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tips, and generally scrutinizing work done on the computers. His partner in crime, "The Chicken," was not available for the portrait.

October has been a wonderful settling in- to the space of the school, to the rhythms of the Fall, and to all of the various program components, from Spanish and Math, to Wellness and Service, to Science Kitchen and the Greenhouse. Below is a glimpse of a few of the elements underway as we move into November, and anticipate the arrival of winter.

As always, I hope this finds you well.

Harry

Upcoming Dates

2 November
"Commencement" at
The Liberty Theater,
9:15 a.m. The 8th-
12th grade will go; all
parents are welcome
to attend.

3 November
Lois Lowry at 6:30
p.m. at The Church
of the Big Wood
(Center Lecture
Series)

9 November
PA Meeting, 5:30
p.m. at The School

10 November
11/12 YouTube
Projects are due

15 November
8/9 Mock
Congressional
Hearing: Focus on
Wolves



Community Action
Food Drive- Canvassing the Wood River Valley

17 November
6/7 Final Projects
due on Ancient
Roman Architecture

17 November
Last Day of Fall
Trimester

18-27 November
Thanksgiving Break

28 November
First Day of Winter
Trimester

The Annual Fund
In the next two
weeks we will be
launching the Annual
Fund...stay tuned

October 24 was National Food Day, and October is National Hunger Awareness Month. In support of The Hunger Coalition, Sage School students, staff, and families took to the streets, from Hulen Meadows, to West Ketchum, to Northridge, and various points throughout Hailey. For three hours, we gathered non-perishable food and helped spread awareness about food insecurity in our valley.

So far this year, we have done work with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Wood River Land Trust collecting sagebrush seed, we have helped out at The Hunger Coalition, we have started our lunchtime buddies program with Hailey Elementary, and we are about to go into serious pie making mode for the Holiday Baskets program.



Food Science and Production

The Greenhouse

The greenhouse continues to produce, giving us over 50 pounds of tomatoes in the last two weeks. These found their way into Montessori's Harvest Party and to the Cornerstone Bar and Grill. The juniors and seniors will continue to trim, trellis, and pick for as long as they can, before getting ready for the next growing season, and moving into our winter bulb forcing project.

Added to this, was a perplexing nitrogen emergency in the fish tanks, which kept us on our toes for a week of Tilapia Triage. With several major tank flushings and the planting of new lettuce, we think we are ahead of the issue. We think. Regardless, the greenhouse continues to educate and excite.



Teaching Observation

Taking advantage of the days...while they last

The 8/9 graders have been keeping sketchbooks and using drawing as a way to enhance their observational skills. The weather has enabled everyone to be outside, and one of the treats of the last month has been to encounter a student, bent over some object, intently capturing his or her observations.



Wellness

Focus on Gaga Ball

Each day, after lunch, all students have a Wellness period- a time to shed the post meal torpor, and time to prepare for the work of the afternoon. While we have been lucky to have such wonderful days this Fall, the few rainy days have brought us inside for rousing games of "Gaga Ball." While this game is designed simply- you hit a rubber ball into the shins of the others around you- it is an excellent way to assess any back issues, hip problems, or pain you might have in your knees. Regardless, it is the perfect way to get people to want to (need to) sit down.



Creativity Workshop

Friday Afternoons

Friday afternoons are given over to Creativity Workshop and Independent Study, with students exploring everything from playing guitar, to working with interior designers, to filling out their college applications. For some, this has been another avenue to explore art and drawing, and to learn the techniques and tips to capture the world- like tracing an outdoor view through the window.

We continue to develop this time, with the goal of enabling every student to explore topics in which he or she is interested, under the guidance of local experts.



Build a Student a Desk

...and they will sit underneath it

The new carrel desks and other renovations have worked very well, both in traditional use, and as private shelter.

By this time next month, there should be snow, and we will have started the Winter Trimester. I hope everyone enjoys the days between now and then, gets the chance to check in with their friends and families, and has a nice Thanksgiving holiday.

I look forward to staying in touch.

Harry