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SAND RIDGE
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Newsletter

PTSA

Thank you to all the wonderful parents, teachers, and students who helped with the many PTSA events this year. You have helped pave the way for a lot of wonderful things to come next year.

Here are a few things our fantastic volunteers made happen this year:

- Lunch time PTSA student activities
- Started a newsletter
- Improved communication on social media about the happenings of our school
- A field trip to see the Weber Remembers 9/11 Project
- Fundraisers
- Teacher/Staff dinner and dessert for our SRJH staff during Parent Teacher Conference.
- Participated in helping create a new Student Council for our school.
- Ran the PTA Reflections contest
- Met with other PTA members across the state to discuss legislation that affected education
- Took a few PTSA students for the first time to Utah PTA student events to help pave the way for more students to be able to participate next year. Some of those events were, a leadership conference, Battle of the Bands, and State Capitol days.
- Many PTSA members as well as some non-PTSA members helped chaperone dances and field trips.
- Connected to other groups like Zero Fatalities, Roy Communities That Care, The Brent Taylor Foundation and more, hoping to build some future programs and opportunities for our students starting next year!

- We brought in our state House Representative to answer questions our students posed
- We set the foundation for students to be more involved in PTSA and are working to expand that.
- Teacher Appreciation
- Concessions

And so much more!

This year has helped build a strong foundation for us to make next year even better. There are not enough words to thank everyone who has helped! You are simply amazing!

If you have ideas of things we can do next year as a PTSA at Sand Ridge, or would like to participate in PTSA and help make next year a smashing success, please don't hesitate to reach out!

We will always work with the time or resources you are able to share with our school community. When we each help a little, it helps a lot. ❤️

Janel Hulbert
SRJH PTSA President
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Aloha DANCE

**This is our last school dance for the year.
The theme is Hawaiian!**

Where: In the SRJH Gym.

Cost: \$3.00

Date: Tue, May 21, 2024

Time: 2:45pm - 4:00pm

Fun Facts about our SRJH Staff

By Tayecia Kippen

I had the privilege of getting all of our teachers and faculty members to tell me fun facts about themselves. I have to say this took two and a half months to get! Those who responded quickly thank you so much. The rest of them I had to hunt down. I succeeded though and this turned out to be so much fun.

Since I couldn't get permission to post these fun facts around the school, I'm going to share them all in our last newsletter of the year because we have some of the best amazing teachers and faculty members around.

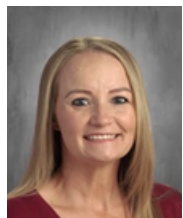
Besides, these are just too fun to read and are hilarious. These are in no particular order and all images are from the SRJH website (sandridge.wsd.net). If there was no image I put a scorpion in place of the staff member. Thank you everyone for letting me do this and getting to know everyone of you.



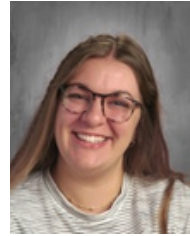
Kimberlee Marker -Nutrition Cook
"I won the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Hog titles 2 years in a row, the first 2 years of the Weber County Fair."



Gwen Roeda -Counselor
"I played on a football team and I was Miss Heart of Texas."



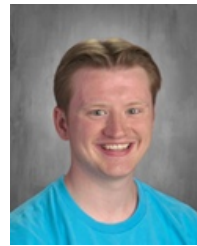
Muranda Muchmore -Support staff
"I like doing diamond paintings and paint by numbers every now and then."



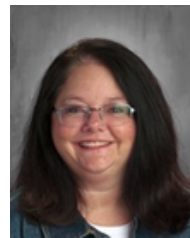
Hanna Jarman -SPED teacher
"I broke my thumb twice from sports & now it's permanently crooked & won't bend down any the way."



BreeAnn Sanders-Math teacher
"I once owned a pet piranha named Bruce."



Zion Austin- Drama & speech teacher
"I once sang for the 43rd President of the United States, My 5th grade class was invited to sing in a chorus of 50 different schools to represent each state for the 400th anniversary of Jamestown."



Kim Fochtman -Secretary /Aides
"I love to bake and cook. I love to brighten up others' days by sharing treats. Not a lot of people know that in December 2022 I had some health problems that I almost died from. So I live everyday of my life trying to be a light to others. You never know what others are going through in their lives so we should always be kind!"



Laurie Key -Math teacher
"I was a dental hygienist for 21 years and got pretty bored of it. I went back to school and I decided to be a teacher, and I have loved it ever since.
I lived in Montana until 1984, I lived there until I was 22 and I left to move to Salt Lake so that I had better options for employment."



