

# THE MAVERICK MAYHEM

## MATHLETES BRING HOME HARDWARE

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST

This year's mathsters deserve a slice of pi for their impressive performance on April 3rd! A clever group of 5th-8th grade students participated in the 2024 Math Contest in Meade. Each grade took 3 participants, which are listed as follows: (8th) Keegan Blanton, Aubree Gilchrist, Alyson Taylor, (7th) Grayson Ballard, Truman Barnes, Jack Minyard, (6th) Elizabeth Brown, Sebastian Favela-Clayton, Brody Hoffman, (5th) Gentry Ballard, Mya Hoffman, and Caleb Watson. These students participated in 3 timed tests consisting of Geometry, Mental Math, and Problem-Solving questions. This competition takes place annually, and Kiowa County continues to impress each year. We are very proud of every participant this year!



Bottom L) The 5th-8th grade participants pose for a group photo after the awards assembly in Meade. L) Students show off their medals won at the League math contest. (photos by Mrs. Pore)



### SPIAA League Math Contest Medalists from Kiowa County:

#### **8th Grade: 1st Place as Team**

Keegan Blanton - 1st Mental Math, 4th Geometry, 2nd Problem Solving  
Aubree Gilchrist - 5th Mental Math, 2nd Geometry, 9th Problem Solving  
Alyson Taylor - 8th Geometry, 6th Problem Solving

#### **7th Grade: 2nd Place as Team:**

Grayson Ballard - 1st Mental Math, 1st Geometry, 2nd Problem Solving  
Truman Barnes - 3rd Mental Math, 5th Problem Solving

#### **6th Grade:**

Sebastian Favela - 6th Geometry, 8th Problem Solving  
Brody Hoffman - 8th Mental Math

#### **5th Grade:**

Gentry Ballard - 10th Problem Solving  
Caleb Watson - 5th Mental Math, 1st Geometry, 3rd Problem Solving

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

The Varsity Scholars Bowl team traveled to South Central to end their season with a final buzz. The team entered their first match against Spearville, and though nerves were high, the Varsity team took their first win of the day. However, the wins didn't end there. After completing a total of 11 rounds, the Varsity accomplished something incredible, an undefeated record. The team came home with a First Place League Plaque and medals! 8th grader Aubree Gilchrist said "I knew from the beginning of the season that the Kiowa County Junior High Varsity and JV Scholars Bowl were two special teams with many special players. We've had such an amazing season full of immaculate memories and I can't wait to see what all of our futures with scholars bowl entail."

Below: The Varsity Scholars Bowl Team proudly presents their first place League Plaque and gold medals.



Photo by Mrs. Ballard

# EACH STEP IS CLOSER TO THEIR GOAL

## GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD PLANS TO FINISH THE SEASON ON TOP

BY ALYSON TAYLOR & SEBASTIAN FAVELA-CLAYTON

The junior high girls' track team has been progressing one step after another, hoping to end their season on top once again. The girls entered the season unsure of where they would be overall. With this in mind, the Mavs kept pushing and overcoming boundaries, learning how to make their way up the ranks. They keep setting PRs and proving themselves and their competition wrong.

8th-grader Madilen McAdoo stated that she enjoys track because "I like to get out of school early and that you are competing against yourself to set new goals."

Coach Blanton continues to tell the girls' team that he has faith in their abilities at the league meet next month, but every point, every place, and everybody counts. So continue to cheer the girls on as they keep striding towards their goal.

They will travel to Sublette on Tues. April 30th. Their season will wrap up at Jetmore for the SPIAA League Track Meet on Thurs. May 9th. Finish strong, ladies!



