

# Rams Tracks

2019-2020 ISSUE I

RAMS TRACKS

## Welcome Back Helper Middle School

**Big Changes in our Small School!**

HMS began the 2019-2020 year with some big changes. Two new teachers and two big room makeovers. Take a look inside the Rams Tracks News to find out about these changes and more.

The Rams Tracks Team welcomes you back to school and are looking forward to an exciting school year at Helper Middle School.

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## Wrenovation Awards

Congratulations Mrs. Passarella and Mrs. Bentley for receiving the Wrenovation Award from Carbon School District. The district recognized them for the changes and updates they made to the Art Room and the Library.

Mrs. Kristen Taylor of the School Board noted that the Wrenovation Award is for having "The ability to make a nest anywhere" Thank you Mrs. Passarella and Mrs. Bentley for helping to make HMS Great!



Wrenovation Painting  
by Charlie Harper

# Meet Mrs. Hansen

Meet Miss Stacy  
By Abby Twitchell

- Q: Do you like the school?
- A: Yes, because of the faculty, students and teachers.
- Q: What jobs did you have or still have besides HMS?
- A: Still works as an Animal Control Officers, Boys and Girls' Club and is a mother of two boys.
- Q: Did you go to the school when you were younger?
- A: Yes, 2001-2002
- Q: Why do you work here?
- A: Because I love HMS!
- Q: What are things you love about the school?
- A: School spirit and hard working and dedicated people.
- Q: What are cool things about the job of HMS.
- A: Help students realize they are smart!

By Bradley Sweeney and Miley Hansen

- Q: What is your favorite subject?
- A: I would have to say math, though i do like to teach science and social studies
- Q: What is your favorite book?
- A: My favorite book is Sarah's Key, by Tatiana de Rosnay

- Q: What are your hobbies?
- A: My hobbies include, hunting, fishing, camping, Being with my family, and watching my children play their sports
- Q: Where did you go to college?
- A: Utah State
- Q: Do you have any pets?
- A: I have 3 dogs, 2 labs and a mini schnauzer

- Q: What is one thing that we don't know about you?
- A: Okay, I once swam with stingrays in Antigua

# Meet Mrs. Passarella

By Allena Ison

- Q: What school were you at Before?
- A: Castle Heights
- Q: What did you teach before you came to Helper?
- A: 1st Grade
- Q: Do you like Art?
- A: LOVE Art!

- Q: Do you like working at Helper?
- A: Yes, Loves staff and students have been awesome.
- Q: What was your favorite subject in school when you were in middle school?
- A: Art

- Q: What is your favorite Food?
- A: Pizza
- Q: What is your favorite color?
- A: Green



# 100 BOOK CHALLENGE



## The 100 Book Challenge

By Miley Hansen

To some people the 100 book challenge may seem unimportant. But according to Mrs. Ison, this is something that could affect your future. Reading is a major life skill. If students can

read well, they can access information better and would do better in classes. And if you do complete the challenge, you get some amazing rewards. Like how if you read 20 books by December, you get a scoop of ice cream. But if you read 50 books by

December, you get a full ice cream sundae. And if you complete it by the end of the year, you get to go on a field trip to Barnes and Noble and buy a book. Also, reading opens a doorway of imagination.

Last year HMS students had the goal of reading 40 books, this year we have more than doubled this goal. The goal is to read 100 books this year. Students pass off each finished book with their ELA teacher and then the progress is tracked on a poster for each grade. At 25 books students can earn 1 ice cream scoop at the party. The more books you have read by the party, the more scoops or toppings you get. The ice-cream party is scheduled before Christmas break, so lets pick up book and read to earn that full ice cream sundae.

