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IT'S SPRING TIME??

TRACK SEASON IS FINALLY HERE

Michael Gannon

Track & Field has started finally and after all the snow days we have had, the team is finally able to practice. With Mr. Venema as the head coach this year and Mr. Craver assisting, the season is underway. The season has already been one to remember, as the snow has forced the team to practice the first several weeks in the gym. There are 16 athletes on the track team this year; 5 girls and 11 boys. Coach Venema and Coach Craver are both looking forward to this year with one key goal, and that being to get the whole team to compete at state and hopefully earn the overall Academic Award for the whole team.



**1,000 POINT
ACHIEVEMENT**

Christian Arriaga

As many of you know, Cesareo Arriaga achieved 1,000 points in his high school basketball career this past basketball season. Many of you might think making 1,000 points is an easy achievement, but in reality it's a tough thing to do. Ask any player if they have made 1,000 points in high school basketball. The odds of them saying they've hit 1,000 is very slim. The last time someone hit 1,000 was Nathan Powers back in 2016. Let's hope that Cesareo will continue his basketball career by playing college ball. Once again congratulations on scoring 1,043 total points!

**HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Apr 5 (Friday)	Milton-Freewater
Apr 13 (Saturday)	Trout Lake
Apr 19 (Friday)	Bickleton
Apr 20 (Saturday)	Prosser
Apr 27 (Saturday)	Sherman
May 3 (Friday)	Cle Elum
May 10 (Friday) - District	Glenwood
May 17 (Friday) - Regional	Manson
May 23 (Thursday) - State	Cheney

ASB CULTURE TRIP

Cesareo Arriaga

This year as a part of their annual culture trip the ASB decided to go to the *Lion King* play in Spokane. Many had their doubts about the musical, but they learned quickly how incredible it is and they truly enjoyed this one. From the first-time experiences to the amazing performances, it was overall a blast to spend time together and connect. Before the play, the ASB officers and advisors went to dine at the Melting Pot, which none of the students had gone to before. There they learned what fondue was and how to eat it. During the ASB trip, all had a lot of fun and definitely made memories.



BOND BURNING

Dakota Riggs

On January 19, 2018, a historic event happened. The ten million dollar bond that provided the new Bickleton School to be built was officially paid off and burned in a symbolic statement. During the event, former superintendent, Ric Palmer, told the story of how this school went from a dream to a reality. Just over ten years ago, it was decided that Bickleton should build a new school. Many people were involved, from selling the bond to the community and to investors. Some of those were: Ric Palmer, Judy Naught, Billie Brown, Susan Powers, Jerry Roberts, Tom Mains, John Jensen, and Gary Hess. These people formed the plan along with passing it to make the school become a reality. Without the hard work from these people, the school wouldn't have been built as rapidly as it was. The County commissioners who supported the endeavor were Ray Thayer, David Sauter and Rex Johnston. With help from Ryan Swanson and Trevor Carlson, the bond was sold and agreed upon at approximately ten million dollars. Then construction began. Fast forward to 2019, and it is officially paid off. Without the contributions of all of these people, Bickleton wouldn't have the beautiful school it does.

HOMECOMING 2019

Leyla Gonzalez

Homecoming 2019 was a success. The students in Bickleton prepared for Homecoming by showing their school spirit and dressing up as different movie characters. The spirit days were: Disney day, Marvel and DC day, Hollywood day, and Pirates day. Not only did the high school participate during spirit week, but the staff and elementary also participated. The night of Homecoming, the high school basketball team played Trout Lake. Bickleton also celebrated Senior Night recognizing our seniors Cesareo Arriaga and Michael Gannon. After the exciting basketball game, the high school students danced the night away. Several games were played including: Guess the Movie Quote and How Well Do You Know Each Other. Prizes were given out to winners. The ASB did a great job decorating for the Hollywood themed dance. Everyone there had fun dancing and hanging out with friends. Thank you to our chaperones Mr. Daley, Mrs. Gannon, and Mr. and Mrs. McBride. We really appreciated your help.



JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

Adriana Gonzalez

This year's junior high track season will be very interesting, especially with so much snow. The track team is currently having practice in the gym until the track is clear enough to be used. When Mrs. Baughan was asked what the athletes should be most focused on during track and field she said, "Trying to keep their grades up especially now that we have a five day week." Both Mrs. and Mr. Baughan are really excited for this year's track because many people joined. There is a total of 9 girls and 8 boys. Overall, this year's track season should be really fun and good luck to all the track kids.

JUNIOR HIGH

TRACK SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Apr 11 (Thursday)	White Salmon
Apr 18 (Thursday)	Glenwood
Apr 23 (Tuesday)	Trout Lake
Apr 30 (Tuesday)	Bickleton
May 7 (Tuesday)	Trout Lake



TRIVIA

Answers found on the backside

- 1) What percentage of an egg's weight is the shell?
- 2) Which U.S. President had a home called The Hermitage?
- 3) How many pieces of wood does the modern violin contain?



READING BUDDIES

Haylee Andrews

Reading buddies is new this year. It's a way for students to create a bond with the elementary and it gives the elementary someone to look up to. Every week the 7th and 8th grade choose a book to read with Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. They spend about 15 minutes with the kids. The time they spend with the kids gives them a good example of how to act and gives them inspiration.



PENNY WARS 2019

Hayden Andrews

This year's Penny Wars was a very popular school-wide event that ended up raising \$1,115.89 for the charity "Water for South Sudan". On the first day, the school raised about \$130, by the second day that total had reached \$280, \$500 by the end of the third day and finally by the end of the week the school had raised \$1,115.89. By the end of it all, the first graders took the win earning themselves a doughnut party. Overall, it was a great event, bringing in lots of money for a good cause.

FORT WALLA WALLA MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

This year the junior high students have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Fort Walla Walla Museum. The scheduled two-hour guided tour is filled with dozens of exhibits ranging from the Fur Trade and Pioneers of the Oregon Trail to the history of Fort Walla Walla's use during both World Wars and the roots of agriculture in the Walla Walla Valley. Being chaperoned by Mr. Craver and Mr. Hatch, the junior high students will have a great learning experience, one that they will definitely remember.



Trivia Answers: 1) 11% 2) Andrew Jackson 3) 70

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

It is an exciting time at Bickleton Schools with spring approaching, track meets, senior presentations and the beginning of our last quarter of the 2018 – 2019 school year. Smarter Balanced testing and graduation will soon be upon us and we will begin to prepare for the next school year. It seems to cycle more quickly every year.

We did miss 8 days of school due to the weather. We were fortunate to have both Klickitat and Yakima County Road Departments on top of clearing the roads of snow or we would have missed even more days. We appreciate all the long hours and many days of work all those people put in to keep our community safe and accessible. We also recognize the many individuals who used their own equipment to help our school and community. All of you make living and working in Bickleton a pleasure.

Because we missed the 8 days of school, we have adjusted our schedule to make up those days. We are now going to school Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3 pm. We will continue to do this until we get our days made up. Thank you, parents, for your support in making this happen. Our other options of losing spring break or extending the school year to make up those days were more disruptive so here we are, going to school all week.

Keep your eyes on our website and Facebook page for upcoming dates of events and general information. Again, thank you for your support of our school and all the students and staff.

Go Pirates!

