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What's New - Annie Woods (5th grade)

Yay!! This is the last month of school and those couple days are TESTING!! I want to wish everyone good luck! All of you did great this year and we are going to finish off strong. I hope you had an amazing time at school. Just a reminder : the last week of school is all **MINIMUM DAYS!** I wish everyone a fun summer break and again good luck on the state test and finals!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

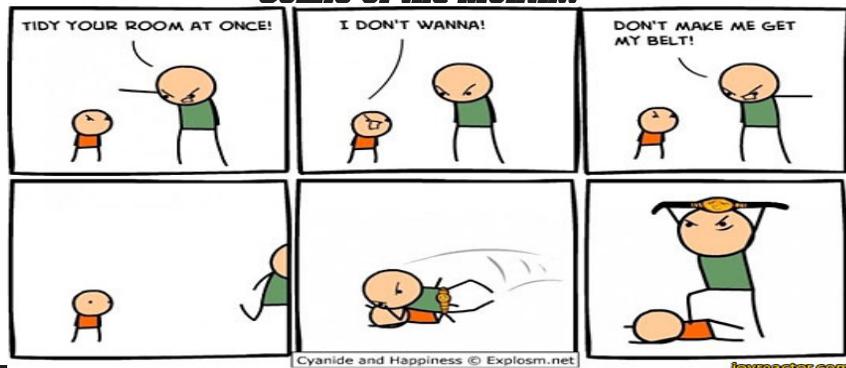


Breaking News! The New School Motto: Glide with Pride

"Glide with Pride" has been selected as our new school motto. Ellie Woods had enter this motto during the election process. After narrowing it down to several other choices, the staff at Ipakanni voted and Glide with Pride became our new Motto.

"I was just looking at the basketball photos and the Hawk," stated Ellie when asked how she came up with this ideas. "I imagined a Hawk gliding in the sky... the Saturday school and I don't know I just came up with it."

Comic of the Month!!



What It Means to be a Hawk Riley (8th Grade)

I decided to ask IECCS staff members and students what it means to them to be a Ipakanni Hawk.

Being a Hawk means, " to be a caring, friendly, and hardworking student all at the same time."

"To be something bigger than yourself." -Brittany Snelson, Middle School teacher.

""Commitment and dedication." -Vaughn Bilbo, 11th grader

"It means everything to me, it is a part of my life..." -Darcy Pritchard, Science teacher.

"A hardworking person." -Alissa Mcginnis, 6th grader.

"To me it means a school family, where people care about one another." -Ms. Stacey, Primary School teacher.

"Lots of friends!" -Shane Arsanis -5th grader.

"It means having pride in yourself and caring about others." Doug Hesse, English teacher.

"It means comfort and security." -Guinevere McKinney, 9th grader.

Whatever it means to you, we are glad you are here!

What it means to be a friend Aurora Foster (7th Grade)

So, I've been thinking about this article a lot and it's been making me think really hard. I kept asking myself the same questions over and over. What is a good friend? Am I a good friend? What is the difference between a good friend and a bad friend? How do we determine whether we are a good friend or a bad one?

To me, a good friend is someone who will always be there for you. A person who doesn't care how you look, or what you wear, and a person who can laugh with. A person that even through the rough times they are by your side, not just the smooth times.

With a little help from a fellow student, who would like to remain anonymous, I uncovered the true meaning of what makes a friend. Here is the interview:

Me: What is your definition of a good friend?

Student: Someone who doesn't turn around and stab you in the back. It's someone who sticks with you when somebody is being rude and doesn't go to the bully's side and defend them. It's someone you can tell anything without having to worry that they will tell somebody else what you said.

Me: Do you think you are a good friend?

Student: No, because I've treated people poorly and I think that I could treat them better. I don't think I'm giving my friends what they deserve as a friend.

Me: How could you improve your standing as a good or bad friend?

Student: I could try to be a good friend and try not to be such a jerk.

As I finish up, here are a few tips on how to be a good friend:

-Always stick with them

-Don't pretend to be their friend when you're not

-Remember to hold on to them and not to let go because you never know when a friend like that will come again

- Always be you, because that's who they first chose to be friends with.

-Be grateful for what you have because one day you'll look back on that one friend and regret not fighting for it and instead of throwing it away.

I hope after reading this you feel like a better friend or you will learn to be a better friend. Remember that you don't lose friends, you just learn who your real ones are!



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Teacher Interview - Miss Brittany Vaughn Bilbo (11th grade)

1.) How was your first year teaching?

Amazing! Better than any other experience I could have had! This school is by far the biggest blessing in my life & my life is forever changed.

2.) Do you look forward to continuing teaching?

I so look forward to continuing teaching, it is such a rewarding career & fills a hole I never knew I had in me! I want to work with kids for the rest of my life.

3.) Did you plan on teaching Middle School?

I honestly told myself & my college peers that I would NEVER teach middle school after volunteering & planning a lab for them at Chico State then, I worked here & fell in love with this age and would always choose them first!

4.) Do you think you can handle high school or Elementary teaching?

Yes I can HANDLE all, while I would need some time to dial in my management, but I would be open to ANY grade level :)

5.) How many teaching jobs have you had?

