

The Big Pine Beacon

News from Big Pine Unified School District

November 18, 2015
Volume 7 Number 2

BIG PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
**WARRIOR
CODE**



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 16/20-Student Led Conferences, Early Release Week
- Nov. 18 - Kinder Brown Day
- Nov. 23 - Board Meeting
- Nov. 23/27- Thanksgiving Holiday Break-NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 2 - Kinder Black Day
- Dec. 4 - K-5 1st Trimester Awards Assembly
- Dec. 7 - Board Meeting
- Dec. 9 - Community Meetings
- Dec. 14/18 - 5th Grade Book Fair
- Dec. 18 - End 1st Semester, HS & MS
- Dec. 20/Jan. 1 - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 1 - Happy New Year!
- Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 21 - 4th-8th Grades Spelling Bee



We Are Crew!

12th Annual AERA *Brown* Lecture in Education Research Features the Alice Piper Case

By Superintendent Pamela Jones

Early in October I was contacted by Professor Teresa McCarty, a world-renowned scholar on Indigenous language planning, policy, education, and revitalization. She was researching details for her speech at the 2015 American Education Research Association (AERA) annual conference. The *Brown* Lecture took place on Thursday, October 22, 2015 in Washington, D.C. This high profile event included an epilogue dedicated to the story of Alice Piper's legal battle which allowed access to a public education for Native American Children.

I provided Professor McCarty some information and photos, as well as the graphic art designed by Shannon Romero that was the theme of the Alice Piper Statue fundraising campaign. The "Honoring Equal Education for All" graphic served as the central image for the concluding photo montage during McCarty's *Brown* lecture.

McCarty concluded her lecture with the Alice Piper case, which she described as a "powerful but little known account of Indigenous activism." The final words

Celebrating Student Achievement

By Ed Dardenne-Ankringa, Principal

In my first several months in Big Pine, I am privileged and energized to be part of a school staff and learning community in support of three inspirational schools and a district vision of student success. I believe that the work and commitment in Big Pine toward academic scholarship and active citizenship is transformative.

There are so many successes to celebrate as we head into student led conference week. I hope that as you and your student(s) meet, you see and experience some of the following... Our staff and students are in a unique relationship where we value a learning environment that pushes all of us to do more than we think we can. We are

Superintendent, Pamela Jones
Principal, Ed Dardenne-Ankringa



Professor
Teresa McCarty

in the talk brought the lessons of the past up to the present moment, noting that the Alice Piper Memorial Statue stands today as "testimony to the pathways forged, against great odds, by many people in many places—and Paiute people in *this* place—in the ongoing quest to fulfill the promise of *Brown*."

The *Brown* Lecture was attended by approximately 700 people - including director of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education, Dr. Charles Monty Roessel - with an additional 750 individuals and groups live-streaming. Many live-streaming groups included scores of viewers. This means that the significance of the Alice Piper case is reaching a broad audience. The video full text of the 2015 *Brown* Lecture is available on this website:

<http://www.aera.net/EventsMeetings/AnnualBrownLectureinEducationResearch/tbid/10210/Default.aspx>

increasingly responsible for directing our own personal learning while also supporting and valuing that of the larger school community and classroom. In small and caring learning communities the principles of respect, mutual trust, and empathy are fostered by staff and students alike.

Finally, I hope you had the opportunity through student led conference to see and hear about the attributes of high quality student work. The unique partnership your child and their teacher have highlights the opportunity both have to improve teaching and learning. The complexity, craftsmanship, and authenticity of your student's work was intentional; it was there to bring out the best in all students and cultivate a culture of high achievement.

Meet...



Ed Dardenne-Ankringa
Principal



Melinda
Dardenne-Ankringa
Elementary Care



Christy Jennings
5th Grade



Kristen Dallum
HS Electives



Cindy Edge
HS Math/Science

Welcome to New Staff for 2015-16

The Big Pine Unified School District is fortunate to have some great new educators join the team this year.

