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First Assembly of 2023

by Selena Echuck



Students play tug-of-war as student council stands by. Several groups enjoyed these matches until the rope broke. (see photos on the last page.) Below: Students shoot to "bump" each other out. Photos by Warrior Weekly Staff.

The assembly happened on Friday the 13th at BRHS gym, the whole school participated; they played games and the student council gave out candy. It seemed like the whole school liked the assembly.

Principal Miner said, "This assembly was to build school culture, and it helps with student government to build leadership."

BRHS student Seth said, "The candy is good, but they should change the music and play something new." He noticed some students were not cheering during the assembly, they should come up with new games to play to make it even more fun.



Mehmet Ardit said, "Social chair came together as a group and started coming up with fun games we could play at the assembly, we then all agreed on a couple of games that were fun and everyone knew the rules to."

Rory Peters said, "Our activities are mainly decided by the Social Chair of Adi, Kenai and Meti. We try to pick activities that are fun for everyone, and that the crowd can cheer for." We look forward to more assemblies during semester 2!

JH Lego Robotics competes at State competition in Anchorage

by E. LaValle



Back (from left): Coach Gehman, Torin Bernard, Arlind Zulbeari, Amelia Bayer, Rei Thomas, and Coach Hankins. Front (from left): Elias Komulainen, Lauren Hankins, Thea Vanasse, Jayna Vanasse, and Sally Peters. Photo by Coach Hankins.

On Saturday, January 14th, the junior high lego robotics team competed at the state competition in Anchorage. Their team is called *'Snacks at 7:30'*. It is called that because they brought a bite to eat to practice every day at 7:30. They placed 1st at the lego robotics competition here in Bethel, and earned the innovation award in Anchorage. The innovation award celebrates the next generation of innovators and changemakers who are developing solutions to society's problems today.

Thea Vanasse said, "I feel like it went better than expected. I think we had a lot of fun spending so much time with each other. I enjoy lego robotics because I like trying to solve a problem and coming up with lots of different solutions."

Jayna Vanasse said, "I think last weekend went well. We definitely improved on our project, our robot did well and we got 8th place. We had lots of fun. I like lego robotics because I like working with my friends on a team."

Their project was putting bike pedals on the bottom of desks to help students pedal and charge their device, and to help them be less jittery in order to focus more.

The coaches of their team are Jason Hankins and Mike Gehman. Congratulations to our lego robotics team!

Basketball varsity boys/girls travel to Delta by Fannie Chaliak



On 13th of January, both the varsity boys and girls traveled to Delta Junction for basketball. The varsity teams have been practicing everyday, and preparing for the games. Each and every athlete worked hard, and it paid off—the BRHS varsity boys placed 1st while the varsity girls placed 2nd!

I spoke to some of the girls who played against Nenana, Glenallen, and North Pole in Delta Junction, and here are their responses and comments:

Athlete Isabelle Lieb, "I think myself and the team played really well together. We need to work on our defense, and other than that we have stuff pretty much down. But, there is always room to improve on in every position. I feel pretty good about placing second, knowing we are such a young team."

Athlete Briella Herron said, "I think I played pretty well, Payton and I both got alterny. We had a lot of good plays, but we need to work on little adjustments. I feel like we could have done a lot better in our championship game, but you know we did our best."

The boys had a lot to say about their travel and their games in Delta Junction. They played against Nenana, North Pole, and the home team Delta. Here are what some of the boys said about the games:

Senior Athlete, Mason Fitka said, "I think that I played fantastic team basketball with my teammates, we won our games, and the chemistry was great.

I think we need to work on offensive consistency and just being careful with the ball. That was our first championship, and it was a great feeling to know that we were able to accomplish what we did, especially because we have spent so many years playing together in past basketball seasons."

Athlete Ellis Johnson said, "I played pretty well in our first two games and also during the championship game. We all played really great defense and rebound. We definitely need to work more on rebounding, getting into our gaps on defense a little bit more, closing out, staying low, taking good shots, and also being patient on offense. Placing first was awesome."

