



Mr. Gibbens is Newer than New!

By: Ashanti Manson and Taylor Budaj

Mr. Gibbens is the new dean and as most of you know he is replacing the old dean, Mr. Rodgers.

November 11, 2014 was Mr. Gibbens' first day as dean at Aurora Frontier. Believe it or not Mr. Gibbens is like your average teacher. He taught at Aurora Hills before he came here and he taught middle school science for four years. Some things you might not want to do if you want to stay on his good side is continue to do your best in school, don't be disrespectful to your teachers or peers, and DO NOT bully.

Mr. Gibbens' hobbies include: going to the mountains, hanging out with his kids and family (did you know he is married to our awesome second grade teacher, Mrs. Gibbens), and he LOVES coaching football. Mr. Gibbens believes that he is "Strict but fair." Hey that could be his new motto!



Mr. Gibbens, our new dean (left). Mrs. Handy, teacher of the year (above).

The Queen of the Gym!

By: Austin Fleck, Kylie Black, Mercedes Capozzolo, Ella Wonder

Congratulations to Mrs. Handy for getting the COAHPERD award for best middle school gym teacher in the state of Colorado! Mrs. Handy said, "A lot of candidates are really good, yet I worked hard. I have worked for eight years and think that this school is really great. I felt very surprised when I got chosen but I didn't think I would get this award! I dedicate this award to the students, staff, and families because without you guys, I wouldn't have gotten this award."

A couple of students have recognized why Mrs. Handy is so great and why she deserves this award. D'Andre Barnes says, "I love it when Mrs. Handy comes up with all the fun games she has for us to play. I also love it when Mrs. Handy encourages us to eat healthy and be healthy."

Alex Melaku says, "She is always positive and always helps you when you aren't feeling good about yourself."

When you walk by, make sure you congratulate her on her accomplishment!

Friday Funday

Austin Fleck, Ella Wonder, Mercedes Capozzolo

Last Friday was the second S.O.A.R assembly of the year. As you know, the Blue community did a lot of planning to make it as fun as it was! Mr. Graff and Mrs. Rebik are some of the people who organized the assembly. "We were going to have some 'wacky relays' and lots of drawings for prizes," said Mr. Graff. Mrs. Rebik also said that they were going to have around 3 big events! So, remember to give the Blue community staff a high five for their hard work!



Artists of Aurora Frontier

By: Madison Baxter, Carly Van Dorn, and Makayla Tressler

Do you know what R.T.D. stands for? It stands for Regional Transportation District. Recently, there was a contest between 19 schools to draw a piece of art. If chosen, their art work would be put in a voting phase where everyone who wanted could vote on their favorite piece of art. The winners would get their artwork placed onto a 40 ft. RTD bus, and that bus would make a special trip to the school where they attend.

Guess what? The winners were 8th graders from Aurora Frontier: Madison Baxter and Jenna Braun! The bus will be coming on December 8th, and all students will be invited to come out and see it.

Thanks to Mr. McCauley for letting us participate in this awesome event!



The artwork, above, was created by Jenna Braun and Madison Baxter, and won the RTD contest.

Spike Your Way To Volleyball!

By: Madison B. & Makayla T.

The season for volleyball started on November 17th. For this season, the coaches will be Mr. Buckley and Mrs. Boyle. The practices are right after school for 6th and 7th graders, except on Wednesdays. The 8th graders have a late practice because the 6th and 7th graders are practicing after school, and the gym will be full.

To sign up for volleyball, you will need to see Mr. Buckley for the sign-up sheet. Madison said when asked about how volleyball was last year, "It was fun because I got to go to other K-8 schools. Doing sports with my friends and feeling appreciated and known at my school was fun."

Some FUN FACTS about volleyball are: Volleyball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan at the Holyoke, Massachusetts YMCA. He thought basketball was too strenuous and violent while volleyball is civilized. The volleyball was designed and created in 1900. Also, volleyball is the second most popular sport in world, while soccer is the first. Another fun fact about volleyball is the first world championships were held in 1949 for men and 1952 for women.

MMM...PIE!!

By Miquela Stapleton, Kylie Black, Ellie Newman, and Kirsten Anderson

Have you ever been to Village Inn? You can get breakfast, lunch, and dinner there! Village Inn has the best pie of all time! "Village Inn is the most delicious place on earth!" says Mercedes Capozzolo. Kylie Black says, "They have good pie." If you have never been to Village Inn, then you should really consider going there! You can go on Wednesday and get a free slice of pie! Yummmmmmm! Kirsten Anderson says her favorite thing from Village Inn is the strawberry and whipped cream cheesecake. Miquela Stapleton says that her favorite thing is also the cheesecake. Ellie Newman's favorite type of pie is French Silk.