Rachel Lee -Math teacher
 "I have had 12 dogs in my lifetime. My favorite was a basset hound mix named Angel. Our oldest dog was a chihuahua mix named Freckles. She lived to be 18. Our youngest dog was a maltese mix named Princess. She died when she was a puppy."



Susan Gossling -Math teacher
 "I have a black-belt in Karate."



Cami Larsen -Spanish & Math teacher
 "I got kicked out of my 7th grade Spanish class in the choir room and later that same day I received Scorpion of the year. In 7th grade I was cut from the track team here at Sand Ridge. The next year they asked me where I was the year before. I went on to run track at college."



Jennifer Graviet -English teacher
 "I have a master gardening degree. I have a scar on my tongue. I was the 7th grade ping pong champion."



Amy Kendell -English teacher
 "I went to Space Camp in Florida without my family and spent a week living in Space Dorms when I was in sixth grade. I got to visit NASA and learn all about space and astronauts and even experience zero gravity. Plus I got to eat space ice cream. Most people will probably think it's a science teacher."



Alexandra Smith -English teacher
 "I worked as a baker/cake decorator for a few years."



Julie Hansen -SPED English teacher
 "I learned to ride horses before I could walk. My father would tie me to the saddle so I wouldn't fall off."



David Gordon -Counselors
 "I have taken and taught a few forms of martial arts and self-defense."



Amie Hickenlooper -Assistant
 "I have performed for the princess of Thailand."



David Breen-Science teacher
 "When I was 28 I spent 2 months on the road on a solo motorcycle road trip from coast to coast to try and clear my head. Another. I ended up with 6 stitches in my pinkie trying to get a sliver out once. I've never had an energy drink."



Nikki Wolthius -Counselor
 "My favorite place to eat is taco bell."



Shellie Scroggins- Art teacher
 "My favorite color is clear. Just kidding. It's black."



Layla Hardy -Science & physics teacher
 “I guess an interesting piece of information about me is that I have 4 horses, 2 of which were born in the wild and caught through the Bureau of Land Management where I adopted them, gave them a good home, and have trained them to be ridden and used like any other horse!”



James Smith- Science teacher
 “They have turned the hospital where I was born into an apartment complex.”



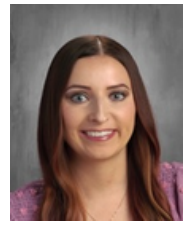
Derek Vannoy -Science & biology teacher
 “I have had 13 teeth pulled.”



Robert Wadsworth-Science & Earth Science teacher
 “I love Coca-Cola. I enjoy Experiments. Watches and coaches sports.”



Brandon Baca-Geography teacher
 “I was in a classical music society in college. The society paid for a couple of trips to New York City to attend the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, and Broadway plays. All I had to do was go to some local classical music events at the college I was attending.”



Jaylyn Keoppel -US & Utah History teacher-
 “I collect Stanley cups. I have 2 dogs & a cat. I got married the week of the COVID shutdown in 2020.”



Dirk Moore -US & History teacher
 “When I’m in public I am very, very shy and my anxiety gets really high when I need to talk to larger groups. And yet, I’m a school teacher!!”



Jerimia Possetto (JJ) -US history, Year Book and Student Gov
 “I am currently learning how to play the accordion!”



Jake Trujillo -Heath & PE teacher
 “When I was in 8th grade I won ballroom dancer of the year at a dance studio I did ballroom dancing at.”



Melanie Provost -Conditioning & PE teacher
 “I ran a marathon 9 months after delivering my 2nd baby!”



Tori Hepworth -PE & Health teacher
 “I have two dogs.”



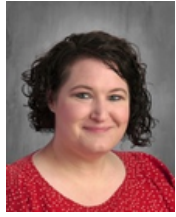
Kelly Burnett -SPED Reading & 7th Math teacher
 “I was a gymnast and competed in North America.”



Brandy Olson -SPED English and Study Skills and Reading teacher
 “I did not get married until I was 30 years old.”



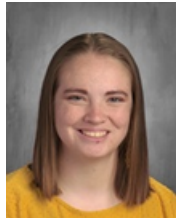
Mary Morgan -SPED 7th & 9th English teacher
 "I have 26 Tattoos."



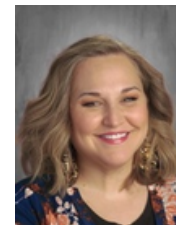
Amara Banks -Foods & Child Development teacher
 "I went to school in Hawaii."



