



# Ipakanni News

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## What's New - Annie Woods

Welcome to the April Newspaper!! I'm so excited there is only one month of school left till SUMMER!!! Testing is coming fast it starts May 2nd and we hope you do great. Like stated in the last paper, you need to try to get lots of rest and stay as healthy as you can by washing your hands and coughing in your arm so you don't get you or others sick! Just a few more weeks to go then Summer Time!!



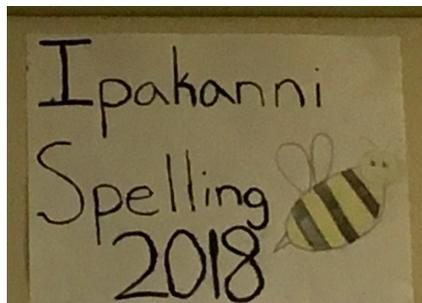
### Comic of the Month!!



## Spelling Bee - Annie Woods ( 5th Grade)

Last month we had the Ipakanni Spelling Bee, Ethan Gramps got 1st place, Annie Woods got 2nd place and Haylee Miller got 3rd. It was a great opportunity for the kids who got to participate. Everyone did great and had lots of fun!!

On the 28th the Butte County Bee was held in Paradise. The winners from our school spelling bee went on to this competition. Each student did great and they had a mixture of hard words and easy words. Ethan reported he felt "nervous and confused on what to expect." Annie also said she "felt nervous, excited and ready for next years spelling bee!" We had some of the other Ipakanni students cheering them on. They all had a great time and hope that next year we will see you there too!!!



## What's the Motto?

### Keatin Green & Jeffry Adams (4th Grade)

We had a great number of Mottos submitted for our school. New Motto will be announced soon, but here is what was turned in.

- \* Fly or Die
- \* H.A.W.K.S (Happy, Awesome, Working, Kind, Students)
- \* Let's Soar
- \* Fly High
- \* Wings are Stronger than One
- \* We Walk Together, but Fly Alone
- \* All you have to do is leap, but if you never leap you'll never fly
- \* Us Hawks stay together
- \* Red-tail Hawks
- \* Glide with Pride
- \* Get it done or get out

Stay tuned for the big announcement for the new motto!

## Bullying Is Bad

### Aurora Foster (6th Grade)

In the dictionary, the word bullying means, use superior strength or influence to intimidate (someone), typically to force him or her to do what one wants. In reality, no one is perfect and is always nice, sometimes we have those moments where we are rude, even if that means we yell, hit or even act like a jerk. Even the nicest people in your school have been rude to another student at one time, maybe even bullied a teacher, coach, volunteer or student. I see bullying as a coping mechanism someone uses to let their pain out. I asked a fellow student, Freshman Cierra Foster why she thinks people bully others and she said, "I think people bully because they are hurting. It is probably a side effect because their home life isn't so great so they take all the pain and anger they have and take it out on others."

When I was even younger, I was bullied a lot because I wasn't smart enough but when I was older, the same people bullied me because I was "too" smart. I didn't know what to do I felt like I was stuck in a loop that I couldn't get out of. People told me that I was ugly and stupid, I wasn't enough and I didn't belong in this world. I didn't know what to do because I thought I was just fine the way I was, but like everyone knows, it still messes with your head. I had no one to go to because I thought they wouldn't understand. For a long time I just let it happen and didn't talk to anyone because I didn't know how. One day something clicked and I couldn't take it anymore. I said something to my parents and they talked to my principal and made sure it was dealt with right away. I was happy that I could finally get it off my chest and not have to worry about it anymore.

Here at Ipakanni, we have a no tolerance policy for bullying. If you or someone you know is being bullied talk to a teacher, staff or the principal. Even your closest friend can help you find your voice to stand up and talk about what is going on. Everyone at Ipakanni is your family, don't be scared to talk to them. If you need help getting through a hard time just know we are here for you!



