

## SAGER SCENE JANUARY '05

### PRINCIPAL'S PEN

I hope your holiday break was restful and enjoyable. Life wouldn't be very interesting without some kind of problems, right? So thank you for bearing with our weather delays, and delayed starts on delayed start days!

If you followed our coverage in the Union Bulletin (January 6), you noticed the headline about the recommendation from MGT of America (a consulting firm) to bring all the grades into the Meadow Brook and Sager site. They recommended renovating Sager, and housing grades 5-8 here. The report emphasized that there be a physical separation between fifth and sixth graders, and seventh and eighth graders, potentially with different wings. The report highlighted how poor the educational suitability was of the Sager buildings, being disjointed and isolated.

I guess what this report didn't address, was the incredible commitment that Sager staff have for delivering an excellent education to our students. Because our staff wanted to respond to the "separation and isolation" issue, they moved classrooms so that they could be organized according to grade level and subject. Sager teachers have dealt with many of these issues for a number of years, but this is not what you hear them talk about in staff meetings and late starts. If I could boil it down to one theme, these meetings are dominated by this comment, "What do we need to do to make our students successful in the future?"

We want our students to be thoughtful and productive members of society, like Tyler Garrett. Tyler, his dad, and a host of volunteers dedicated a

Saturday of their own to install the playground equipment at Davis Elementary over the holiday break. This was a huge undertaking, and Tyler, who is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, had to put in hours of planning before the project was completed. I have heard from a number of people that he did a fantastic job, and the equipment was installed "without a hitch." I am proud of Tyler, and many of the other students just like him who are positive additions to our community. Way to go Tyler!

Well, the students are starting to settle into a more "regular" swing again, and we look forward to the many events on the February calendar. The honor roll has their annual Bluewood trip on the 4<sup>th</sup> (if they have snow), and the Sager Olympics are starting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we try to protect the lives of dozens of innocent eggs as they are dropped from the roof of Sager's gym.

I want to thank you all for the support you have given your kids in their education at Sager. Working together, we make an unbeatable team!  
Eric Price

### MEET THE AUTHOR

Sager's librarian, Mrs. Detwiler, has planned a great assembly for students starring Patrick Carman, author of Dark Hills Divide on January 26. He is a charismatic speaker and connects with kids in a way that few authors do. His talk is 30-35 minutes and is centered around the importance of reading and writing. Scholastic Books has signed him and has sent him on a cross country tour to promote the book. He is a northwest native and is touring exclusively in the Northwest for the rest of the year. His book has sold nearly 10,000 copies just in Washington based

on his school visits. Reading teachers will be using the book as 'read aloud' in class and also using his website, ([www.lanofelyon.com/home.html](http://www.lanofelyon.com/home.html)) for great activities and lessons. The Sager library has two copies of the book on it's shelf ! Ask your student about the assembly, or better yet share this time with them and attend. The assembly will be held on January 26 at 1:00 pm.

### **RAIDERS REPORT.....**

#### **Endangered Species in Mr. Knauft's class by Yahaira Garcia**

Mr.Knauft and his class adopted an endangered species that live in the ocean on September 1, 2004.This endangered species is the salmon. The salmon are now on their third process of growing.

In December, a child in Mr.Knauft's first and second period class said, "I just saw one of the fish flying! (He was just exaggerating of course)." After he said that, most of the kids in Mr.Knauft's first and second period went running to the fish tank to see the fish that was supposedly flying. The fish was in fact swimming fast from the top of the aquarium to the bottom which made it look as if it was flying.

There are five processes for the development of the salmon. The first development of the salmon is the plain eggs. The second development is the egg with a black dot on it. It takes about 30 days for the development of the black dot to take place. The third development is the salmon with some part of its egg on the bottom of it that takes about 55 days to take place. The fourth development is a small salmon this takes 80 days to develop. The last process is the salmon this takes 120 days.

Mr.Knauft will let them free when they're done developing.

### **Sager Basketball Team Hopes For Victories**

#### **By. Leslie Prendiville**

Sagers basketball teams have done incredibly well this season. With the help of coaches Mark Ferraro and Mike Collins, they have taught them plays, and have conditioned them for tough teams. Some of the schools they have played are, Liberty Christian, De Sales, Dayton, and Central. Both teams A and B, are good with wins and loses. The A team is at 5 wins and 1 lose. The B team is at 7 wins and 0 loses. They are undefeated and very proud. One player is Ryan James. During a game against Liberty Christian, he made 21 shots. Ryan is the only boy on the team that made 21 shots in one game.

The B team has a few point guards to choose from but the main point guard is Drew Reinland. Drew is one of the best players on the B team. He practices outside at lunch time with his team mates. Also, the A team has a few point guards but Donovan Marquis is usually the first one to start. Donovan is known as "Uncle Donnie" around the school. Donnie is a good athlete, and takes sports seriously. Both teams played Central at home and won. They are proud to be so good.

Thirty-plus girls have turned out for basketball. They hit the hardwood the first day back from the holidays and are anxiously awaiting their first game. We are looking forward to some great action from this team this season. Be sure to check out the calendar of dates and times. The girls and coaches Sutherland and Collins appreciate your support.

### **WEATHER OR NOT...**

Please remember to listen to all area radio/tv stations on days when weather is a question. The stations are notified around 6:00 a.m. of closures and delay. This information is also posted on the web page at [www.cpps.org](http://www.cpps.org). Students are also reminded to wear appropriate clothing during the colder weather months and to take care walking on the icy sidewalks around campus.

### **GOT GRADES ?**

Friday, January 21, is the end of Term 2. Grades will be calculated on Monday and mailed home. If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's report card, please feel free to contact any teacher through their e-mail or call for an appointment.

### **CONGRATULATIONS....**

Sager teacher Erica Lackey and her husband, Dan, welcomed a new baby boy into their lives on December 22. Nickolas Ayden Lackey weighed in at 5 lb. 13 oz. and was a welcomed early Christmas present. We will miss Mrs. Lackey during her maternity leave as she is not only a great reading/language arts teacher, but also our ASB sponsor, and in charge of almost every activity that happens here. Sager welcomes Mr. Logue as her substitute ! Speaking of babies, Mrs. Reser's baby is due soon and a new baby for Mr. Goin and his wife is next !

### **CALENDAR for JANUARY**

12 Late Start Wednesday  
17 No School MLKing birthday  
19 Late Start Wednesday  
20 bb at Prescott A only  
21 Term 2 ends  
24 Final Grades Term 2  
24 bb vs DeSales C only  
25 bb vs Touchet B,A  
26 Meet the Author Assembly 1:00  
26 Late Start Wednesday  
27 bb at Pomeroy B,A  
28 Freebie Friday  
Coming in February.....  
Sager Olympics, Honor Roll Bluewood  
Trip, Egg Drop Competitions