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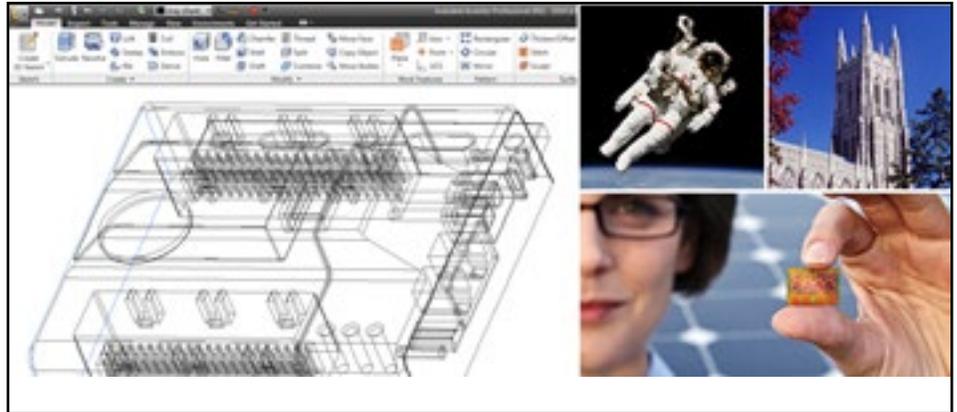
Project Lead the Way at Rye High School and Craver Middle School

By: Kacie Anglin

Rye High School and Craver have both added another great opportunity for the students in the valley to learn more and engage in real life learning for their future. Project Lead the Way is a curriculum that is dedicated to “preparing students for the global economy” (PLTW.org).

So what is Project Lead the Way? You can go to PLTW.org to learn more if you are interested, but you can bet that Mr. Vinci along with the three teachers teaching the curriculum, Mr. Pigg (at Craver), Mr. Carter and Ms. Heath, are dedicated to giving the students the most opportunities available. Last school year Mr. Vinci introduced parents, students, and the community to Rye High School Academies. The academies are still available this year for students to add to their exceptional high school experience given at RHS along with the newly added PLTW.

The PLTW curriculum is engaging and thought provoking. It helps students develop critical



thinking skills through hands-on project-based learning, while preparing them to take on real-world challenges.

Teachers are given specific, rigorous training before starting the program. Ms. Heath, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Pigg had two weeks worth of training at UCCS this summer where they learned about the curriculum by actually creating some of the projects that they are teaching in their courses.

The curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and real-world problem solving. All of these are concepts that students need to learn today and will help them to better their education and

their ability to get into college and get good jobs. Ms. Heath said, “Students going through the program will have abundant scholarship opportunities.” Students also will be working with other students from other schools to work on projects as virtual design teams.

These courses are taken as yearlong classes. There are different pathways that students can go through to learn the program of their choice. Right now Mr. Pigg and Mr. Carter are working on gateways to technology and Ms. Heath is working on Pathways to engineering. Look for more information on each pathway in the next newsletter.

Sadie Hawkins A Blast

By: Keelan Bailey

The Sadie Hawkins Dance was a hit! Everyone had a blast! It looked like the whole school was there. RHS student council hosted the

dance.

On August 23, 2012 RHS students migrated to the Greenhorn Meadows Park for a night of lights, good music, and dancing. The dance was under the new pavilion

at the park and it was strung with white lights and even a strobe light here or there. There was even great music thanks to Wesley Chadwick and Sheldon Swartwood. It was a great way to start the year!

Meet the New Teachers at RHS

Gwen Brown



I moved here from Pagosa Springs because my husband took a job for the Division of Water Resources. For the last 18 I taught Algebra, Geometry, Precalculus, Calculus and some ACT prep. I have two boys recently graduated from college, one is in Durango and is a Radiologist Technologist, the other is in Fort Collins planning on going back for a graduate degree at CSU, he's not sure yet in what yet. We still have some farm ground in Hotchkiss we go back and farm on many weekends. I like to ride my horses and Rye is a great area to do that. My Grandmother is turning 100 years old on Oct 31. She is still driving her car, although that is probably not a good thing, since she was never a very good driver. I think it's beautiful here, the people are very friendly and my horses like it. I'm impressed with the students and the professional and caring staff at Rye High School. My goal is to inspire students at Rye High School to succeed in mathematics, develop the skills they need to further study math, and apply these skills in other disciplines.