-Mrs. Bentley

## Ice Cream Party

*Scoop up some fun with reading!*

<b>25 BOOKS</b>	<b>1 SCOOPS</b>
<b>30 BOOKS</b>	<b>2 SCOOPS</b>
<b>35 BOOKS</b>	<b>2 SCOOPS + 1 TOPPING</b>
<b>40 BOOKS</b>	<b>2 SCOOPS + 2 TOPPINGS</b>
<b>50 BOOKS</b>	<b>FULL SUNDAE</b>

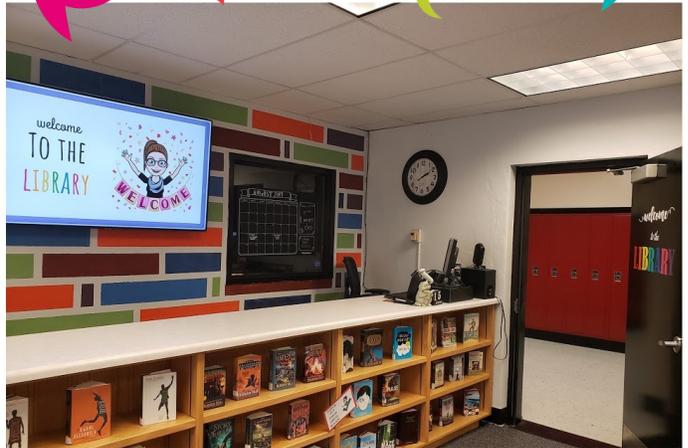




# Art Room Makeover



# Library Makeover



# Volleyball Season Comes to an End.

## HMS Volleyball

by Miley Hansen and Avy Atwood

The volleyball season is coming to an end. Spirit week is celebrating the last volleyball game against our rivals, Mont Harmon. The 8th graders who are leaving Helper Middle school are: Lyndie Richardson, Ella Anderson, Alena Ison, Janyssa Wadley,

Veronica Cartwright, and Bell Pugliese. They have all played great this season and we will all miss them greatly. Junior Varsity has also played awesome and have made huge improvements. We can't wait to see what they do as our Varsity team next season.

6th grade has come a long way from tryouts. We are so proud of our volleyball team. Good luck to all of the team members that will be trying out next year.

### VOLLEYBALL PLAYER REPORT:

Annalee Rappleyea  
Game on 9\11\19

Congrats to varsity they won San Rafael. Both J.V. and 6th grade lost. It was a good and close game for J.V and varsity. It was so fun to cheer on the team as they played. Having to help with books and lines was a fun thing to do as I watch them play



# Last Football Game Against Mont Harmon

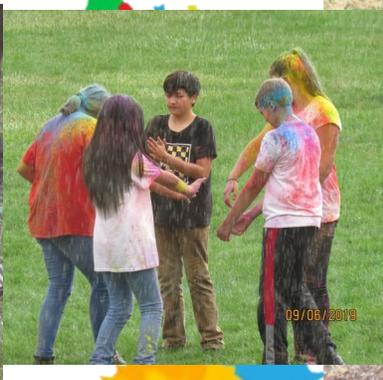
The football season has come to an end. The final game against Mont Harmon was played at Carbon High school. The Carbon High band performed at half time. Although the team lost their last game, they worked hard and had a great time. Good Job players, HMS is proud of your hard work.





# HMS SPORTS







# Color Dance 2019





# Student Body Elections



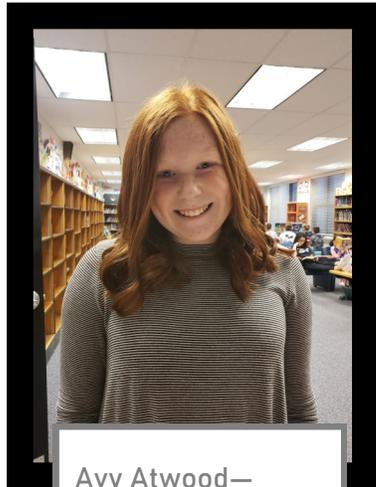
Carter Richardson—  
President

Carter Richardson  
Elected to President  
Tasks are overseeing the student body as one of their peers, planning, and carrying out activities for the student body with help from other officers and the house reps.  
The student government is planning a Halloween carnival and a food drive for the students to participate in.  
Favorite part is that we have a group of people that work well together.

Janyssa Wadley  
Elected to Vice President  
I am the back up president I get to decide things that the other officers don't get to do and I have more responsibility and liability. Student government is currently planning an activity around and about Halloween that the whole school will love. My favorite part of student government is being a leader and supporting my peers. I love student government.