I would like to congratulate all the BRHS teams that placed at Delta Junction, and we definitely hope to see more in the future for the teams. Good job Warriors!



Donlin Gold Tournament Schedule

Information courtesy of Coach Darren Lieb

Thursday 1/19

2:00 PM Unalakleet vs. Nikiski (girls)3:30 PM Unalakleet vs. Nikiski (boys)

6:00 PM Eielson vs. Bethel (girls) 7:30 PM Eielson vs. Bethel (boys)

Friday 1/20

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Saturday 1/21

2:00 PM Eielson vs. Unalakleet (girls)3:30 PM Eielson vs. Unalakleet (boys

6:00 PM Nikiski vs. Bethel (girls) 7:30 PM Nikiski vs. Bethel (boys)

Bethel jv play home games

by Cleo Nicolai



Last weekend both JV boys and girls played against Aniak and Kalskag at the Warrior Dome! The JV boys also scrimmaged against each other. Both JV teams won the games on Friday and Saturday. Here are some responses from athletes who played against the visitors and a couple boys who scrimmaged.

Kenneth Fox said, "I felt awesome playing against Kalskag because my team was playing so well, and we won both of our games. One of the skills I want to get better at is dribbling."

Brandy Jones said, "It felt amazing, especially for our first home games, most of my siblings were there to cheer for me and my sister."

Maelynn Fredericks said, "I felt pretty good playing against Aniak last weekend. It was fun playing out first home games, our team did really well."

Hannah Leinberger said, "Our team was really good and it felt like we were working collectively against Anaik because we were working as a whole team to win. It felt good because we won our games."

Jasey Pace said, "It felt like we were practicing a real game, but it was a real game. A positive thing while we were playing was we won our first home games."

Julia Andrew said, "Since we were playing five on four it was kind of uneven, but it was still fun. We were able to understand plays and go through them quickly. Our team did really well with communication and everything else. Mia Daniel said, "Playing against Aniak was pretty fun. I've played against them before jr high, and this year our team did a lot better. We won both games. It was my first home game this year, and it was exciting."

And here are some responses from the boys who scrimmaged. Bryan Nicholai said, "It felt amazing because our team won, and we stayed positive throughout the game. We also communicated with each other. It made me happy."

George Lee said, "When we scrimmaged it was pretty fun. I didn't like it at first because I don't like going against each other, but it was good. One of the skills I want to improve is shooting."





School lunch: Yay or Nay?

by E LaValle



There is a lot of controversy on school lunches. There are some valid complaints from a good bunch of students. Here are a few different opinions from students and staff.

Rory peters said, "I don't like school lunch because a lot of the food they serve is really low quality. It could definitely be better. I like the salad bar. That was a big improvement." Madden Cockroft said, "I just like school lunch because I get to eat."

Principal Mrs. Miner said, "I like school lunch. I have some favorites, like popcorn chicken. I really miss the burritos, I wish we could bring those back. I'd get those when it was school lunch almost every single day. I think to improve they could give students more food." Cameron Cox said, "I do like school lunch, it is one of my favorite things to eat at school actually."

Do you like school lunch? How do you think it could improve? Write down your ideas and bring them to room B-21. We'll write a future article about this topic!

Empty hallways at BRHS

by Selena Echuck

What I have notice in the hallways is fewer students in the hallways and more students in classrooms learning and doing what they are supposed to.

Principal Miner and Mr. Lavalle said they don't see as many students are in the hallway during class time as last semester. Students aren't on their phones walking in the hallways as much. Last quarter their were students out of class walking in the hallways on their phones and out of class way too long, and it is just better this quarter.

Good job students following the rules and keeping your phones and earbuds way during class. Keep it up BRHS!





Left: The C wing hallway was empty and quiet during 6th period Thursday. Right: The B wing hallway was also calm. Photos by Selena Echuck.

