

Tiger TRIBUNE

November 2022 | Fall Edition



Our Festive Granite Flair

A Memorable Fall Wrap-up

Halloween Day and Contest

by Virginia Diaz-Marroquin & Alexa Marroquin-Garcia

When the school year begins, it seems that everyone is already counting down the days till Halloween. The anticipation is too much to bear: the ghosts, the spooky stories, and the themed parties all add to the excitement. Finally, on the last Monday of the month, the day had arrived. Our school decided to have a Halloween spirit day and Halloween contest for the staff and students to participate in.

As the students lined up to enter the contest, the excitement became much more tangible. As the second lunch arrived; it was finally time for the contestants to line up for review. Each person walked down the main staircase and showcased their costume. After the walk-through, the contestants gathered and waited for the winners to be announced.

The winner for first lunch was Drew Dollarhide (Junior), and Ariana Dimitrova for (Junior), for second lunch. Dollarhide won with his stylish western cowboy costume, inspired by the legendary Clint Eastwood. His inspiration was his love for the Western genre, explaining his admiration for the lessons they teach and the tensions between characters in the plot. The costume that took Dimitrova to first place was Red Riding Hood. She started she was surprised to win, and she was excited to receive a bag of her favorite candy (Milky Way). Congratulations to those awarded second and third places!



Tiger Spotlight

The Tiger Tribune would like to showcase some outstanding members of our High School community. This month, we are featuring staff and student athletes.

Mr. Christensen - Art Teacher

Mr. Christensen has been working at Granite Falls High School for roughly two years, after previously teaching at the University of Utah as an adjunct instructor. After working construction, he returned to school to get his teaching certificate in pursuit of something more creative and more fulfilling.

His favorite thing about working as an art teacher is being able to watch his students' artistic and creative abilities progress through the school year.

Asked if there was a piece of art that stands out to him, Mr. Christensen identified a piece from Xu Bing, called Book From The Sky. It's a scrollwork which was created during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. It is comprised of four books containing roughly four thousand invented characters that cannot be decoded. While some consider this to be meaningless, many interpret it to be a reaction to the propaganda of Xu's youth in China, where language was often abused by those in power. Mr. Christensen felt that this piece was one of the most inspiring he's ever seen, saying, "The result was both symbolic and beautiful at the same time."

Mr. Christensen wants students to know that "I look angry all the time, but I'm not really. I may look angry in the halls, but we like to have a good time in class."



Ellie Schoch - Athlete of the Month



Ellie Schoch played the position of "Outside Hitter" for our school volleyball team. Her favorite thing about playing volleyball is her teammates: "even if we didn't step once on that court and it was just the practices and the in between the sets and the time outs, it was just us dancing around and goofing off. Their presence was often the best part of my day."

The impact of having different coaches over the years has led Ellie to learn that every coach has a different type of teaching, "Whether it's a coach you really click with or not, you're always expanding and learning."

Ellie would like people to know that mistakes are proof of growth, saying, "If a coach brings you down because of it, then they should not be coaching you. That was something that held me back a lot, the fear of 'I'm gonna make a mistake.' But it's okay, because that's how you're gonna grow."

What is the Granite Falls High School Food Drive?

The Granite Falls School District sponsors a community "Food and Gift Drive" which allows the community to connect with over 200 families, providing food, toys, and other necessities during the month of December. Granite Falls High School students, serving as "Food Drive Coordinators", run most of the operation.

- Food & gifts go directly to more than 200 local families within the Granite Falls community.
- 100% of the donations go to families in our community.
- Our staff and coordinators deliver food and gifts to the families directly.
- Last year, the drive collected over 20,000 items and raised more than \$30,000 in cash.

When? The GFSD Food & Gift Drive kicks-off November 28, 2022 with a school-wide assembly. Donations will be accepted through December 12, 2022 and deliveries to families will be December 14th & 15th, 2022.

The Food and Gift Drive will also be holding a winter festival, December 2, 2022 and includes the production of Charlie Brown Christmas by the Theater Production class, and photos with Santa.

How do I help?

- **PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CLASS COMPETITION:** First period classes at the high school will compete for the most donations brought in. Students can stand outside of select local grocery stores (IGA and Cash and Carry) to collect food and money donations. The first period class with the most cash and the most food donations will win!
- **DONATE FOOD:** Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the district buildings
- **BUY A GIFT FOR A CHILD:** Participate in our GIVING TREE by picking up a "Giving Tag" with a child's gender, age, and a list of gift ideas. Giving Tags are available at any Granite Falls schools.
- **CASH DONATION:** Visit www.gfsdfooddrive.com and you can make a tax deductible donation!

ATTENTION FRESHMEN!

JOIN YOUR IGNITE MENTORS FOR A CELEBRATORY FEAST!

Fresh-mas is an event, hosted by your Ignite Mentors, taking place in the Commons after school on Wednesday, December 7th, at 2:30 pm. Join us for hands-on activities accompanied with a basketball game to cheer on our Lady Tigers after dinner. Fresh-mas will be open to all Freshmen, so there is no reason to not participate in the fun. Enjoy a free Christmas feast provided by our Culinary Arts teacher, Mrs. Vento! We really hope to see your faces there!

If you cannot stay afterwards for the game, there will be an activity bus leaving at 4:15 that will provide transportation for bus routes available.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your class Ignite Mentors, Lead Mentors (Ava Lester and Christopher Ryer), or visit Mr. McCabe in Room B222.