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## Teacher Interview Ellie Woods (6th Grade)

### Teacher Interview with Doug Hesse

#### 1. What do you like do on your spare time?

I like to fly fish, watch movies, play my guitar (however badly), take walks, and think about how lucky I am to get to be alive, knowing and loving the people who grace my life.

#### 2. How many teaching jobs have you had?

I am in my eighteenth year of teaching. I have taught at nine different colleges (adjunct professors have to put 2-3 teaching gigs together to make a full schedule, so you are often teaching for multiple campuses). And, I have also taught at one K-12 school. This place called Ipakanni. Have you heard of it?

#### 3. Why did you want to teach at Ipakanni?

At first, it was more of a way to pay for my credential program. I knew very little about the school, and was hired a couple weeks before the semester started, while in the middle of my dad having a near-death experience. But, soon I saw there was a lot more to why I wanted to be at Ipakanni. A few years ago, not long after my mother suddenly passed, a TV project had me spending time with the Northern Cheyenne in Montana. They honored my mother, held a "sweat" in her honor (my first and only time in a sweat lodge). It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and it rekindled my interest in Native American culture. Walt and Mallorie were working hard and waiting for teachers to get to Ipakanni who wanted to build something with them.

I saw an opportunity to make a beautiful vision come to life, a vision of success for all students, Native and non-Native. I wanted to teach at Ipakanni more than ever when this "vision" came to me. We are all writing a very special story here together. It is beautiful, and I want to see its beauty continue to unfold.

#### 4. If you had a super power what would it be?

My super power would be to take people who don't get along and immediately make them freeze and mentally experience the life of their opposition -every victory and failure, every hope and fear, the deepest longings of their soul. I would keep them frozen in that state until they "saw" everything this person (who they may claim to hate) has experienced. I thinking this might not solve all of our problems, but I think we would all be much more respectful to each other, and focus more on what we have in common than how we differ. In the end, we are all humans doing out best. My super power would be that we could never forget this about each other.

## UC Davis -Field Trip



## California Therapy Horses -Field Trip





# From The Classrooms

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## Principal Desk - Walter Gramps

Spring is here and it is my favorite time of the year. I like to spend a lot of my spare time at the baseball and softball fields watching kids play America's favorite pastime. It is very exciting watching several of our students playing little league. We have a month of school left and still have 9 students who have perfect attendance -Way to go and you can do it! I would also like to thank all of the Hawk Family who attended open house. It was great to see everyone there! Check our calendar for all of our upcoming events including Parent Club/Site Council meeting April 10th at 5pm and Family Game Night on April the 20th from 5-8. We look forward to seeing everyone here!

### Darcy Pritchard - Science

This month, my students are learning about energy and anatomy! In my high school Physics class and my middle school Science class, we are making paper roller coasters to help explain the relationship between potential and kinetic energy. As an object moves down a roller coaster its potential energy gets converted into kinetic energy. If you would like to see my science student's roller coasters, stop by my classroom! In my high school Biology class, we're learning about anatomy. Anatomy teaches us about the bodily structure of humans, animals, and other living things. The human body is a complicated machine and learning more about it can help you better understand yourself! Last, but definitely not least, Earth Day is coming up on April 22nd. This year's theme is "End Plastic Pollution," so let's show our support!"

### Brittany Snelson - Middle School

We are still trucking along in our cultural appreciation unit! We are discussing the stereotypes associated with specific races and how we can change people's thoughts -not every one person is the same, so why would we think of a specific race as the same? In math we are starting to learn about probability which has had a great kick off start! We are playing deal or no deal to practice our probability skills! In Fine Arts, we are finishing up our value section of the class, while finishing off our paintings before moving on to the next topic. We're going to finish off this year very strong!