Janyssa Wadley—  
Vice President



Avy Atwood—  
Secretary

Avy Atwood  
Elected to Secretary  
Tasks over notes and to organize  
Activities are the Halloween carnival so far  
“Love being able to make school more fun for the students”

Ella Anderson  
Elected to Historian  
Keeps Time.  
Halloween Carnival is coming up.  
She loves planning things for the school.



Ella Anderson—  
Historian

# Banned Books Week!

HMS Library celebrated Banned Books Week at the end of September.

Banned Books Week is an annual event that celebrates our freedom to read. The books featured during this time all have been targeted for removal or restriction in libraries or schools at some point in the past. Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information.

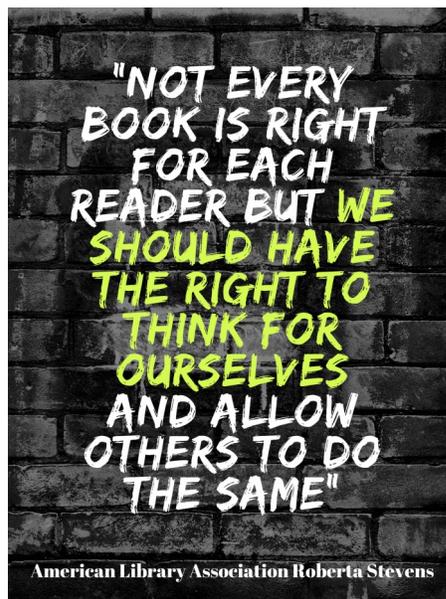
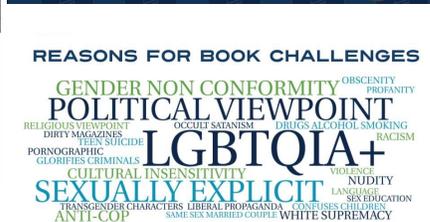
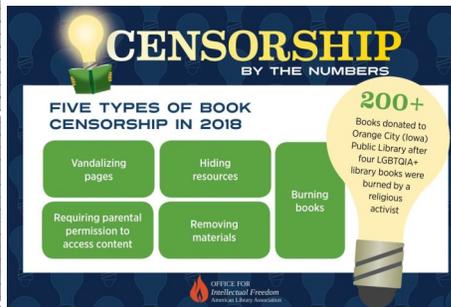


Rams Tracks Members "Stand with the Banned" in a fun photo op using a green screen, Thanks Mrs. Navarro for you help !



Why the Hunger Games was challenged By Abby Flemett

The Hunger Games is a book series consisting of three novels. The series has been challenged because parents didn't want their children reading the books. The parents thought the books had too much violence and didn't think they were appropriate for children to read.



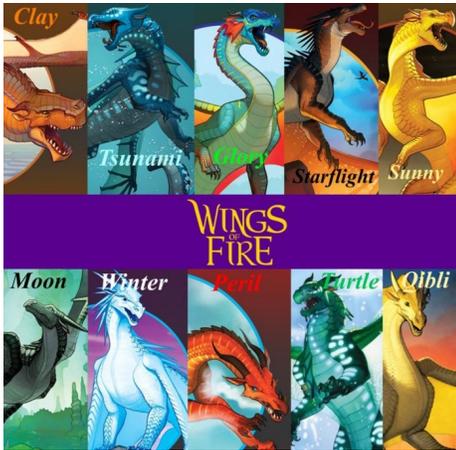
**CHALLENGE**

Attempt to remove or restrict materials or services based on content

**BAN**

Removal of materials or cancellation of services based on content

# Let's Review it!



**Check out all  
the Wings of  
Fire books in  
the Library,  
including the  
new Graphic  
Novels!**



**HMS library has the new  
Wings of Fire graphic novels.**

## **WINGS OF FIRE !**

**“darkness will rise to bring the light”**

quickly , get online and order some plane tickets .

we ‘ re taking a trip to Pyrrhia .

in another universe , on a planet  
full of dragons , chaos is brewing .

five dragonets , clay , tsunami ,  
sunny , glory , and starflight have been chosen  
to stop a war .

a war that ‘ s been going on for years .

a feud about who should be the next  
sandwing queen .

of three queens who blister and blaze and burn ,

two shall die and one shall learn .

if she bows to a fate that is stronger ,  
she ‘ ll have the power of **wings of fire** .

then again , what are five dragonets supposed  
to do about a war this big ?

that ‘ s not how tsunami sees it .

she wants to see this war for herself .

so , after a narrow escape , the dragonets  
of destiny are free from their guardian ‘ s

talons , out to explore the world .

next thing they know , they ‘ re

lured into the enemy ‘ s talons .

after all . . not everyone wants the war to end .

some love the bloodshed .

to find out what happens , read

**Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy** , by  
Tui T. Sutherland .

we wish you the power of Wings of Fire .

