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Dear Friends and Families,

It is hard to believe the number of times I've started this newsletter with "it is hard to believe." Year three is fully underway, October is but minutes from now, and we are fast getting into the rhythm of school. I would normally add that summer is over, but with the recent weather, it appears that summer has returned.



What follows is a glimpse of each of the "Bands"- our various groupings of students- and what has happened in the first four weeks of school.

Additionally, we are moving forward with everything from Community Service to building our Parent's Association to settling in to the renovations we did this summer. And then, there are the tomatoes...those 12 foot plants shooting for the roof in the greenhouse. This picture is of Devon with a basket headed for the Farmers' Market. We are in major pruning and trellising mode, entering the final push of the Fall. More will develop on this front as winter looms, and I'll keep you posted about a pending "Tilapia Feed." For now, I hope this finds you well, and enjoying the days.

We'd love to hear from you, so feel free to drop us a line.

Harry

## Thank You

I wanted to say a general Thank You to everyone who helped us launch year number three. We will continue to need guidance from Mission Control, and we really appreciate everyone's support.

## "Awkward Stage"

**Friday, October 14th**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
314 Second Ave. South  
Hailey

(See description below and to the right)

## Driving the Bus... and other adventures in the 6/7 Band

The 6/7 Graders are studying mythos and logos this year, with a look at Ancient Greek, Indian, and Chinese civilizations. Their year started with trips to the City of Rocks, the Ropes Course in Twin, and the Stanley Basin. Ginna, the designated van driver, and team teacher, here mimics what a drive from Burley to home looks like in the "Dance Party on Wheels." The energy of the 6/7 Graders continues to be infective, and it's wonderful to watch them gel as a group, and help define who we are as a school.



## Science Kitchen... and Environmental Justice

One element of the 8/9 Band this year is "Science Kitchen," a look at the chemistry and science of cooking. Freshly adorned in their aprons, the inaugural outing studied changes of matter through caramelizing onions, boiling eggs, and making vinaigrette.



The 8/9 Graders are also embarking on a study of Environmental Justice, studying the many perspectives surrounding wolves, bears, and salmon in our area of the West.

## The Frontier... and other 11/12 Band Shenanigans

This year, the 11/12 Band is studying "The Americas: The Past, Present, and Future of An Idea." Our studies began with a mindfulness retreat, which led to four days of backpacking through the heart of the Sawtooth Wilderness. The students are currently addressing the question, "What does the West mean to you?," from the perspective of Native Americans and early European settlers, with the goal of understanding the West as a geographical location, as well as a state of mind.



## "Awkward Stage"

### The Show

As many of you may remember, last Spring, the high school students worked with The Sun Valley Center on a project on adolescence. Well, the time has come for the show to go up. The students will be putting the finishing touches on their portraits, then moving into curation mode and creating the space. The official kick off will happen on Friday night, October 14 with an opening in the gallery at The Center's house in Hailey. Everyone is welcome to attend. The students will introduce their work and answer questions, and give you a glimpse into the world of the modern of teen.



The momentum of the year is in full swing, and we are excited to welcome October and the work ahead. There is a lot going on in our little haven of Aviation Drive, and, as always, we look forward to staying in touch.

Harry