I have never had a paid teaching job before this rad school! I have volunteered for 4 years in a class

6.) How long do you plan on teaching at Ipakanni?

My stay is always subject to change. My current plan is to be here until my fifth graders graduate high school, so I can see all my first year students graduate! Then I will move to Boise :)

7.) Would you like to teach a different topic in school?

I love all the topics I teach - I would LOVE to teach Life Skills to the high school students.

8.) What do you like doing in your free time out of school ?

I enjoy hiking and working out. My favorite is coaching basketball, but that is seasonally:)

The Life Cycle of a Plant Zoey Fuller (3rd grade)

First, it starts out as a seed. Then it grows roots, a couple of weeks later it sprouts into a flower!

What you need to grow a plant?

You will need water, soil, sunlight and the most important thing is seeds!!

What is your favorite kind of flower? Mine is a California Poppy because it is our state flower.

When we planted our plants we used a wet paper towel and a plastic bag to germinate the seed. Then, we waited a couple of weeks. After some weeks, there were roots then the stem and that were followed with leaves, and we can't wait to see the flowers come to life!



Ms Stacey's class planting seeds

Happenings around the School! Pictures



Honor roll Party
Subway for the jumpers

We have had so many fun activities including raising money for The American Heart Association and field day celebrating our honor roll students!



Jump for Heart



Owen having fun





From The Classrooms

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Principal Desk - Walter Gramps

Tied game, bases loaded, two outs, full count... what happens when one of our Hawks are at bat? Nothing less than their best effort to knock that ball right out of the park! All that matters to me is that each and everyone of our students went up to bat and played as hard as they could. Success is not determined by the final score, but how well they played the game. In my books 2017-18 was a grand slam! Congratulations to the our graduating class of 2018. I look forward to seeing you continue your journeys and knocking that ball out of the park! *-Walter Gramps*

Darcy Pritchard - Science

Wow this year really flew by. I just wanna say thanks for making my first year of teaching awesome. I appreciate your feedback and how much you teach me on a daily basis. Some of my favorite memories from this year are the rocket projects in Astronomy, the water quality labs in Biogoly, and the roller coater project in Physics and Middle School Science. All of you are so creative! I love seeing how you all can turn a science project or assignment into art. Lastly, and most of all, I want you all to know that I believe that each and every one of you has the potential to be successful. Always remember, success looks different to different people. All of you have changed my life for the better. I mean it. Hope to see you all next fall.

Darcy

Stacey Woods- Primary K-5

As we finish off the 2017-18 school year, I would like to say how proud I am of every student here at Ipakanni. I have seen such positive attitudes, dedication to their school work and involvement in school activities. I am so proud to be a part of Ipakanni and look forward to the exciting things to come next year.

This year Ms. Stacey's Primary classroom was new to Ipakanni. We had the opportunity to create a unique learning environment of K-5th graders and learned what greatness can come from this type of classroom. From reading buddies, high school tutors, group projects and pair share activities, I am pleased to say what a positive learning environment this classroom provides for our students.

The best part about my job here at Ipakanni is not having to say goodbye because I will see you all next year. I wish you all a very fun and relaxing summer.

Ms. Stacey

Brittany Snelson - Middle School

As our year is coming to a close we are finishing up some cool pointillism in my Social Studies class and my Fine Arts class. The projects are coming out rad and we have, as a whole, done well over 1,000,000 dots to create our masterpieces! In math we are getting our brains ready for our CASSPP testing next month! Students have really shown some AMAZING growth this year, and I am so proud of them. They are truly working together as a whole to improve and it is respectable! These kids are rocking it and I can't wait for next year for some even more awesome events!

Brittany

Doug Hesse - English

In May, Mr. Doug's Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing courses will be working on the Final Projects for their Independent Reading Assignment and Argument Assignment. Film as Literature students will turn their focus to films centered on the theme of "Time to Reflect," a focus that will have students contemplating where they've been in life and where they're going. As was the case in April, in all of my classes, ample independent working time will be granted, during which any student with a question can get one-on-one help. May is the final stretch of the semester. Like April, the finish line is in sight, but much work is left to do. The good news: all Hawks are definitely capable of what is required, and I very much look forward to watching them soar!

Doug



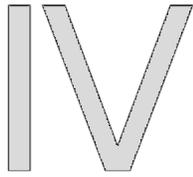
Kids' Page

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

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Did you know if you have five and take away two you are left with four??



Five take away the F and the E and you are left with IV which is Roman Numerals for 4



Easy...



Hard...



I spy two basket balls, three tickets and a peanut.



I spy a thimble, four birds of red, two fuzzy chickens, a gold-trimmed sled; Three paper clips, an ornament house, a bottle of glue and a nutty brown mouse.



Have a Great Summer Break!!!!



May Calendar

May 1st School Principle day



May 2nd Start of CAASPP test



May 4th Special Olympics/ Star Wars day

*Special
Olympics*



May 5th (Saturday) Cinco de Mayo



May 8th Teacher Appreciation day



May 10th Graduation



May 11th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!



Month of May - Get Caught Reading