Top L: 7th-grader Addison Mineyard throws shot put at the St. John meet. Top R: 8th-grader Aubree Gilchrist competes in high jump where she got second. Bottom L: 7th-grader Kwynn Blanton comes to a finish, beating her opponent in the 100 meter dash. Bottom R: 6th-grader Elizabeth Brown competes in long jump. (Photos by Alyson Taylor and Sebastian Favela-Clayton)

## LADY MAVS SCOREBOARD

3/28 @ Green Sports Complex in Pratt

- 8th grade girls- 5th
- 6th/7th grade girls- 4th

4/4 @ Ellinood Oiler Relays

- 8th grade girls- 3rd
- 6th/7th grade girls- 4th

4/9 @ St. John

- 8th grade and 6th/7th grade girls- 2nd

4/18 @ Cimarron

- 8th grade girls- 5th
- 6th/7th grade girls- 3rd

4/25 @ KCJH Invitational

- 7th/8th grade girls- CANCELLED
- 6th grade girls- CANCELLED



8th-grader Adrianna Derley competes in hurdles. You can see her here competing in the 100 meter hurdles at the Oiler Relays meet in Ellinwood.

# RECORDS BEING SET & BEAT

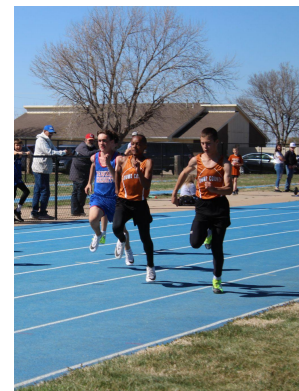
## BOYS' TRACK & FIELD HITTING PR'S & BUSTING RECORDS

BY BRODY HOFFMAN

The KCJH Boys' Track Team has started with a BANG, as the boys have already broken meet and school records just 4 meets into the season. The 7th-grade boys 4x100 team consisting of Brody Hoffman, Myles Mitchell, Jack Mineyard, & Josh Gilkey set the Ellinwood meet record at a time of 53.82. Likewise, the 8th-grade boys 4x100 team consisting of James Greenleaf, Eli Roberts, Keegan Blanton, & Adan Coyne set Kiowa County's new junior high school record with a time of 50.37 seconds. Additionally, 8th-grader Garrett Kern shattered the school shot put record by over 2 ½ feet, throwing 45 feet 9 inches. 8th-grader Keegan Blanton is right next to breaking the school record and hopes to break some more meet records in the 100 meter hurdles like he did at Ellinwood.

The Mavs have been proving schools wrong, continuously entering meets as underdogs and managing to pull out on top against large schools.

As the boys enter their last month of track and sports season for this year, they feel confident they'll be able to come out on top at the league meet for the 4th year in a row. 8th-grader Keegan Blanton reported that he is "almost positive the boys will win the league meet." Friends, family, and peers around the league are excited to see how the boys progress and hopefully watch Keegan's prediction come to life.



Top L: 8th-grader James Greenleaf competes in triple jump at the St. John meet. (Photo by Alyson Taylor) Top R: 7th-graders Myles Mitchell and Jack Mineyard push themselves in the 100 meter dash at Ellinwood. Bottom: 7th-grader Cy Yost flies over the 100 meter hurdles at the Ellinwood meet. (Photos by Sebastian Favela-Clayton)

Below: 6th-grader Sebastian Favela-Clayton has performed well at all of his meets, continuing to break meet records and place first in his division. You can see him running the two mile at the St. John meet here. (Photo by Alyson Taylor)



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# A TOTAL ECLIPSE IN A DAY

## JH STUDENTS GO TO KIOWA COUNTY LIBRARY TO OBSERVE THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

BY AUBREE GILCHRIST

On April 8th, the Kiowa County Junior High student body took a relaxing walk to the Kiowa County Library, where they viewed the Solar Eclipse. Everyone had a blast, and most kids were definitely happy to get out of class!

The library gifted the Junior High students with Solar Eclipse glasses to wear during the event to protect their eyes. Also, the library was generous enough to provide the students with moon pies, Starry, and Sunny D to snack on while watching the phenomenon. The students were very grateful for the gifts given to them by the library.

6th grader Bodie McDonald states, "seeing the eclipse was a life-changing sight! I am now intrigued by the incredible Solar System we live in. The snacks were really good, as well!"

McDonald definitely wasn't the only student who was flabbergasted at the astonishing sight, either. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this jaw-dropping, once-in-a-lifetime experience!



Top L: After the junior high students got their snacks, they looked again at the amazing site. Top R: 8th-grader Eli Roberts tries taking a picture of the eclipse with a device that worked like the glasses for his phone.