*Miss Brittany*

### Stacey Woods- Primary K-5

Spring has sprung and I hope you all had an enjoyable spring break! I know many of our students are playing baseball and softball and I love that they are getting the opportunity to be outdoors enjoying the nice spring weather. It also reminds me of one of my favorite quotes by Babe Ruth, "Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Here at Ipakanni, we all may "strike out" from time to time, but when we do finally make contact with that goal or dream it feels amazing, often times, it is that Grand Slam we were hoping for!

Speaking of Grand Slams, we just finished up our California Mission and State projects and the students did a fabulous job. The students were all very excited to show them off at Open House. The younger students also gave tremendous effort creating there Flat Stanly projects. This project was based on a young reader Novel series by Jeff Brown. They were also on display at Open House. April is going to be another exciting month with a lot of hands-on learning and critical thinking in all subject matters. They have made so much progress this year, we are on track to finish the year off strong.

*Ms Stacey*

### Doug Hesse - English

In April, Mr. Doug's Critical Thinking, Reading, and writing courses will extend the argumentation projects that students began exploring last month. Final Project prompts will go out for this assignment, prompts with exciting, personalized options for students to demonstrate what they know about their chosen topic. Independent Reading Assignment efforts will be extended, too, with Final Project options for this task also going out in April. Film as Literature students will expand their focus on various "love" themes by continuing analysis of films, The Shape of Water and Loving, and applying this analysis to the futuristic and fractured world of the course's next film, Vanilla Sky. In all my classes this April, ample independent working time will be granted, during which any student with a question can get one-on-one help from me. April is a tough month. Everyone is itching to be done, but so many students still have so much to do. Yet, this makes April an exciting and hopeful month, too. The students wo channel Spring energy into their most focused and sustained workflow can accomplish amazing things in April. I am thrilled to see my students dig in and experience the pride of achieving something that can never be taken away from them.

**Doug**



# Kids' Page

Jokes, Brain Teasers, Comics, Puzzles, Games and More...

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What bird needs to wear a wig??

A bald Eagle



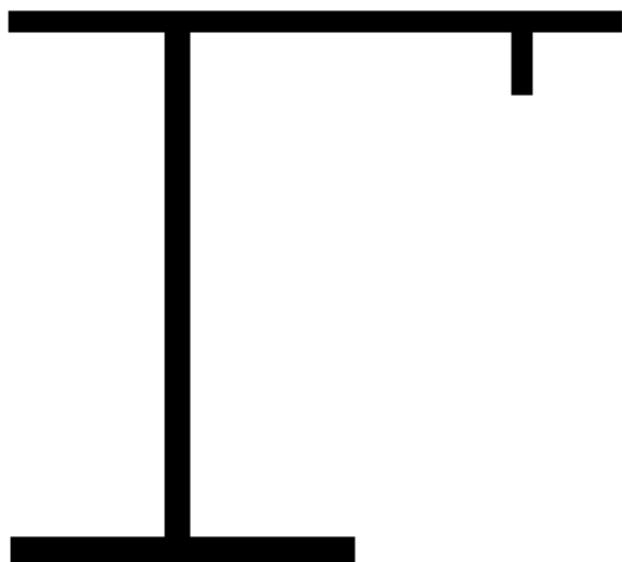
## Easter Word Search

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BASKET  
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 CHOCOLATE  
 CRACKING  
 CUDDLY  
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EGGS  
 MARSHMALLOW  
 PAINTING  
 PASTEL  
 QUACK  
 RABBIT  
 SPRING  
 TREATS  
 YUMMY



Think of a four  
 letter word and  
 play a game of  
**HANGMAN**

**Q.** I am black when im clean  
 and white when im dirty,  
 what am I??

**A.** Chalkboard

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# April Calendar

April 1st - April Fools Day



April 1st - Easter

April 1st - April 6th Spring Break



April 10th -Parent Club/Site Council Meeting



April 13 - Thomas Jeffersons Birthday

April 20th - Family Game Night



April 22 - Earth Day



April 25th - Jump for Heart