New Future Farmers of America Program at Rye

By Ariel Pitzer

One of Rye's new teachers this year, Ms. Heath, has been generous enough to share with many students of Rye her skills of agriculture and also about becoming a FFA member (Future Farmers of America). Among Ms. Heath's five FFA classes with 45 students in all, they recently held class elections; president this year will be Haley Larkin, vice president Alison Meyers, secretary and representative Jayde VanOort, and treasurer Celeb Camper. Also for FFA, Ms. Heath now has the Career Development sign-up sheets posted on her classroom door.

Next year it will be a requirement for students to first complete an agriculture class before they can join FFA. An entire calendar for



how FFA is looking this year can be found at theaet.com under chapter calendars. There is an enrollment form on moodle as well for the Agriculture class. Coming up on September 20th is the B.I.G. meet for FFA. Also next month will be the National Convention on October 20-28. For more information about that, students can check Ms. Heath's door. Watch for more news about this new extra curricular activity offered at Rye thanks to Ms. Heath.

You can view photos from RHS students at: http://www.flickr.com/groups/rhsphotography/pool/with/7934826740/#photo_7934826740

Pictured left: A photo taken by Chelsea Stallberg during photography class.



A Message From Our Lunch Ladies

"Thank you all for your patience and understanding with us, it has been a rough start to the school year. We have been short handed but things are looking up. You'll notice new faces in the serving line. Please help me welcome Olivia, Betty, and Becky. Things will go smoother with these ladies on board.

Just a reminder, please be sure to pay any charges as soon as possible. Some high schools don't allow any charging at all. Please don't make us enforce this policy."

Thanks!

Mrs. Susan Kronk

The Freedom Chat

By: Kaitlyn Caughfield

Once again it's time for the juniors to start putting together money. That's right, the Freedom Writers video chat, which is, in the words of Mrs. Scofield, "a well spent hour," is just around the corner. This chat, which will be given by an original freedom writer, was a huge success last year, and is expected to be just as amazing this year.

The Freedom Writers Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "promote an educational philosophy that honors diversity in the classroom" and to lower the high school dropout rate. They provide scholarships to students with financial or familial instability, students who are first in family to attend college, students who speak English as a second language, students with minor learning disabilities, and students who are at risk of becoming high school dropouts. One of the ways they earn money for these scholarships is through video chats such as the one the juniors are raising money for. Of course, helping with the scholarship program is not the only reason to participate in the video chat.

These chats can be really emotional, because the freedom writer who will be featured will tell his or her story, and these stories are pretty much guaranteed to be fairly heart breaking. He or she will also answer any question they are asked. No question is off limits, and they will answer honestly.

When asked about their experience last year, Shenandoah Kilts said, "It was inspiring," and Haley Larkin stated, "I really enjoyed it, I



Pictured above: The video chat from last school year.

thought more about how fortunate I have it in my life." This is an attitude shared by most of the seniors, who feel grateful that they were allowed to have the opportunity to participate in the video chat last year.

The juniors are really looking forward to this chat. In regards to the book Kristina Hillard said, "It was great! It was sad at points, but other than that, I loved it!" Chance Adair says, "It's scrumptulescent." When asked about the upcoming video chat Kaylee Rahl replied, "It will be an eye-opener."

To be able to have this great opportunity, the juniors need a total of \$200, the good news being that they have \$50 so far, but that is not nearly enough. According to Mrs. Scofield, if every junior brings in \$5 they should be able to have enough, she also adds that if you want to help, donations would be greatly appreciated.



Pictured above: Last years juniors watch the video chat intently.