Middle L: 7th-graders Thayer Zadina and Cole Leoffler, along with 6th-grader Brody Hoffman, watched as the eclipse started to begin. Bottom: A group of girls lined the street to get a good view of the site.

(Photos by Aubree Gilchrist)

## JUNIOR HIGH REMINDERS FOR MAY

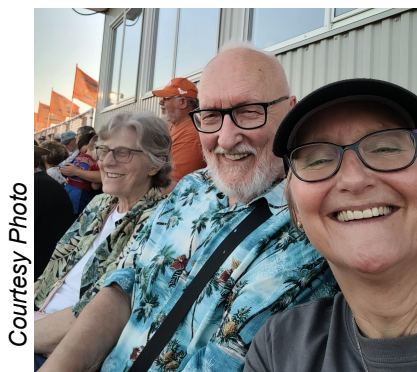
- Wed. May 1st: SPIAA JH Instrumental Festival @ Minneola
- Mon. May 6th: 5-12th grade Band Concert @ Twilight Theatre 7pm
- Tues. May 7th: JH Field Trip to Walnut Bowling in Great Bend (don't forget \$\$ for lunch)
- Wed. May 8th: Little Olympics @ 12:30pm
- Thurs. May 9th: JH League Track @ Hodgeman County
- Fri. May 10th: LAST day to get AR points in by 2:30pm
- Mon. May 13th: 4th 9 Weeks AR Party in Wichita (don't forget \$\$ for lunch)
- Mon. May 13th: Awards Night/8th Grade Promotion @ 7pm
- Wed. May 15th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! Dismissed @ 1:30pm

# FUN FACTS

## WITH THE JH TEACHERS

Article by  
Preston Coss

### MS.



Courtesy Photo

*Ms. E is shown here supporting her students at a sporting event with her mom and dad.*

Q: What can you cook to perfection? A: First, "perfection" to me means just how I like it. So, something I cook to perfection is macaroni, cheese, eggs, bacon, and a few other magical things. It's to die for.

Q: What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the First Day of School? A: I always start positive and with RESPECT.

Q: What sort of morning routine do you have to get jazzed for class? A: Watch the news, drink coffee, and grab a light breakfast. Get ready and get to class early. I'm almost always in a good mood, so I don't do anything in particular to change that mindset. When I feel I'm going dark, I exercise more. It's a miracle cure.

Q: What inspires you? A: My dad. Many good people I have met and learned from along the way. Maybe most inspirational: My students. Every day.

### MR. LOHRDING



Courtesy Photo

*Mr. L is shown here with his family - wife Scout, 1 year old son Sutton, and 4 month old daughter Syler*

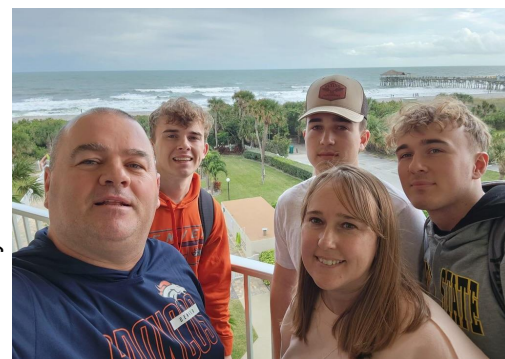
Q: What is one of your hidden talents? A: Loading the dishwasher to fit everything at once. I am very specific when it comes to loading the dishwasher.

Q: What's a typical Saturday night like for you? A: I like hanging out with Scout, Sutton, and Syler. We will watch a movie together or have dinner together, and occasionally Sutton will throw his food across the kitchen. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Q: What would your last meal be? A: A giant bacon-wrapped filet, garlic mashed potatoes and gravy, bacon-wrapped asparagus, homemade dinner rolls, a side salad, and a slice of strawberry or coconut cream pie from Don's. How does that not sound like the best meal ever?

Q: If you won the lottery and decided to give up teaching, what would you do instead? A: I would move to Orange Beach, Alabama, and build a house on the beach. I would either continue to teach or see if I could work for a guided fishing company.