Written by Sophie Arrieta

# Let's Review it!

*- , WARRIORS ! , -  
"fire will save the clan"*

*warriors .*

*a world dominated not by humans , but by cats . cats that have been following their warrior ancestor ' s pawsteps for moons and moons . the four clans , thunderclan , shadowclan , windclan , and riverclan have been at peace for moons . no battles over territory . no quarrels . no blood being shed .*

*rusty , a kittypet , or house cat , journeys into the woods and joins thunderclan . though an outcast , he tries his hardest to prove his loyalty to thunderclan .*

*but , with his arrival , comes the death of redbtail , thunderclan ' s deputy .*

*rusty , now known as firepaw , befriends two other apprentices named firepaw and ravenpaw .*

*though . . ravenpaw witnessed redbtail ' s death . and he has an interesting story to tell .*

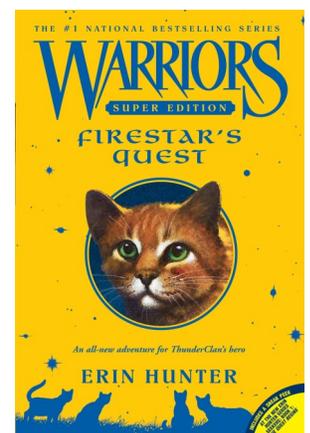
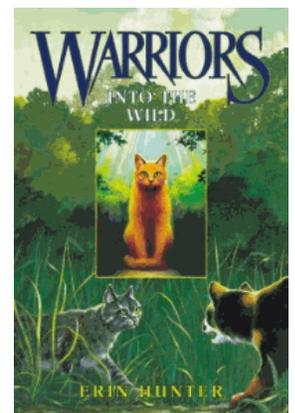
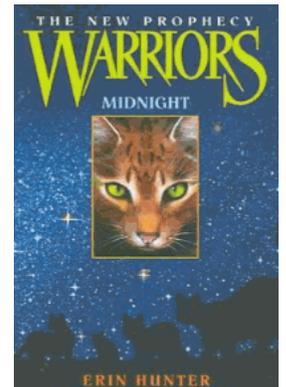
*redtail was rumored to have been killed by oakheart , riverclan ' s deputy .*

*out of rage , tigerclaw , a warrior of thunderclan who fought in the battle over sunningrocks killed oakheart , who , supposedly killed redbtail .*

*but that ' s may not be the true story . ravenpaw says it was tigerclaw himself who killed redbtail .*

*to discover the real truth , read Warriors: Into the Wild by Erin Hunter .*

Written by Sophie Arrieta





# Spirit Week





**HMS had a great time dressing up for Spirit Week October 7—11. Dress up days were Disney Day, Twin Day, Spirit Day, Blast to the Past, and Freaky Friday. Everyone had a lot of fun showing their school spirit!**





**GOOD LUCK  
TO ALL OUR  
PRESENT  
AND FUTURE  
PLAYERS IN  
ALL HMS  
SPORTS!**

### *- , RPG ! , '-*

***“that which does not kill me . . gives me XP.”***  
*rpg club is now back in business .  
if you don ‘ t know what rpg club is , it ‘ s  
dungeons and dragons . you play as a character ,  
learn both useful and useless spells , fight  
weird animals , like bears with owls for heads , tame  
dragons , raid people , set towns on fire , and  
neglect both your mental and physical health .  
though , on the brighter side , you can go on cool  
also go on cool adventures with your friends  
and potentially try to save the world .  
if you have any interest in RPG , you can  
go talk to Mr. Navarro .  
happy hunting .*

*By Sophie Arrieta*

## **Interviews**

### **Cheerleader Interview**

By Maddox Wood-Davis

- Q: Why do you like cheer?
- A: I like cheer because its fun!
- Q: Why should others try out next year?
- A: Because cheer is a fun all-year long sport! <3
- Q: Are you excited about the game?
- A: Yes!
- Q: What is your favorite Cheer?
- A: Hey Let’s Fire it Up!