Ed Dardenne-Ankringa (Mr. DA) moved to our area from Wrightwood. He was most recently an administrator at Rim of the World, and has taught all ages, from elementary to high school aged students. He has both elementary and secondary teaching credentials as well as his administrative credential. He has seven years of experience as a principal and district administrator and holds a Masters in Education.

Melinda Dardenne-Ankringa (Mrs. DA) is our new elementary Care Classroom teacher. She has a Multiple Subject teaching credential, and most recently taught fourth grade at Snowline School District. She has been a preschool and elementary school teacher and a support provider for

beginning teachers.

Christy Jennings comes to us from Lee Vining. She taught for the Mono County Office of Education for the last six years, mostly in the Lee Vining Schools. She has her Multiple Subject Teaching credential. Ms. Jennings teaches the 5th grade for Big Pine this year.

Kristen Dallum made the move to Inyo County from Portland, Oregon to be our Art and Design electives teacher at the high school. She has a Masters Degree in Art and holds credentials in Elementary, Middle and High School Art. She is also a Wilderness First Responder.

Cindy Edge has returned to the eastside, most recently from Port Washington, Wisconsin, and teaches High School Math and Science for us. She holds a Masters in Education and has been a Math and Science teacher for the past 12 years in rural schools throughout the west.

Design/Build Class

By Kristen Dallum

The Design/Build Class has been busy working in the woodshop, fulfilling bench orders from all around town - our customers include Glacier Lodge, Copper Top, Country Kitchen, Big Pine Motel and several local families. These benches began as our class's first building project of the year, and students quickly found a market for their hand-crafted designs.

The benches have allowed students to develop their skills in measuring and marking boards, cutting and assembling, using hand-held electric drills and doweling. Students have also created furniture of their own design, including tables and chairs.

Benches, and custom furniture requests, are available for purchase and built to order. Benches are sanded and stained or painted to order. All proceeds go to funding future class projects in the woodshop. If you are interested in supporting our class by purchasing a bench for your home or business, please contact Ms. Kristen Dallum at kdallum@bp.k12.ca.us.



Pictures: (left to right) Students in production - Danny Huston, Darian Robinson, CionaJai LaFrombois and AnahKee Mason; Happy Customer, teacher Tim Steele; Students using tools of the trade-Zen Coons and Jordan Drew

Strawberry French Toast Roll-Ups

12 slices white sandwich bread
 1/2 pint fresh strawberries
 4 oz cream cheese
 1/4 cup powdered sugar
 2 large eggs
 2 Tbsp milk
 3 tsp granulated sugar, divided
 1/4 tsp cinnamon



1. Rinse, hull and roughly chop the strawberries. Put into a bowl and add 1 tsp sugar. Toss to coat.
2. In another bowl, soften cream cheese in the microwave for about 10 seconds. Add in powdered sugar and stir to combine well.
3. Flatten the bread slices with a rolling pin and trim off the crusts. Spread about a teaspoon of the cream cheese mixture along one edge of the bread. Top with about a spoonful of strawberries. Gently, but tightly roll up the bread around the strawberries and cream cheese mix. Continue with the remaining bread slices.
4. In a shallow bowl, whisk the eggs with the milk, remaining 2 teaspoons of sugar and cinnamon.
5. Preheat your griddle, nonstick pan or electric griddle over medium heat. Add a bit of oil and a pat of butter. Coat the rolls in the egg mixture and place seam side down. When browned, turn a quarter turn and continue until all sides are cooked and browned nicely.
6. Remove to a plate, dust with more powdered sugar, if desired, and top with remaining strawberries.

Makes 12 French toast rolls



7th Grade Culinary Arts Class: (lft to rt) Jess Spratt, Rainah Dewey, Sonny Richards, Ryan Kelley, Arthur Richards, Chris Turner, Ashlee Hernandez, Sierra Keller, Anona Davis, William Vance, Ariana Majerus, Izen Scriver and Jose Rojas

Future Chefs of America

By Cheryl Obayashi

Donned with aprons and equipped with their food safety knowledge, the Introduction to Culinary Arts, 7th grade students had their first opportunity in food preparation. The recipe was Strawberry French Toast Roll-Ups! They all did a great job and enjoyed the results of their fine culinary skills. Future recipes will include more breakfast items, lunch/dinner meals and specialty desserts. Stay tuned for upcoming recipes.