Jessica Heath

I grew up in the Grand Valley (Grand Junction area) and went to Fruita Monument High School. I graduated college in 2007 after student teaching (pregnant) at FMHS, two week later I had my daughter Adeline. I did a little bit of substitute teaching that year and the next year I started teaching at Fruita Monument. I taught there for the last 4 years. With Adeline starting Kindergarten next year, I wanted to move somewhere smaller but close enough to a larger city to have the amenities available. Rye schools have great test scores, low class sizes so I decided to apply for the Ag Teaching position. When I came to interview on a Friday in April, Mr. Milligan was singing in his office. I knew I needed to work at this school if the assistant principal sang at school!! So far, my experience at RHS has been great! I am hoping to get the AG Program off the ground, establish an efficient, safe, fun learning environment in the shop; eventually expand the ag classes into the natural resources, animal/equine science, plant science, and energy systems pathways; develop a strong, successful FFA chapter full of excellent leaders and have my daughter graduate from this great school!



Homecoming Changes

By: Keelan Bailey

This year at RHS there are going to be a few changes to the homecoming events. Starting with the carnival, it will be on a Tuesday the 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. All students, parent, family members, and community members are welcome to join us for the fun filled night. Each grade level from the high school will have several booths and the art department is planning on having a couple of booths as well.

Wednesday the 19th will be the bonfire where students compete against the other grade levels at the high school in several fun games that Mr. Hale has planned out. We are hoping for a great turnout for the competitions since the games give classes more points for the homecoming weeklong class battles. After the games, students will get to hang out at the bonfire and go on the dummy hunt.

Floats will be built outside of the school grounds after school this year. Each grade level will be creat-

ing their floats to present at half-time during the football game for the completion of the class competitions, Friday the 21st, as well as the crowning of the King and Queen. The football game will begin at 7:00 pm with the excep-

tional tailgating sponsored by the Booster Club before the start of the game and concessions ran by RHS students during the game. Queen nominations are: Shennan Kilts, Breanna Dasher, and Hope Hale. King nominations are Dakotah Cowgill, Keelan Bailey and Aaron Doub. King and Queen will be crowned during halftime as well as the class points and winning class.

Floats are expected from each grade level class and will be built after school. We are hoping that the elementary school, middle school,

Pictured below: Homecoming candidates Aaron, Hope, Breanna, Shenan, and Kelan (minus Dakotah) at the Sadie Hawkins dance.



and any other club or company in the town will participate and create their own float as well. There are a few businesses that are already locked in to create their own floats. There will also be a parade around the town of Rye on Friday the 21st at 11:00 am, starting at the top of main street down to the bottom, then to the highway, past the post office, and then onto Boulder and it will end by the Rye Lodge.

All homecoming events should be fun and safe for the entire community. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Cross Country Just Getting Started

By Ariel Pitzer

The school year has just started back up and Rye athletics are as well. Coach Blackhurst's cross country team had their first scrimmage last Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Fountain Valley. Senior Rick Reidhead placed 3rd overall, freshman Farris Blackhurst in 6th, and sophomore Paul Slade came in 16th. The team's first official meet was Thursday, the 30th, in Rocky

Ford.

Coach Blackhurst says that after their scrimmage last Thursday, which was not a bad turn out for it being their first time competing outside of practice so far this season, big things are expected this year from the team as a whole, and he's excited to see where his abilities to coach cross country can carry them.



Pictured above: Rick, Karli, Farris, Chance, Coach Blackhurst. Missing: Paul Slade and Nick Maroney

Soccer Boys Are Officially A Varsity Team

By: Kacie Anglin

The boys played their first game as a varsity team this last Thursday, August 30th. Starting their first season off as a varsity team playing against Alamosa, turned out to be kind of a rough game.

The boys' soccer team has been playing as a junior varsity team since it began as a sport at Rye High School. It has been a junior varsity team because of several different factors, including numbers and experience. When starting a new sport teams have a rotation to follow, starting out as junior varsity and then working up to varsity. The boys were in rotation to become a varsity team for this season and Coach Gabe felt like they ready to move their competition up a level after having such a great season last year. The boys have a lot to learn still, but they will grow as the sea-

son of varsity players move through the year.

