Stran: I'm not sure.

Emma: No, it was ok.

Curtis: I'd rather be dead, or anything else.

Did you fall?

Aron: No, but I was tempted to fall cause I was tired.

Camber: No, but I almost fell.

How was it for your first year doing it?

McKaylee: Fun, it was pretty enjoyable.

Aron: I was in pain after that.



Did you enjoy it?

Stratfun: Heck no.

Aron: Yes and no.

Stran:... no.

Emma: yeah I had fun.

How are your feet holding up?

McKaylee: I have blisters.

Landon: They're holding up fine.

At the end, were you ready to go home?

Caymen: No, I was

ready for the youth

group.

McKaylee: Yeah.

Alexa: Yes I was very ready.

How far into the jog-a-thon did you feel like you were dying?

Eligh: Lap 5.

Britton: Lap 10

McKaylee: Lap 12 going onto 13.

How did it feel to win top 3?

Stratfun (26 laps!)- It felt awesome!

Emma (28 laps!)- It felt good, especially to run.

Luis (31 laps!)- Hehe, it felt fire, but bruh I'm just impressed I got 31 laps

As you can see the students have some mixed feelings about the Jog-a-thon. Two of them even broke records for the amount of laps run in the Jog-a-thon, one for boys and one for girls. The good thing is that they all managed to survive it. Now they'll all be sore in the morning and the day after that. Thankfully they got to do some stretches shown by Coach Baker. Well that's all folks until next quarter. ◇

By Clara Faber & Isaac Duran

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SO FAR

MOVIE NIGHT

On September 5th, we had our first movie night this year. We watched *Napoleon Dynamite* and had a snack potluck. We played it on a DVD and projected it on a white screen outside. We all lay on blankets and pillows on the school lawn.

It started to rain about half way through the movie, so we had to move everything inside, and finish the movie in the study hall. Overall, it was still very fun. I thought it was very fun, and the food was AMAZING. I loved the movie and getting to hang out with some friends.

Here's what other students thought of the movie night:

Q: What did you think of the first movie night?

Clara: *I thought it was awesome*

Isaac: *I thought it was good. Hopefully we have another one soon.*

Stran: *... I liked it*

Eligh: *absolute cinema*

Aron: *I would rate 10/10 but there were no tater tots*

Alexa: *It was really fun and there was really good food*

Emma: *it was a lot of fun*



It was really enjoyable and I hope we get to do more movie nights in the future! ♦

By Camber Perera

POTLUCKS

The student council has decided to do a school potluck at lunch every month. All the students bring something to the potluck like desserts, a main dish, a side dish, and any other food. So far we have had one potluck on September 17th and another one on October 22nd. We are currently planning on November's potluck being on the 18th.

At the September one, most of the students attended and all of the teachers. We ate lunch and played games on the lawn.

Q. What did you think of the September potluck?

Alexa: *everyone had fun and ate food together as friends.*

Remi: *'twas fun.*

Ella: *I like the food and what the people made.*

Luis: *it had good food.*

Curtis: *I liked the food.*

Strattun: *I liked the food and also having fun with my friends.*

Emma: *I loved the food cuz I love food.*

Britton: *good food.*

Landon: *I liked the food and hanging out with friends.*

Isaac: *all the food that was there.*

Eligh: *it was good.*

Stran: *BIG BACKS.*

Camber: *it was a lot of fun and I liked the food.*

Clara: *it was better than all the meals in my life.*

Aron: *it was good.*

I thought it was fun. I liked the food and the games and getting to know more about the students.



The October potluck happened on a very chilly day, so the warm food was extra yummy.

Q. What did you think of the October potluck?

Alexa: *we had a lot of free time.*

Remi: *there was a lot of cookies.*

Ella: *the food.*

Cayman: *the food was warm.*

Luis: *the food was amazing.*

Curtis: *I liked Ella's cupcakes*

Alex: *it was good*

Emma: *was really good fun and the cinnamon rolls were bomb*

Maddie: *we got to skip class, the food was good, and it was lots of fun.*

Britton: *it was food. I ate it.*

Landon: *I like playing with Mary's grandson*

Isaac: *Teresa's pasta was delicious*

Eligh: *the food.*

Stran: *just food.*

Camber: *the food was really good.*

Clara: *it was amazing; it had good food.*

Aron: *pizza*

I wasn't there for the second potluck, but it seemed really fun and I can't wait for the next one! ♦

By McKaylee Davis

BONFIRE



On Friday, September 26th, we had a school bonfire at the firepit area in EskDale by the Faber house. Almost everyone in the school attended. We played different outside games like volleyball and later, Ghosts in the Graveyard. We also made yummy smores and sang songs around the fire while some students played along with their guitars. It was a really great gathering, and we hope we can have another bonfire event in the future.

I asked a few students who attended what their favorite part of the bonfire evening was.

