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by Melissa Engebreth



Payton Boney at the start of a match last weekend. Photo by Greg Lincoln.

Last Friday October 15, BRHS wrestlers finally got to have their first home tournament of the season with the Bethel Scramble of 2021.

The teams that came to the scramble are Anchorage, Chevak, Dillingham, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kalskag, Mountain Village, Napaskiak, Newhalen, Nome, Scammon Bay, St. Marys, and Unalaska.

Here is how the wrestlers performed:

#### **High School Boys--**

112 lbs Alvino Vasquez-2nd

119 lbs Sheldon Smith-2nd

**125 lbs** Landon Smith-1st Paul Dyment-2nd

**130 lbs** Joseph Smith-1st Aaron Mute-2nd

135 lbs Shawn McIntyre-3rd

145 lbs Charles Smith-1st

152 lbs Jordan Leinberger-3rd

**160 lbs** Ellis Johnson-5th

**189 lbs** Mason Fitka-2nd Cyrus Anaruk-5th

285 lbs Landon Burke



Senior wrestler Landon Smith--Photo by Greg Lincoln.

#### **High School Girls--**

112 lbs Cadence Cedars-1st Emilie Madson-2nd

125 lbs Jordan Klejka-4th

130 lbs Fiona Phelan-2nd

**135 lbs** Katherine Small-3rd Briella Heron-4th

**145 lbs** Payton Boney

#### **JH Wrestling Results**

77 lbs Aidan Crow--1st

**91 lbs** Steven Butte--4th

105 lbs Jackson Iverson--1st

110 lbs Dylan McIntyre--1st

118 lbs Lacey Samuelson--5th

132 lbs Ashlynn Lonewolf--2nd Riley Boney--3rd Justine Erickson-Bradney--5th

**140 lbs** Ethan Wheeler--3rd James McMillen--4th

Patyon Boney said, "I'm glad that I'm back on the mats working out, getting stronger and better, traveling on trips with my teammates and just having fun. I feel like a deadly warrior and it's giving me

an opportunity to be a part of a Bethel Warrior."

Alvino Vasquez said, "It felt good, but I was nervous to wrestle because it had been two years, but when I got out there it felt good. I felt good about it for not being able to wrestle in awhile.

Landon Smith said, "It felt great to be on the mat again and doing what I love. It was a good weekend, I went 3-0 getting all pins."

Charles Smith said, "It's exhilarating to be back on the mat competing again. I'm excited to see what this younger team has to offer. I feel like I did well, happy to get the first match jitters out."



BRHS wrestlers prepare for their matches with some team spirit! Photo by Warrior Weekly Staff.

Mason Fitka said, "It felt great to step on the mat after two years. I forgot about the adrenaline rush when your warming up and getting ready to wrestle. Last weekend I placed 2nd in the 189 lbs weight class."

Fiona Phelan said, "It felt so good to be back on the mats in our own gym with our own audience. I feel like I did pretty well, I got second. I lost my finals match by one point to the state runner up. Only going to get better from here."

Good luck wrestlers, have fun in Fairbanks!

### **BRHS volleyball team triumphs in Nome** by Coach Ryan Wheeler & Warrior Weekly Staff



Haley Sundown and Jordan Wheeler made All-Tourney. Bryn Garrison made All-Tourney and MVP. Great going Warriors!.

The Warrior varsity volleyball team showed their skills and and enthusiasm on the court last weekend in Nome, winning the Arctic Pinkies Volleyball Tournament. Allie Alexie said, "We played awesome last weekend. Everything we've been doing in practice for the past two months was used in every single game, and it led us to victory. I'm proud of all the girls for playing their abbest."

The Tournament was a double elimination tournament, each match being a beat of three sets. Bethel played Nome in their first match to determine seeding 28-26, 25-14. Bethel then beat Barrow 25-23, 26-24 to secure the #1 seed in the tournament.

Nome beat Barrow to reach the seminal game against Bethel. Bethel won the semi final match 25-8, 19-25, 15-4. Isabel Lieb said, "I played the best volleyball I have ever played in a very long time. The thing that stands out the most in my mind is that my teammates and I worked together on every single play and we did it all as a team."