The boys only had 12 players on Thursday, which left them with only one sub since you play with 11 on the field. Coach Gabe gave the boys' a different lineup, which was new to them, to try and keep the boys' strength and endurance up. The new lineup helped to cover more of the field without having to run them to death.

During the first half of play the boys let in six goals. Sheldon Swartwood, junior third year player, said that the "different lineup had them a little confused to begin with, but then they got it under control during the second half where they only let two more goals



Pictured above: Justin, Atilla, Bo, Michael, Jacob, Carl, Sheldon, Coach Gabe Manager Chelsea, Kevin, Avery, Wesley, AJ, Logan, Eddie, manager Alexia

in." Although the boys didn't get any of their shots to push through the goal, they learned a lot and did well for their first varsity game.

The boys' first home varsity game is scheduled for Friday September 14th against Vangaurd at 3:30. Come help support the boys during their first season as varsity players.

Rye Wins First Football Game of the Season

Courtesy of maxpreps.com

(August 31, 2012: Rocky Ford, CO 81067) The Rocky Ford Meloneers football team (Rocky Ford, CO), was beaten 27-0 in Friday's non-league challenge with the visiting Rye Thunderbolts (Rye, CO)

The Thunderbolts (1-0) will now prepare for their challenge against Crowley County (Ordway, CO). The Chargers come into the non-league challenge with a 1-0 record. In their last challenge, Crowley County knocked off Custer County (Westcliffe, CO), 27-8, in a non-league challenge.

Come support Rye High School's



Pictured above: Rye High school football team with Coach Pat McAuliffe, Head Coach Bailey, and Coach Walker

football team at their first home game of the season. The game is set for this Friday the 7th at 7:00 at

RHS. There will be tailgating from the booster club and concessions brought to you by RHS students.

Rye High School Volleyball Season Has Started

By: Ann Heidrich

This year's C-Team includes Hannah Oliver, Kacie Adair, Briannah Fox, Emily Asbury, Courtney Colbert, Sydney Richardson, Michelle Garner, Aubrie Kilne, Aaliyah Alvarado, Allysa Ortiz, and Melody Schutte.

The 2012 junior varsity squad consists of ninth graders Alex Troxell, Kyah Graber, Jenna Mansfield, and Sarah Lesser. Tenth graders on junior varsity are Haley Naron, Jayde Van Oort, LilY Sanders, Eyrn Salinas, Megan Robins, Jessica Keeth, and Sarah Robles.

Your 2012 RHS Varsity Lady Thunderbolts are senior Rylee Abert at middle hitter, senior Taylor Mansfield at outside hitter, junior Anna Netzer at right side hitter, junior Jesica Lauritzen at setter, junior Kaylee Rahl at outside hitter, sophomore Brynna Burns at libero, sophomore Jayde Van Oort at middle hitter, and freshman Jenna Mansfield at setter.

"We are very talented and a great mix of youth and experience,"



Pictured above: Rye's varsity squad
Top row left to right: Kaylee, Rylee, and Taylor
Bottom row left to right: Jayde, Jenna, Bryna, Anna, and Jessica

explained Head coach Tammy Van Oort. "Hopefully we'll stay healthy and keep improving every day. The girls are so excited, and they are working extremely hard every day in practice. It's going to be a very exciting season." Watch for outstanding hitting from Taylor Mansfield and Kalee Rahl. Fans should see some exciting jump serving from Taylor, and Anna Netzer is also hitting the ball hard. Rylee Abert and Jadye Van Oort are

both doing a great job blocking at the net. Jessica Lauritzen has really improved her setting, and freshman Jenna Mansfield is awesome. Bryna continues to be very consistent in the back row. The girls have their first varsity match this coming weekend on Saturday afternoon against Custer County in Westcliffe. Plan to make the trip and watch the RHS ladies in their first match of the season.