### MRS. PORE



Courtesy Photo

*Mrs. Pore enjoys spending time with her family - husband Chad, twin college aged sons Cadan and Connor, and sophomore son Cresten.*

Q: What makes a 'good day' at school? A: Days when I get to teach math and students don't complain about the opportunity to learn something new.

Q: What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year? A: Math Contest is always an exciting time. To see our students from Kiowa County be some of the best in the league in math is a huge accomplishment.

Q: Are there any embarrassing teaching moments you're willing to share? A: It's always embarrassing when you make a calculation error on the board when you are the math teacher. There was also a time when I was wearing sandals, and I knocked a student's binder off their desk. It hit the top of my foot and cut it open. I may have accidentally cursed! Whoops!

Q: What differences do you see in your morning students versus the afternoon classes? A: It's hard to make a comparison because they are completely different classes. However, I would say my morning students usually seem to be more ready to learn, by afternoon students seem to be over being at school. It is definitely harder for my afternoon classes to focus.

# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## FEATURING ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN KCJH

### CONTESTS & CONCERTS & MORE, OH MY!

BY FAITH COSS



Top: Mr. Middleton accompanied his class by playing the piano. Bottom: 8th-grader Trio of Amelia, Javan, and Keegan performed their song on April 11th. (Photos by Kwynn Blanton)

The KCJH band and vocal classes have been wrapping up their year on a high note, busily performing at many festivals and performances throughout this month.

The choir sang at the Twilight Theater for the 6th-12th performance on April 11th. The high school and junior high students had both been learning about literature in their classes and came together to sing *Why We Sing* by Greg Gilpin. Junior high and high school vocal/band teacher Mr. Middleton explained, "That song is special to me because I sang it when I was their ages, and I wanted to pass along that beautiful experience to my students. They performed well, and I am so proud of all of them. I even gave out some awards for students who have shown notable skills in my classes and I wanted to have that recognized." As stated, Mr. Middleton handed out special awards to each student. 6th-grader Natalie Koger received the Most Improved Award, 8th-grader Javan Oberle received the Silent Leadership Award, 8th-grader Keegan Blanton received the Hydration Award, and 8th-grader Amelia Barnes received the Choral Director Award.

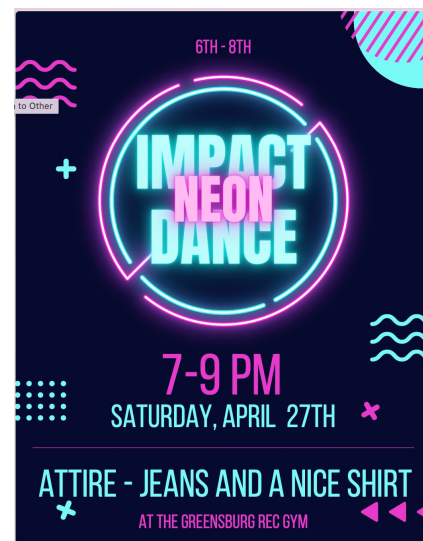
The SPIAA League Junior High Choir Festival was hosted at Hodgeman County on April 24th. The choir came home with many 1 ratings and a plaque.

The band will be performing on May 1st in Minneola at the SPIAA Junior High Band Instrumental Festival. Keep posted for all the upcoming results!

## DANCE UNDER THE NEON MOON

BY CHARLEE JANTZ

Grab your glow sticks, and let's get cracking! The Impact Leadership Group is sponsoring the upcoming dance on April 27, 2024, from 7-9 pm at the Greensburg Recreation Facility. The theme of the dance is neon. Though it is not mandatory, students can show up in jeans and a nice shirt and glow while dancing with their peers. The Impact team will provide snacks and drinks along with a fun photo wall! There is no need to wait any longer...grab a friend and bust a move THIS SATURDAY!