Watch the Plants Grow

By Lorelee Mairs

Funded by the Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society with a Mary DeDecker grant, Mrs. Burror's 2nd grade and Mrs. Mairs's 4th grade classes worked with Alan Bacoch, Water Program Coordinator, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, on landscaping the area around the Alice Piper Memorial Statue with native plants. The students helped measure the area, map the plants according to size needs, and plant the plants. It was nearly a two month long process. The students were hands-on and contributed to the entire process. During the planting the students realized that there wasn't water on site, so several 4th graders lugged buckets of water to the area to make planting possible. A drip water system has been installed for the plants water needs.



Yerma Mansa

Picture on left: (lft to rt) Deegan Benbrook; Tribe helper; Alan Bacoch, Water Program Coordinator, Big Pine Paiute Tribe; Lex Bencoma; Isaac Ramirez and Aryson Swaim

Picture on right: (lft to rt) CJ Carrington; Vanessa Miller; Jayden Barlow; Cooper Peek and Heather Burror, Teacher

Career Center Important Dates and Activities

- ★ Nov. 12 - ASVAB Exam for students interested in a Military career
- ★ Nov. 12 - Registration deadline for High School students interested in taking college courses through Cerro Coso
- ★ Nov. 13 - 8th Grade College Day at Cerro Coso
- ★ Nov. 30 - Cal State and UC college application deadline
- ★ Upcoming SAT Test Dates
 - December 5, January 23 and March 5
- ★ Upcoming ACT Test Dates
 - December 12, February 6 and April 9



Big Pine Unified School District
P.O. Box 908, 500 S. Main Street
Big Pine, CA 93513
Phone: 760/938-2005

Check us out on the web:
www.bp.k12.ca.us

Shop for school items at:
b1selfshops.com/injobpsd

From the Superintendent, Pamela Jones

Our Big Pine students and teachers have been hard at work preparing for the fall student led conferences. It is a joy to see students taking ownership for their work, and preparing to share their goals with families. It is a whirlwind of activity, and so valuable!

Last week the elementary students put together a great community meeting, pledging to respect themselves and others in so many ways; through kind word, good deed and healthy food choices. They are also working on a project to write songs with Mr. Connor in music class that support a healthy lifestyle.

A new way to communicate with the school about bullying incidents is now found as a link on the Big Pine Schools website. If you click on the Stop Bullying Now logo it will take you to policy and information and a form for reporting. We want to be sure that all of our students have a safe way to let us know if they are being bothered.

On November 2nd when the students had a no school day, all of the teachers were attending trainings on technology in the classroom, the teaching of writing, new science standards, and new standards for English Language Arts. We are constantly working to improve our practice.

THANK YOU!

A huge show of appreciation to all of our families for your help during our recent transportation crises. There is a bus driver shortage, and when we could not find a driver during recent emergencies, we were so grateful that you all stepped up to get the children to school.

Congratulation to these Students who earned 1st Quarter High Marks

Honor Roll (3.5 GPA or above)

High School: Jacob Bacoach, Eric Fairley, Brian Hambleton, Gena Lewis, Cammbrianna Marquez, Cassandra Meza, Gabriela Meza, Cesar Rico and Tamie Robinson

Middle School: Rainah Dewey, Rocko Moore and Martin Woollard

Honorable Mention (3.2-3.49 GPA)

High School: Clarrisa Benbrook, Marcelo Chavez, Hillary Duckey, Sequoia Fairley, Dominick Santiago and Lauren Simpson

Middle School: Joseph Huston

Big Pine Unified School District
P.O. Box 908
Big Pine, CA 93513

PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
EDDM RETAIL

**POSTAL CUSTOMER
BIG PINE, CA 93513**