GFHS Theater Productions and GFSD Food & Gift Drive presents:

A
CHARLIE
BROWN

*Christmas
Festival*

at Granite Falls High School

DECEMBER 2, 2022



We will have photos with Santa available for FREE! Participants will receive a digital download file.

- TWO performances at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm of *A Charlie Brown Christmas!*
- Free Santa Photos
- Photos begin at 5:15 pm
- Hot Cocoa & Apple Cider

ADMISSION price is a suggested donation of \$5 or five (5) non-perishable food / toiletry items to support the GFSD Food & Gift Drive!

A Veteran's Day to Remember

by Nevaeh Alvarez

On Thursday, November 10th, Granite Falls High school hosted an assembly to honor those who have served our country, including those in our community.

One such veteran, Ed Miller, enlisted in 1970 during the war in Vietnam. As Mr. Miller saw, "it was either enlist or be drafted, so I chose to enlist." Our youngest member, Mr. McCord, enlisted in September of last year. Both veterans and active duty members expressed that joining the military was no shock to their friends and family. For most, joining the services was part of their family history and was heavily supported. "When it came to training, I found it easy." Dylan Eleard explained, "It was not like the movies where you are crawling through barbed wire. The training...



Left: Community members speak to the students.

Right: Principal John Kniseley takes the stage.

[had] more attention to detail." Trevor Crockett, however, felt differently as his training was "Mud, hot, and muggy; [stating] that's Alabama for you." Throughout the rigorous process, being away from home and family hit hard for each member. In most senses their perseverance came from their spouses and family waiting for them back home, as well as those who served around them.

"Seeing all the flags on this day, you began to realize how many people have served our country. All the sacrifices these men and women make, and the freedoms that we

Indigenous Peoples' Month

by Nevaeh Alvarez

Since 1991, the month of November has been adopted as a time to celebrate the history, resilience, and strength of Native Americans. This month focuses on history not thoroughly explored in most textbooks. Activists have been protesting for years, fighting to attain recognition for Indigenous people. These dedicated activists brought awareness to the atrocities committed by Christopher Columbus, and in many states, "Indigenous People's Day" is celebrated instead. This transformation encourages young Navajos, the most prominent American Indian group, to take pride in the place they live and the people they represent. However, this is only a stepping stone for the cause.

Indigenous people are still, in 2022, constantly battling for their land and ways of life. The lands where they have strong spiritual and cultural connections are being stripped from them without consent or restitution. To support Indigenous culture and their right of land, donate to Indigenous lead non-profits such as the Cultural Survival organization. This organization works to protect lands, community media, human rights, women's leadership, and much more.

Another way you can support is to spread the word through social media. Advocate for the rights of Indigenous and make a stand. Indigenous people are strong-willed and prideful, teaching bravery, honesty, humility, and most importantly, love. Their teachings can be implemented in places all around us - locally, in communities, and globally.

SPORTS

Recap: Volleyball | 10/26 vs. Forest Ridge

You could feel the energy as soon as you walked through the gym doors. This game would determine if the Granite Falls went to Districts. Our Girls did not disappoint. The first game took place at 4 pm on October 26th. There were a total of five sets. Three of those were won, including the last set which was the dramatic tie breaker. Since the team had already played Forest Ridge twice earlier this year, the team knew what to expect, whether this meant its challenges when playing or how to score against the Ravens. The entire team was full of spirit and enthusiasm, ready cheer on their teammates who scored a great play. Saige Byd (Freshman) had an amazing game, sending five aces over the net with no return and several saves throughout the sets. Karissa Chapman (Junior) had high sets and great communication with her teammates. With a final score of 15-8, our Lady Tigers took the win for Granite.



Recap: Cross Country | 10/28 (Districts)& 10/31 (DISTRICTS)

Congratulations to the following boys for their 7th place finish at Districts: Camden Crockett (Senior), Ben Rojas (Sophomore), Alex Vargas Reid (Sophomore), Tony Thelen (Sophomore), Daniel Sheffler (Senior), Hunter Mallery (Senior), and Payton Van Winkle (Senior).

Congratulations to the following girls for their 10th place finish at Districts: Elsa Fernandez (Senior), Wrennie McGarr (Freshman), Miriam Hernandez (Senior), Aurelia Crockett (Senior), and Mariah Parker (Freshman)

Congratulations to Camden Crockett for being our Tiger representative at States!



Recap: Football | 10/28 vs. South Whidbey

On October 28th, our Tigers went head to head with the South Whidbey Falcons. While the first half was rough, the Tigers brought it in the second half- setting up to score not one, but two touchdowns with a total of 12 points. Even with a loss for Granite 36-12, no score diminishes the enthusiastic energy players put into every game. #7 Bradley Kehoe (Junior) led offense and set up his fellow teammate #6 Parker Kern (Freshman) for a staggering touchdown. With only a few moments left on the clock, #3 Connor Gillen (Junior) sneaked in another touchdown for Granite.

Shout out to #80 Rydon Kuahuia (Sophomore), who ran a 34-yard lead. As usual, our cheer team kept spirits high throughout the game. It is always a



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The Tribune still needs help! We are in need of writers and photographers. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 2:15 in B222. We would love to see you there.

Have a story idea or have any questions? Email gfh.tigertribune@gmail.com or drop off suggestions at Mr. McCabe's room (B222).