Katie George -Digital Literacy, Student Gov & Exploring Business Marketing teacher
 "Here is my random fact: My great great Grandma invented Monterey Jack Cheese!"



Marcelle Langford -CCA, Gateway Robotics & Gateway App Creators teacher
 "I am allergic to fresh guava."



Amy Rich -CCA, FACS Exploration & Sewing Construction & Textiles teacher
 "I want to start my own clothing line."



Sharcy Sudyka -SPED teacher
 "I played collegiate SOCCER!"



Ashtyn Zaugg -SPED teacher
 "I used to drive a forklift."



Nicole Martin -SPED teacher
 "I went to state for 100 meter hurdles & placed 2nd."



Lisa Roberts -SPED Math & Studying Skills teacher
 "I waste a lot of time watching reality TV. It's a guilty pleasure. You make it and I probably watch it. Housewives, The bachelor Survivor, Big brother, Married to medicine, Married at first sight, 90 day fiance, Etc."



Shylo Wheeler -CCA & Business Office Specialist teacher
 "Never went to Junior High-Lived in South Africa during that time. No junior High there."



Jessica Nutt -SPED Teacher
 "I am deathly afraid of grasshoppers!"



Ella Marker -SPED teacher
 "I can drink three 44 oz swig drinks in one day."



Blake Toyn -Spanish & ELL teacher
 "I won the World championship for Slow pitch softball twice and I have lived in Mozambique, Africa."



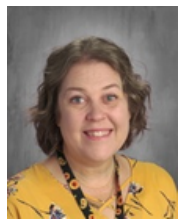
Quinn Talbot - Principle
 "I was the first person in my family to get a college degree."



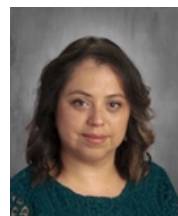
Ashley Blaisdell -Assistant Principal
 "My dance team won a national competition and we got to perform on ESPN!"



Officer Bob -School Officer
 "When I was 8 I got bit by a poisonous snake."



Betsy Ray -Administrative Assistant Head
 "I used to play Ice & Roller Hockey for fun! My Brothers got me into it and it was my teenage years and early 20's."



Erica Cerda -Administrative Assistant Receptionist
 "Moved to Utah when I was 12."



Henry Hall -Staff Computer Support
 "My liver is blue."



Melanie Limburg -Chromebook & Testing
 "When I was little my nickname was Punky after Punky Brewster. I looked just like her."



Marci Reed -Student Advocate L-Z
 "I danced in the nutcracker as a Sugar Plum Fairy."



Amber Smith -Head Custodian
 "When I was little I got bit by a 10 foot python above my eye."



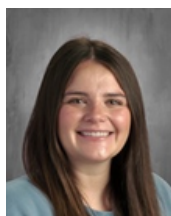
Briana Whelan -Option Class
 "Everyone in my hometown of Tennessee (teachers, friends, family, etc.) know me by my nickname Bumper. My dad would call me "Little Bumper", because I would run to him when he got home from work. Since I was barely learning to walk I would bump into things along the way and so became the name Bumper and the name stuck!"



Mary Farmer -Speech & Language Pathologist
 "I've been skydiving!"



Janel Hulbert -PTSA president
 "I speak Danish, though it's rusty. I was a drum major in high school."



Wylee Toyn- Speech & Language Specialist
 "Mr. Toyn is my husband!!"



Lorie Smith-Nutrition
 "I have worked at sandridge in the kitchen for 18 years. I am the oldest of six children. I have four children of my own and 13 grandchildren. I was a cheerleader in jr high."



Joe Barela -Student Support Assistant
 "I boxed when I was 18 years old. Nearly made it to the Beijing Olympics."



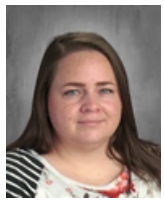
Shaundell Smith - Librarian
 "I love antique stores, garage sells, and anywhere that has antiques."



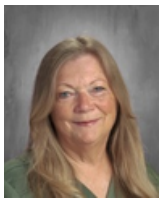
Skylar Kendell -Assistant Principal
 "I once jumped out of a boat and swam in the Amazon River."



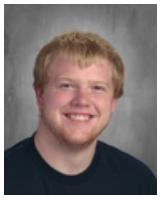
Alan Watt -Orchestra
 "I Wrestled in High School."



Abigale Reader -Choir & Piano teacher
 "I like to explore graveyards. Creepier the better."