Nome beat Barrow in the loser out match to reach the championship. Bethel beat Nome 25-21, 25-15 to win the 2021 Pinkies Tournament. Senior Ava Lieb said, "The biggest highlight from the weekend was coming back from a deficit of seven or more points in the first set of the championship game. Nome had the first serve and started off strong where some were not able to receive the serve. But once sophomore Isabel Lieb went up to serve she brought us to lead with more than five points.

Allie Alexie added, "When we were down by about 10 points in the championship game, we came together and regrouped ourselves. We played hard and caught all the way up and ended up winning the set. We played even harder the next set and won the tournament!" Great job Warriors; good luck at the Slamtastic Tournament this weekend!

Warrior Volleyball team after winning the Arctic Pinkies Tournament of 2021! From left to right: Vjosa Pellumbi, Kendal Herron, Ava Lieb, Haley Sundown, Isabel Lieb, Kate Smith, Allie Alexie, Bryn Garrison, Jordan Wheeler, and Coach Wheeler. Photo provided by Coach Wheeler.



# Warrior JV volleyball players show teamwork and perseverance in Nome

by Warrior Weekly Staff



The BRHS JV volleyball team of 2021! Photo by Coach Barrett.

The BRHS JV volleyball team played well last weekend at the Arctic Pinkies Volleyball Tournament,, working on their skills and communicating as a team. While they didn't win their games against Nome or Barrow, they did have some great volleys, and won one match against Nome.

They have been practicing the necessary skills such as setting, hitting and serving, and also working together as a unit on the court. Malinda Simons said, "We made most of our serves over, we got points for our tips, and we we did really well going after every ball. My favorite part of the weekend was just being able to play and have fun with my teammates."

Anna Howard added, "We all backed each other up and were ready for the ball when others couldn't be. We practiced our serving everyday, and we got our serves over the net; I'm very proud of us for that." Kiley Twito reinforced this by saying, "My favorite part of this weekend was being able to play and getting most of my serves over and in."

Coach Charmae Barrett reiterated that when the individual players worked as a team, they did well and had a lot of strength on the court. And, while the JV team played hard in their own games, they also supported their fellow varsity team. Anna Howard said, "One of my favorite parts during the championship game for varsity was when JV players were sitting on the bench cheering. I was losing my voice cheering, and Barrow joined us; it was very fun."

Up next is the BRHS Slamtastic Tournament this weekend. Coach Barrett said of her team, "I hope they will have fun, have a good attitude, and play hard in front of their families and the Bethel community to make them proud."

### Mrs. Miner is back in the building

by Malinda Simon

Mrs. Miner, our BRHS principal, is back and working in the building again after being on maternity leave for most of quarter one. This is her second year being our principal. Welcome back Mrs. Miner, we've missed you!

#### Q: How do you feel about being back?

A: I am excited to be back because I enjoy seeing students and staff. I enjoy attending sporting events and hearing from families.

#### Q: What was it like not working?

A: Not working was hard because I felt like I was missing out and wanted to help more when things were stressful.

### Q: What are any challenges you've faced recently while you've been back?

A: Getting students to class on time and dealing with the vandalism.

### Q: What's your favorite thing that motivates you to come to work every morning?

A: Just getting to see students and staff working together and the feeling of being in the building.

#### Q: What's the best part of being a principal?

A: Watching the students succeed and learning skills to become adults.



Mrs. Miner dons Warrior gear to motivate students at BRHS. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Miner.

#### Team Work

by Capriana Aloralrea

Teamwork is really important in any part of the world, whether it is in school, work, or small businesses. According to <a href="https://teamwork.com">https://teamwork.com</a>, "It is the working together of a group to accomplish a certain goal. It is important because it saves time for a group working towards the same goal." It also boosts the confidence of the people working together in any organization.



Greg and Bessie Aloralrea collaborate to take down some dry fish. Photo by Capriana Aloralrea.

Here in BRHS teamwork is seen a lot between staff, staff and students, as well as students. Staff help each other with communicating and helping each other get through getting a task done. One of the teachers here at school has said,

Jennifer Mutch said, "I see students discussing literature every day, asking thoughtful questions and listening to each other. I hear staff having conversations in the hallways between passing periods about classes and teaching. I hear teachers and students greeting each other, and teachers reminding students about work and encouraging them."