Stran: *when we sang Riptide*

Isaac: *when we sang Riptide*

Aron: *Volleyball*

Camber: *playing ghost in the graveyard*

Clara: *the fire*

Britton: *ghost in the graveyard*

Landon: *when it went silent, and Curtis ripped it (giggles)*

Caymen: *games and hanging out with everyone.*

Emma: *the games*

Luis: *the games*

Curtis: *the food*

Alexa: *hanging out with everyone*

Remi: *I liked that it was not chaotic*

Ella: *It was fun that almost everyone came. ♦*

By Eligh Young

EXCLUSIVE SPOOKY INTERVIEW WITH PENNYWISE (THE CLOWN FROM STEPHEN KING'S "IT")



Question: why do you like children

Answer: *They are tasty when they are scared!!!*

Question: Why do you have a large forehead?

Answer: *It can reflect the light off and blind them. Also it is like a balloon.*

Question: Are

you married?

Answer: *NO!!! I never will!!! Also I'm thousands of years old!!!*

Question: What is your kill count?

Answer: *If I had to guess about 18,000 or more.*

Question: do you have a best friend?

Answer: *No, It may seem like i do but it is simply a trick to get a snack!*

Question: have you ever gone on vacation? If so, where?

Answer: *Sadly not. If I could i would go to Comicon where I can blend in and feast!*

Question: What is your favorite color?

Answer: *red, it's like blood!*

Question: Why do you live in the sewers?

Answer: *It is convenient and a good place to store bodies!*

Question: Why do you look so ugly?

Answer: *LISTEN HERE YOU LITTLE BRAT, I WILL EAT YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IF YOU CALL ME UGLY AGAIN!!*

Question: Do you eat the children you kill?

Answer: *YES I DONT KILL THEM FOR NOTHING!!!*

Question: Like in Napoleon Dynamite—what skills do you have? Girls only like guys who have skills.

Answer: *I can torment children, make a mighty*

feast, And i am awesome at scaring! Since you said girls only like guys with skills, you can use these to set me up a Tinder profile.

Question: Do you like tormenting kids?

Answer: *YES!!!*

Question: What do you eat on a daily basis?

Answer: *Well I only come around every 27 years but in that period when I'm awake I eat children.*

Question: How do I become as scary as you?

Answer: *You don't because you're a stupid mortal.*

Question: Why are you a clown?

Answer: *It scares the children of Derry!*

Question: What is your real name?

Answer: *BOB*

Question: Do you have parents?

Answer: *No ☹ ♦*

By Stran Elmer

EVERYONE HAS A STORY—CARY FABER

When I was thinking of someone to write about for the newspaper I reached deep into my heart. I chose someone older than time itself, has many wise things to say, and has a brilliant, handsome son: my dad, Cary Faber. I have asked Cary some questions so we can get to know his story. So without further ado, let's hear what he has to say.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up in EskDale, UT.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to college in Weber State University, in Ogden, UT.

Q: What was your favorite dinosaur to ride back in the olden days?

A: A T-Rex of course!

Q: What is your favorite memory?

A: I have very fond memories of going to my grandparents house for holidays. We had endless amounts of ice cream and cartoons.

Q: What do you do for a living?

A: I am a CAD drafter/designer.

Q: What is your favorite part about your job?

A: Being able to model, design, and document complex mechanical components and assemblies. It's fun to show how things fit together and function.

Q: Who do you work for and how long have you worked there?

A: I work for Boeing, and I have been there for 18 years.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: I like to ride my motorcycle, I like to play bass guitar, and I like to fix broken stuff and try to make it work again.

Q: Do you have anything to say to us younglings?

A: Yes I do! Don't take the older generation (parents!) for granted - they have much to impart upon you. Work your way into being valuable in society, and save money and save often. Your future self will thank you.



As you can see Cary has a very interesting story and has many wise things to tell us young whippersnappers. Thank you for sharing your story and wisdom.◊

By Britton Faber

TEACHER FEATURE: TERESA CONRAD



Every quarter for our newspaper, we like to feature one of our teachers here at EskDale High School. For this edition, we will interview Teresa Conrad, our really great math teacher who is sadly going to retire at the end of the year. Today we will ask her some questions.

Q: Why did you want to teach?

A: I always liked working with young people. It also seemed like a good way to use my education.

Q: Do you like teaching?

A: I do like teaching. No day is ever the same and dealing with students is both challenging and rewarding.

Q: What's your favorite subject in school?

A: I find many things interesting. I love science, and since math is the language of science, I like that too.

Q: Do you like kids?

A: Kids are amazing, interesting, and sometimes frustrating, but I'm always glad to be working with them.

Q: What do you do when there's no kids in your class?

A: I try to get ready for the next classes and get papers graded. (--maybe I should take a nap!)

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I started teaching about 45 years ago.

Q: Are you ready to retire?

A: Some days more than others!

Q: Do you actually like math?

A: I find math endlessly fascinating, elegant, and beautiful. I really appreciate math, but it would have been nice to be a bit of a mathematical genius and really apply it creatively.

Q: Who is your favorite student in 2025?

A: What do you mean!? You are all my favorites!

Q: Are you happy teaching kids?