Pam Kippen- Nutrition
 "I was a piano teacher for 15 years before I worked at Sand Ridge Jr high."



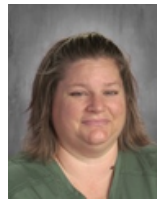
Alex Miller -Assistant Custodian
 "I make really good cinnamon swirl bread at Christmas."



Rob Griffey -Band and guitar teacher
 "I was a student here at Sand Ridge Jr. High."



Elizabeth Delora -Nutrition
 "I went to 2 elementary school, 2 junior high schools, and 2 high school."



Jennifer Parker -Nutrition
 "I grew up in Denver Colorado, met my husband on a blind date and this year is our 20th anniversary we have 2 girls, 16 and 11. I love working in the kitchen because I am able to spend more time with my girls."



Mallory Shoell -Nutrition
 "A Tid bit about me is : I have had a baby the same day my 2 year old had surgery to get tubes on his ears ."



Madison Smith -School Nurse
 "When I was younger, I had 2 red ear slider turtles. I loved everything turtles!"



Phearuth Tuy -Roy's Staff Computer Support
 "I am from Cambodia, and I have a dog named 'yosh bad boy'."



Susanna Burnett -Administrative Assistant Attendance
 "I enjoy refinishing furniture. When my husband and I remodeled our kitchen I finished the cabinets. I have refinished a few pieces of furniture and plan to do more over the summer."



Corey Stevenson -Gateway Design & Modeling & Construction Technology teacher
 "I once rode bulls in professional rodeos."



Adam Barke-Math teacher
 "When I was in Jr. High I could mew just like a cat."

Sports



District Track @ Bonneville
Fri, May 3, 3:00pm – 5:30pm

**ROY HIGH GIRLS
BASKETBALL
SKILLS CAMP**

\$50
T-SHIRTS, INSTRUCTION,
CONTESTS, TREATS, AND PRIZES.

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June 10th-12th / 10am-12pm
GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 1st-7th



Contact Coach Parry: hparry@wsd.net
or visit Roy High School to pick up a flyer

**COLOR
GUARD**

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

ALL CURRENT 7-11 GRADERS IN WEBER DISTRICT

CLINICS: APRIL 30 @ WAHLQUIST JR
MAY 2 @ ROY HS
MAY 7 @ WAHLQUIST JR
MAY 9 @ ROY HS
— ALL CLINICS ARE 3:30PM-5PM —

AUDITIONS: MAY 10
@ WAHLQUIST JR, 4pm

FILL OUT OUR INTEREST FORM!



**SEE YOU
NEXT YEAR!**

Congratulations!

Elena Pyper from Sand Ridge won a national award of merit for her visual arts entry in the PTA Reflections arts program earlier this year. She had to make it through several rounds of judging to get to this point.

This is HUGE accomplishment and we are thrilled for her!

We hope Elena, as well as others, will continue to submit their art each year in the PTA Reflections Art program!



Music Concerts

Band Concert

When: Wed, May 8, 6pm – 7pm
Where: Sand Ridge Jr High Gym

Orchestra Roy Cone Concert

When: Thu, May 9, 6pm – 7pm
Where: Roy High School,
2150 W 4800 S, Roy

Choir Concert

Roy High Large Auditorium
When: Wed, May 15, 7pm – 8pm

Piano Concert

When: Thu, May 16, 7pm – 8pm

Upcoming Ceremonies

Night to Remember-CHEER

When: Wed, May 1, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Awards Ceremony Practice (During Advisory)

By Invitation only
When: Tue, May 14,
Time: 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Awards Ceremony- By Invitation Only

When: Thu, May 16, 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Student Government Banquet

When: Tue, May 14, 4pm – 6pm

Student Gov./Cheer Induction Ceremony

When: Tue, May 14, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

End of the Year ASSEMBLY

When: Thu, May 23,
Time: 7:45am – 9:00am



Early Out

Wed, May 01, 12:15pm

Wed, May 15, 12:15pm

Last Day of School

Early out Friday, May 24, 2024

Woo-Hoo!
=HAPPY=
LAST:DAY
School of School

Events

Physics Field Trip

Fri, May 3, 8:15am – 2:15pm

Clark Planetarium, 110 400 W, Salt Lake City

Questions: about this event contact

Layla Hardy

NJHS Sweater Fitting (In the Library)

When: Tue, May 7, 7am – 8am

AP Geography Exam @ RHS Library

When: Tue, May 7, 8am – 1pm