# KEEPIN' UP WITH KIOWA COUNTY

## ALL THE LATEST HAPPENINGS IN GREENSBURG, HAVILAND, & MULLINVILLE



## CARE 'N' SHARE HAS A LITTLE OF THIS & A LOT OF THAT

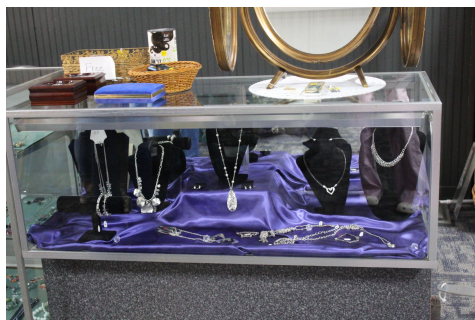
IVA BROWN

On Main Street here in Greensburg, Care 'n' Share is currently taking donations. Care 'n' Share is a small store with many great items available for purchase. You can find old dolls, new clothes, toys, and beautiful paintings, all of which have been donated by generous community members. Care 'n' Share is always able to take donations that people offer, and we advise you to make some donations yourself if you have any items you don't need anymore, instead of throwing them out. However, they are not open to taking any non-working electronics, mattresses, old baby beds or computers, and anything that can be considered dangerous to workers or customers.

7th-grade JAG students help unload new deliveries to the Care 'n' Share once a month. When things aren't sold after a while, 8th-grade JAG students travel to Care 'n' Share to clear the racks and make room for the new donations.

Care 'n' Share is a Christian-based organization, and is non profitable. This means that after all the necessary payments are made for Care 'n' Share, the money they raise goes towards other places like the KCMA Board.

If you're interested in looking at what Care 'n' Share has for sale, make your way down Main. Their hours are Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. The store is welcome to all and is an important part of Greensburg.



Top: 7th-grader Charlee Jantz looks at the Care 'n' Share shirt selection.

Top Middle: Here are some of the jewelry items displayed for shoppers at the Care 'n' Share.

Bottom Middle: 6th-grader Nela Heide models a hat for 6th-grader Iva Brown.

Bottom: The Care 'n' Share is full of treasures just waiting to be found, and this image shows just a few! (Photos by Faith Coss)



# Leaving on a Jet Plane

BY NELA HEIDE

Ever thought about touring the Big Apple? If the answer is YES, then this is your chance to participate in a guided tour to New York City with Explore America (EF) with Mrs. Ballard and Mr. L. The NYC trip is planned for four packed days in July 2025 for any current 5th-8th graders (and family/friends of). Also, the trip is not limited to only Kiowa County students, so spread the word to any friends or family that would like to join in on this incredible opportunity. While in NYC, the participants will meet their tour guide, take a walking tour of Midtown, United Nations Headquarters, Grand Central Terminal, Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center, and St. Patrick's Cathedral while also enjoying views from one of its iconic skyscrapers: Empire State Building, Top of the Rock, Edge at Hudson Yards, or One World. While on this trip students will be able to witness the great Statue of Liberty in person, explore Ellis Island National Museum and Immigration, and visit the National September 11th Memorial and Museum. Additionally, they will have a guided tour of NYC including Greenwich Village, SoHo, Chinatown, and Little Italy, and will get to try some amazing foods. The tour will continue with a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a visit to Times Square, and attending a Broadway Show. To wrap up the trip, students will visit the American Museum of Natural History, make a photo stop in Central Park, and then depart for home. Phew! Sounds like a fun filled trip without missing anything in NYC! If interested, you can ask Mr. L and/or Mrs. Ballard about how to sign up or use this link: [www.efexploreamerica.com/2719536SC](http://www.efexploreamerica.com/2719536SC). You won't want to miss this!