A: In general, people are happy if they are doing what they were meant to do. I think I was meant to be a teacher. ◊

By Aron Huerta

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT: DONNIE CROUCH

We are very excited to welcome Donnie Crouch as EskDale High School's new instructional assistant! Donnie is a local restaurant owner, ATV business operator, and hotel maintenance manager. He and his wife Christina live in Snake Valley. Their oldest child is a graduate of EHS, and their two other children are attending the school presently.

Donnie has also re-entered college life and is completing a bachelor's degree in communication. He has always had a passion for teaching and helping students through obstacles. We are so excited and grateful to have you on the team, Donnie!



EARTH SCIENCE FIELD TRIP

On September 16th, the Earth Science class got to skip some morning classes and go for a drive around in the school suburban with their teacher Teresa Conrad. The students who went were Britton, Strattun, Luis, Landon, Emma, and myself. We drove around the backroads on the hills east of EskDale. We saw lots of rocks and learned a lot about the geology things. We also got to see the EskDale sinkhole. The trip itself was lots of fun. We got back just before lunch time. I asked the students who went what they thought.

Did you like the earth science field trip?

Britton: Yes a lot

Luis: yeah

Landon: The field trip was ok, but almost losing my glasses was not.

Emma: yeah

What was your favorite part?

Britton: it was cool to climb up the mountain

Luis: when we went to look at the sinkhole

Landon: breaking rocks

Emma: I really liked the rocks that were so brittle that I could break with my hands. ◊



By Curtis Young



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Parent Teacher conferences

OCTOBER 29-31, 2025

EHS Fall Break—Nevada Day

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

**Christmas Ball—EHS dance
at Baker Hall, 7 pm**

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Veteran's Day (NO School)

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Harvest Festival, Baker Hall

NOVEMBER 26-28, 2025

Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 11-12, 2025

Annual Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 22, 2025

Half Day Before Winter Break

DECEMBER 23, 2025 – JANUARY 2, 2026

Winter Break

100 WORD MEMOIRS

9TH/10TH GRADE FORMAL WRITING ASSIGNMENT FROM FIRST QUARTER

Great Grandma's Funeral

She was dead. Great Grandma had died. Five year olds can't fathom these things, at least I didn't. She was gone and nothing could save her back.

Her funeral was today and black church clothes were arranged out. Everyone was sobbing, I couldn't understand why.

The graveyard was boring with a sense of sadness. The keys to the hearse were gone. So mom went back to get them.

The coffin descended beneath the earth's surface and got tangled by stones, roots, and dirt. Once the grave digger stomped her eerie box down, I knew inside it was the real thing.

— Landon, 15

Stepping on a Calf

At 3 years old I was "helping" dad get a sick calf. So after he caught the 300 lb calf, he brought over the cat telehandler and rolled it in the bucket about halfway, and the calf wiggles out of the bucket and dad accidentally runs it over. The calf passed.

I said "Dad, you stepped on the calf." We cleaned up the mess, then we took it to our burn pit, with our agriculture trash. And every day we went to check on the calf dad stepped on.

After two weeks I said "I don't think he's gonna get up".

— Curtis, 15

Lost Sister

In the olden days when I was very little me and my sister were ambling through the store. My sister saw one of her friends walking, frenetically she turned around to go talk to her. I overlooked this and sauntered ahead. When I drew near to my parents they asked me where Clara went. Thinking she was behind me I shrugged my shoulders. My parents scrutinized the whole store and couldn't find her. After about an hour we found her timorous and overwhelmed in the bathroom.

My parents forbade me to take Clara again. Frankly I agreed with their decision.

— Britton, 14

Lost

I got lost in a store and I was not paying attention and then all of sudden I was looking for my parents and then I could not find them so I went looking all over the store and I still could not find them so then I started to worry more and kept looking for them and then I was going to ask a worker to see if he could help me find my parents and then I went to the clothes section and found them and the lesson I learned was to always pay attention where you are.

— Luis, 15

Cold Camping

The icy lake enveloped me as I plunged in, Ava right beside me. Once I couldn't feel my toes anymore, I decided it was time to get out. The air had grown even colder, and I only had one jacket. I began to heat up dinner, and I piled on all of my layers, but the cold wouldn't relent.

We devoured our soup hoping it would warm us up, but it wasn't enough. We curled up in the tent, hoping we could get warmer. The night felt eternal and freezing, but in the morning, the view made everything worth it.

— Emma, 15

The Time My Best Friend Died

When me and Noah were walking to school, the gates opened we rushed to the cafeteria when the bell rang. We went to our classes. We were in the same grade but we only had two classes together.

Six hours later school was out so me and Noah decided to walk home together about half way. Someone pulled a gun on me, I was shaking because at that time I knew I was dead before the guy could pull the trigger Noah pushed me out of the way causing him to get shot instead. 20 minutes later Noah was dead.

— Stratton, 14

The Time I Got Lost While Hunting

I was lost in a location I had never been. I was with my family and there was no cellphone service so I couldn't call anyone. Overtime I got back to the road I was previously on and spotted their tracks so I zoomed down the road and caught up to them. When I stopped they asked "what took so long?" I replied, I thought it was the other road so I went that way, when I didn't find you I realized my mistake so I quickly returned to this road and saw your tracks then I ventured this way.

— Caymen, 15

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