### **Football Interview**

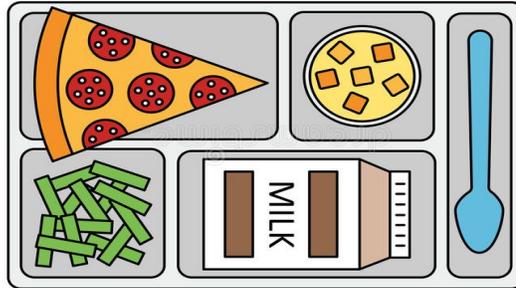
By Maddox Wood-Davis

- Q: Why do you like football?
- A: Because you get more fit.
- Q: Are you ready for the Game?
- A: Yes!
- Q: What made you want ot play?
- A: Experiences I had with my uncle.
- Q: What do you hate about football?
- A: Nothing.



# POLL TIME!

Our cafeteria works are always working hard at Helper Middle School to give us the best and most nutritious breakfast and lunches. But the Rams Tracks Team were curious, if you could pick your lunch menu, what would be served at HMS lunch?



## 6th Grade:

Little Caesars or Dominos Pizza  
Bacon Cheeseburgers  
Grilled Cheeses

## 7th Grade:

Little Caesars Pizza

## 8th Grade:

Nachos, Smoothies, Cheesecake, Little Caesars

*Remember it is our responsibility to keep the lunch room a tidy and healthy place to eat.  
Please throw all trash away and clean up spills.*

# DRAMA



## Drama plays

By Madison Arroyo

WE ARE EXCITED TO WATCH AND SUPPORT THESE STUDENTS. THEY ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO MEMORIZE THEIR LINES AND PERFORM WELL FOR OUR SCHOOL.

If you are wondering when the first drama plays are here they are. One of our upcoming one is our Halloween play is on October 31. So if you come you should probably want to put it on your calendar. The pay will be posted at the school in the gym.

Our second play is the Christmas play this one will be hosted on the December 20. So make sure you come you don't want to miss it. Also this one will also be held in the school in the gym. So make sure you check it out.

This is our last play it will be held at the end of the

# Meet your 2019-2020 Rams Tracks Team

Abbigail Flemmett joined Rams Tracks because she wants to inform the school about what is going on. She loves to write about books. Her favorite thing to do is read.

Alena Ison likes playing volleyball. She likes to read fantasy books. She joined Rams Tracks because it's fun. Alena is our 8th grade editor for 2019.

Abbigail Twitchell's favorite thing to do is riding horses. She joined Rams Tracks this year because she wants to have fun and write about the school. She likes to write about sports.

Maddox Davis likes write surveys and joined because you get to do fun activities. She likes to sketch in her free time.

Sophie Arrieta likes to draw and read. She joined Rams Tracks because she likes writing. There isn't a particular thing she likes to report on but she does enjoy writing book reviews.

Kalei Coplin loves reading. She joined Rams Tracks because she likes writing stories. Her favorite kind of article are the interviews.

Bradley Sweeney likes to run. He joined Rams Tracks because he loves writing and meeting new people. He likes writing about sports and books.

Annalee Rappleyea likes to run, play volleyball, hang out with friends, and play basketball. She joined Rams Track because she thought that it would be fun to be able to write fun things about the school. She likes writing about sports and news.

Miley Hansen enjoys playing volleyball and hanging out with friends. She joined Rams track because she really love to write. She likes to write book and movie reports

Avy Atwood loves to write about events happening in our school. I also really like to write papers and essays.



If you like writing or interviewing people maybe you'd like being in Rams Tracks too! It's never too late to join the club and be a reporter. Speak with Mrs. Bentley or sign up for our next Tuesday Intervention.

House points competition is over for first quarter and the winner is Red house. They won at 369 points. Black house was close they were at 355. White house came in third place with 317. Remember to wear your house shirt on game days to earn your house points for each quarter. Red House will have an activity on October 28 for winning 1st Quarter.

Reported by Madison Arroyo



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**Our new webpage will launch soon!  
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