# MAY CALENDAR

BY ALYSON TAYLOR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 8:15am: K & 1st Grade May Day Deliveries 9:00am: SPIAA JH Instrumental Festival @ Minneola	2 1st & 5th Grade Field Trips	3 ACT Registration Deadline for June 8 Test Date 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: KCHS T&F @ Red Ace Relays 3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ Hodgeman County	4 KSHSAA State Forensics Festival & Championships
5	6 10:00am: SPIAA League Golf @ Dodge City 7:00pm: 5-12 Band Concert @ Twilight Theatre	7 4th Grade Field Trip 3:00pm: KCHS JV Golf @ Ingalls 7:00pm: KCHS Awards Night	8 NO K & PREK Classes 12:30pm: Little Olympics Grades 1-5 7:00pm: Baccalaureate	9 1:00pm: KCHS Golf @ Kinsley 3:00pm: SPIAA JH League Track @ Hodgeman County	10 K-5 Art 2:30pm: Classes Dismissed 3:00pm: SPIAA HS League T&F @ South Gray	11 1:30pm: KCHS Graduation
12 Mother's Day	13 KSHSAA Regional Golf 7:00pm: KCJH Awards Night/8th Grade Promotion	14 Second Grade Field Trip 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	15 Last Day of School 1:30pm: School Dismissed	16 Teacher Workday - No Classes 3:00pm: KSHSAA Regional T&F	17	18
19	20 KSHSAA 1A State Golf	21 KSHSAA 1A State Golf	22	23	24 KSHSAA State T&F @ WSU	25 KSHSAA State T&F @ WSU
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26 Memorial Day	27 HS Girls BB Camp HS Boys BB Camp 8:00am: SPIAA League Meeting & Golf 8:00pm: USD 422 Board of Education Mtg.	28 State FFA Convention HS Girls BB Camp HS Boys BB Camp	29 HS Boys BB Camp	30 HS Boys BB Camp HS Girls BB Camp State FFA Convention	31 HS Girls BB Camp State FFA Convention HS Boys BB Summer Tournament	

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To find upcoming events, information and more, go to usd422.org



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(Photos by Alyson Taylor and Charlee Jantz)

Top L: 8th-grader Aubree Gilchrist writes some kindness slips for the Impact Kindness Chain. Top R: Mr. L awarded the top three students for the best predictions on the men's' and women's March Madness Bracket. You can see the winners photographed here. Bottom L: 7th-grader Faith Coss is trying to reach her AR goal before the end of the year, like many other students. Bottom R: 7th-graders Delaney Little and Jemma Ploger are preparing ideas for the Impact dance.

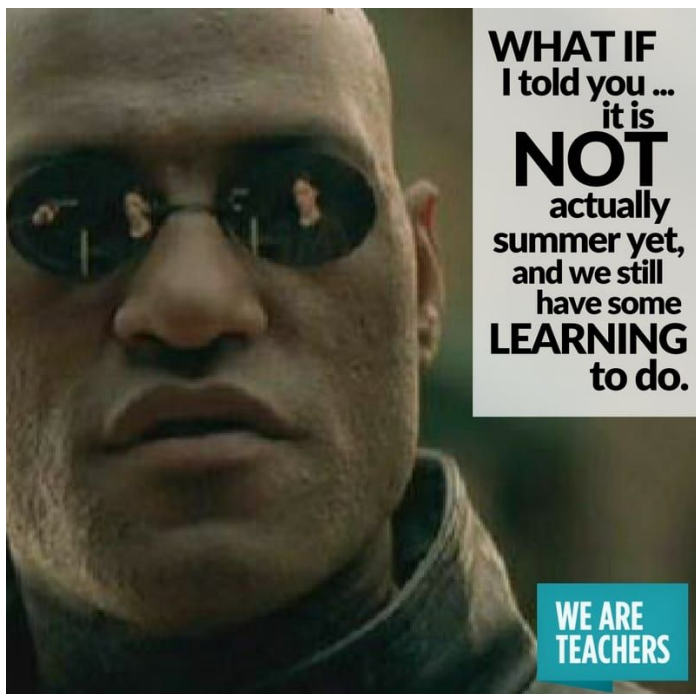
# JUST FOR FUN

## Track and Field

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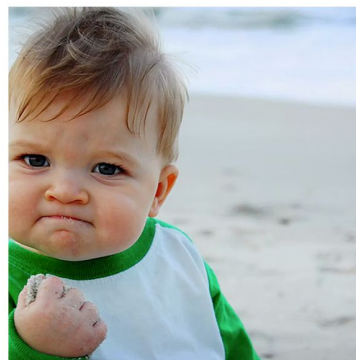
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HIGH JUMP  
POLE VAULT  
RELAY  
FINISH  
TEAM  
METER DASH  
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### TRACK MEET WEATHER BE LIKE:



Nvm, track meet got canceled 🙄

Stay STRONG.



The END of the school year  
is near!