We love this place. They love this place. He loves this place. She loves this place. I love this place. You love this place. Don't forget your pie on Wednesday! So, go ahead, and eat at Village Inn!



Polar Vortex--Facts vs. Fiction
By Aliya Hayes and Isabelle Kinney

**What is the Polar vortex?*

It is a cold wave of air that crosses the country. It originates from the cold winds that come from the Earth's magnetic poles.

**What does it cause?*

It causes the cold weather that most commonly makes us crave going indoors and getting hot chocolate. It has more pronounced effects during the winter than in the summer.

**Where does this affect us the most?*

It mainly affects Canada and parts of the western US, including Colorado.

**Why do we care?*

This makes us freeze.

Early News-Writers

By Austin Fleck

Have you enjoyed reading the Falcon Scoop? Do you like to write? Then you should join the journalism club.

For those who don't know, journalism is the club started by Mrs. Budaj. They meet every Monday. In journalism club, you can write articles about many things like sports, school events, features, and editorials (which are articles about peoples' opinions).

We have an amazing Editor-in-Chief already who will help you in case something is messed up. Her name is Jordyn Stapleton.

"I like that it is relatively calm and gives me the opportunity to write," says Isabelle Kinney when describing this club.

It's not too late to join! Just ask Mrs. Budaj to give you a permission slip for journalism, have your parents sign it, then return it to Mrs. Budaj so you can join!



**Our editor in chief,
Jordyn Stapleton**

What's Up with Lunch?

By: Kirsten Anderson, Carly Van Dorn, Aylana Hayes

Are you wondering why Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Leggett changed the lunch schedule? Well, here are your answers!

"We think it will take some time for the students to adjust, but they will like it after a while," Mrs. Leggett said. "One of the main issues with the old lunch schedule was safety. Now with our new schedule not that many kids are getting hurt."

They asked many parents and teachers if their kids were eating lunch, and they were getting many responses that they weren't. With the new lunch schedule, people actually get to socialize more: lots of kids play sports at recess and don't talk that much. So, since they now have 15 minutes to eat, when they're done they can talk! It also gives students the chance to settle down before they head back to class.

Ready, Set, Wrestle

By: Mercedes Capozzolo, and Ella Wonder

Congratulations to our wrestlers who were city champs:

6/7th grade team

- Dylan Weiser – 2nd
- Tarrent Thompson – 3rd
- Christian Drevon – 2nd
- Nicholas Chounlamany – 3rd
- Max Silva – 2nd

8th grade team (who score 2nd overall)

- Mars Robinson – 1st City Champion
- Elias Rodriguez - 1st City Champion
- Ben Capozzolo – 2nd
- Amari Melaku – 3rd
- Julian Torres - 1st City Champion
- Trenton Chhoun – 2nd
- Ean Borron – 3rd
- Dillon Hutchison – 2nd

Some of our city champs: Dillon H., Ben C., Elias R., and Trenton C.



Turkey Cookies

By Kirsten Anderson, Ellie Newman, Miquela Stapleton, and Kylie Black

Looking for a fun treat for Thanksgiving? How about some delicious turkey cookies?

Ingredients: 1 cup chocolate chips; 30 candy corns and 6 white tips; 6 Oreos and 6 Oreos with only cream; 6 Mini Reeses; 6 Whoppers; some red frosting.

1. Put the chocolate chips in a medium sized bowl. Put the bowl on a saucepan of barely simmering water. Stir occasionally, until the chocolate has melted. Set aside to cool.
2. Push 5 candy corns, tip-side down, into the cream of an Oreo to make the feathers for the turkey.
3. Dip the flat, larger end of a Mini Reeses in the melted chocolate allowing extra chocolate to drip back into the bowl. Put the Reeses onto the Oreo.
4. Dip a Whopper into the melted chocolate allowing extra chocolate to drip back into the bowl. Put the Whopper above the peanut butter cup to make the head of the turkey.
5. Dip the flat end of the white candy corn tip in the chocolate. Place on the malt ball, to make the turkey beak. Refrigerate until the chocolate has set.
6. Put a dab of frosting under the Whopper to make the turkey's "beard".
7. Place an Oreo (with top half removed) on a plate. Stand the turkey upright into the cream. Repeat with the rest of the ingredients.

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