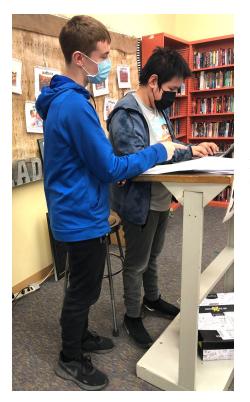
Between staff and students, teamwork can be seen as the staff member helping a student better understand a subject or a problem the student doesn't necessarily understand. Between students, one who is struggling with something they are trying to figure out and the other helping them understand it. It is also seen a lot in group projects in classrooms.

Amanda O'Boyle said, "I see teamwork every day at BRHS. Staff members and administration support and help each other make the school run smoothly, whether we are subbing, sharing lessons with each other or are in teams working to better the school. And students help each other in the classroom all the time, sometimes by discussing a novel, helping with a math problem, or just being good friends to each other."

Jen Mutch and Mandy O'Boyle work together on the clock and books during a volleyball tournament in the Warrior Dome last month. Photos by Mandy O'Boyle.



In Graphic Arts/ Yearbooks we use teamwork on these BRHS weekly newspapers. We discuss what goes on the front page, what topics we are going to write about to put into the articles, and we also work together as a group to pass these out at the end of the week. Without teamwork in this class it would be difficult to get these articles out and figuring out what to write about. Without teamwork in this world it would be hard to complete work, and we wouldn't have any businesses that provide for other people.



BRHS student Madden Cockroft helps fellow student John Brink with a study skills project.



Ms. O'Boyle

Ms. O'Boyle is a study skills and language arts teacher for the high school, and this is her 17th year teaching at BRHS. A fun fact is that she got a cat when she



started working here named Peanut and he is still alive after all these years. Students say she is a very kind and generous person with a kind heart who cares a lot about her students. She is always willing to let her students work on any missing work in their other classes and in hers.

O'Boyle said, "Teaching at BRHS is one of the things I love most in life. I am so thankful that I've been here so long. BRHS is truly my home. Students say they like to have extra time to work on other classes in study skills and other assignments and they are inspirational."

#### Mr. Kuhne



Mr. Kuhne is an algebra teacher for the high school, and this is his second year teaching at BRHS. Here's a fun fact, in the 7th grade Mr. Carlson was his teacher, he graduated in 2016 from BRHS. Mr. Kuhne's students wrote that he is that one fun teacher and, the one who will help you whenever you need it. He is very nice and doesn't get frustrated with them if they mess up. Mr. Kuhne said, "I like

teaching out here, it is fun to see the progress students make in mathematics, and it's fun to see those "Aha" moments where a student makes a big realization. I have enjoyed working with students on becoming more self-sufficient when it comes to problem solving and using their resources like books, the internet and each other."

#### LA students create profiles for Greek Gods by Katherine Deem

Here is some of the work my students have done for our Greek Mythology Unit in 7th grade language arts. They made social media profiles for Greek gods, goddesses, or heroes and included details about them from what we learned and the myths we read about them.

Persephone, Goddess Oueen of the Underworld and of Spring and Growth. By Eve Tommy





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Artemis, Goddess of Hunting, the Wilderness, and Wild Animals. By Jackson Iverson

Hades, God of Death and King of the Underworld. By Elijah Foss





Aphrodite, Goddess of Love and Beauty. By Eliza Saliu

## **Construction Trades students build on a colossal scale**

by Ryan Saltzman

I wanted to share some projects that my construction trades class has built this year. Their first project was to build new work tables for the shop classroom. Pictured below are their second projects. They are now starting their third project which is building dog houses for Bethel Friends of Canines.



Trinity Chadwick and Jason Kupanoak designed and built this lazy susan spray table using 3/4" birch plywood. They used a pocket hole jig and screws to fasten the pieces together. The top spins to allow the user to spray an even coat of finish on all sides of any project.



Jordan Leinberger designed and built an outfeed table for the table saw. The table was built using dimensional lumber and 3/4" birch plywood.



James Bright and Malcolm Queenie designed and built this wood storage bin out of 3/4 birch plywood. They used a pocket hole jig and screws to fasten the piece together. They also used the laser engraver to make signs for each cubby indicating the various species of wood we use in the woodshop.

Peter Crow and Tyler Laraux designed and built this wooden sled that they plan to use for logging this winter. The sled is made from dimensional lumber and UHMW for runners.





Jacey Koutchak, Madison McMillen, Iceis Harpak, George Lee, Melissa Engebreth, and Malinda Simon designed and built this wood storage rack for the shop class. The project was built using dimensional lumber.