Boys Golf in Full Swing

The boys golf team is off and golfing! They have had several golf tournaments since school started. One of the important tournaments for the boys is the Tripeaks Tournament. This tournament gives the boys the chance to earn all conference.

The boys who are participating in this tournament have to go to all three tournaments. Nick Maroney, Jake Shafer, AJ Vinci, and Samuel Ambler have all taken on this

opportunity and have been working really hard.

The rest of the team including Ryan Leal, Brett Oliver, Tanner Schmidt, and Justin Samuels have also been working hard at getting their strokes correct and working their way to hopefully go to state. As of right now the team as a whole has been placing around 4th place.

The boys have another tournament coming up Thursday at Grand Donte course in LaVeta.



Pictured above: Photo taken by RHS student Jessica Keeth during photography class. Submitted as a motion photo. Remember you can view more student photographs at http://www.flickr.com/groups/rhsphotography/pool/with/7934826740/#photo_7934826740

What's Up With Art and Music

By: Kacie Anglin

Visual arts and performing arts are a huge part of our society and our school. I recently read an article that Mr. Vinci sent to me called "STEM to STEAM: Science and Art Go Hand-in-Hand" by Steven Ross Pomeroy. The article explained very eloquently how art and science have "long existed and developed collaboratively." The article also explained that DANA Art and Cognition Consortium did a research study on whether the arts affect other areas of learning. Their studies reported that, "correlated training in the arts to improvements in math and reading scores, while others showed that arts boost attention, cognition, working memory, and reading fluency." You can go online and read this article at <http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/2012/08/22/from-stem-to-steam-science-and-the-arts-go-hand-in-hand/> to find out more about how important the arts are to this generation of students.

First off with school news about the arts and music, Mr. Baird is back teaching music this year. He is super excited and has some great plans with the music department this year and is still hoping for some more involvement with the students. Right now he has about 11 kids in choir, 16 in guitar, and



Pictured above: Gabe, Maddy, and Bo working on their African masks in crafts class.

only 5 or so in band. If you play an instrument you should talk to Mr. Baird about joining band next semester, he has a great program and wants to build it up. It would be great to have the band playing at the football and basketball games again and competing in the several band competitions around Colorado. Mr. Baird is working on a fundraiser at RHS and Craver. Students are selling chocolate bars to raise money for instrument repairs and purchases and field trips and competitions. So if you see a student selling chocolate buy one you know you'll love it and you will be helping out the music department.

Also, Mr. Baird and Mrs. Anglin (more Mr. Baird) have worked at getting the sound system up and working properly. The mixer has been cleaned out and each port has been moved around to improve the sound that we get. Mr. Baird hung five professional hanging choir mikes above the stage for optimal sound. You will hear some great improvements during the next choir, band, and drama productions.

Next, in art news, we have added Mr. Parks as the teacher for drawing and painting. He has been added because we have so many students signed up for art courses and would like to keep giving the students all of the art opportunities available to the students rather than cutting the classes that are so important for the growth in all fields. Mrs. Holloway also has joined forces with the art department teaching one of the photography courses. Having these two teachers, who have art backgrounds, available to teach courses has given students

more art choices. Mrs. Anglin still is teaching photography, crafts, journalism, cooking, digital art, ceramics, and drama.

Speaking of drama, the drama students and Mrs. Anglin have been working hard all summer long getting a play together to share with everyone. The play will be shown to the students on October 3rd during 7th hour and then after school for the community, family, friends, and anyone else interested in joining them. The play during the school day will be free to students this



Pictured above: Shenan and Cassidy practicing their parts in the play

time, usually students are asked to pay a dollar to help out the drama club, but this time it will be presented for free so that students interested in drama can see what is offered. The play after school will be presented at 7:00 pm for \$5. Mrs. Anglin's cooking class will be preparing some appetizers and drinks for your enjoyment while watching the play. We are also setting up a date for the first talent show this semester. It is looking like it will be the week before Thanksgiving break. If you are interested please let Mrs. Anglin know. There will be prizes for 1st thru 3rd place.

We look forward to some great work from both the art department and the music department.