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SPOTLIGHT ON THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Tami Ditlefsen joined the Grammar School as our Kindergarten teacher in 2009. Her teaching experience includes nine years in Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 5th grades collectively. Tami earned her BA in liberal arts and an elementary teaching credential from California Lutheran University. After her first few years of teaching, Mrs. Ditlefsen went back to school and received a Masters in Reading along with a Reading Specialist title from the University of LaVerne. Having lived in California for more than 15 years, Tami and her family moved to Twin Falls, her hometown, in 2008. She and her husband have two young girls who plan to attend Xavier in the near future. During the summer, Tami enjoys spending time with her family, reading, crocheting, going on walks with her friends, and camping.

OPEN ENROLLMENT and RE-ENROLLMENT THROUGH March 31, 2012

SENIOR CHARACTER AWARDS

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS SERVICE AWARD

One who serves voluntarily, attending to the needs of others; one willing to make personal sacrifices, serving selflessly; one who demonstrates humility; and one who exercises authority in constructive ways, empowering others to be more effective and character driven.

Annie Nelson
2012



KUDOS AND ACCOLADES

Congratulations to Erynne Pryor and Savina Barini-Brown for winning the Poetry Out Loud Regional event. We at Xavier are "tickled pink" to be sending them both to the state competition on March 3.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

ESPIRIT DE CORPS - working together for common purpose

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - "We're all only fragile threads, but what a tapestry we make." ~Jerry Ellis

Jerry Ellis is an award-winning artist who transforms the ordinary into striking pieces of art. He is native to the Missouri Ozarks and paints tree-lined streets of towns and villages, farms, and animals of the rolling countryside.

PHILOSOPHY

Xavier Charter School's philosophy lies in the strong belief that all children can learn. It is our goal to prepare each student with personal tools that will assist them in making life's choices. We do so by addressing the needs of the whole child—body, mind, and spirit.

XAVIER UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- 2/16-17 - Teacher In-Service (No School)
- 2/20 - President's Day (No School)
- 2/28 - Community Open House 5:00-7:00 p.m.

STUDENT MEETINGS AND PERFORMANCES

FEBRUARY

- 2/13-2/14 - Valentine's Food Drive
- 2/17 - Ski Club
- 2/22 - Rock the Arts (Shakespeare Festival)
- 2/25 - Ski Club

STUDENT ART



Second Grade Art Clay Domes and Arches

Second grade students have been learning about the components of architecture and how buildings are designed for structural integrity as well as visual aesthetics. These second graders built their domes by molding clay over tennis balls cut in half, applying beans to the top, threading soaked beans onto wire for arches, gluing threaded wire onto the

HOOVERVILLE CHANGE

Hooverville, a 7th grade opportunity to bring understanding to youth concerning the plight of the homeless, is being changed from February 24th to March 9th. Watch the newsletter for further details.

XAVIER ROCK THE ARTS

The Boise-based Idaho Shakespeare Festival is coming to Xavier! They are proud to perform *Macbeth* for the Logic and Rhetoric Schools on February 22nd at 1:30 p.m. and *The Science of Fiction* for the Grammar School on March 21st at 1:00 p.m. Idaho Theater for Youth and Shakesperience annually reaches more than 52,000 K-12 children and teachers. We are excited to welcome them to our neck of the woods.

Macbeth -

The Scottish play of greed and power, it is one of Shakespeare's most compelling stories of ambition gone wrong. Three witches with a chilling prophecy that Macbeth will soon become king of Scotland start a spiral of misdeeds. Relishing the news, Lady Macbeth wants to wear the crown sooner and demands her husband kill Duncan, the current king. In the end, Macduff, stops Macbeth and his bloody rise to power.

THE CLASSICAL MINDSET

The 18th century, a time when men and women were addicted to good manners, is sometimes called the Age of Politeness. Manners were simply the regard shown to others in ordinary situations which allowed transactions to proceed smoothly and pleasantly. When a man was said to be a person of "gentle manners," enough had been said. Could that be said of us today?

PFA BOXTOPS AND LABELS

Please bring all boxtops and Campbell soup labels to school by Wednesday, Feb. 15. Grades 7-12 should drop off at the front office or with younger siblings. K-6 need to take them to the teacher. The K-6 class with the most boxtops and labels earns a PFA sponsored popcorn party. 1000+ were collected last year. A professional grade die-cut machine was purchased for Xavier staff. Whoa!

WHY WE LOVE XAVIER! STUDENTS SPEAK

In the words of Adam Davis (Rhetoric School):

"Xavier students' learning goes much deeper than the simple facts. We use several philosophies to answer the question "why" about the past. This kind of learning helps to develop our minds so that we can rationalize our thoughts and look at different sides of life before drawing conclusions and making decisions."



OUR TENETS

- *High Expectations:* Xavier students are capable of great things
- *Teacher Attitude and Responsibility:* Xavier teachers seek to teach with positive attitudes
- *All Children Can Learn:* Xavier teachers seek not to use labels for Xavier students
- *Build Self-Esteem:* Xavier teachers seek to help students find their sense of self
- *Climate of Mutual Respect:* The Xavier community views mistakes as opportunities for growth
- *Teacher Knowledge and Skill:* The Xavier Board seeks teachers advanced in learning theory and teaching methods



ATTENTION PARENTS !!!

Valentine's Day is upon us. We understand the desire of our parents to bless their children with flowers and balloons on this special day, but because of the tremendous strain this puts on office staff and the logistics of attempting to incorporate such an event into the school day, we ask that no such deliveries be made this year.