**Triplains Newsletter**  **September 2014**

 Back-to-School BBQ



The Triplains School District kicked off the school year with a community-wide BBQ on Friday, August 22nd. Over 100 people attended, including many from the Brewster community. School Board members lined up grills outside near the east entrance and turned out juicy hamburgers and plump bratwurst, both of which were heavily complimented. The menu also included potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, chips, cookies, and iced tea. Because of reports of inclement weather, community members ate indoors instead of outdoors as originally planned. The indoor location still provided people plenty of opportunity to catch up from the summer with neighbors and meet the staff and their families. The Back-to-School BBQ was a great success thanks to all the volunteers, with a special thank you to Bonnie Siruta, Food Service Director, for planning the event. We would also like to thank Amy Lamb, Cory Ballentine, and Marilyn Oches, and the School Board for their work preparing, grilling, and serving.

Meet the Kindergarten Class

 Profile by Katie Hillery

Sometimes kindergarten is a challenge, but this is just a fun age.”

~Mrs. Collett

Getting a great start to the year is Mrs. Collett and her Kindergarten class. She has four students this year: Carson Bergsten, Tristen Chase, Jamie Hemken, and Padon Mackley. She is excided that this is her third year teaching, and looks forward to each new student. She loves being with the kids, and with each different personality she gets the opportunity to try different things.

**Titan Volleyball Team Looks Forward to Season**

by Maddie Lamb

This year our combined Tri-Plains – Brewster Volleyball team has 25 girls! There are 6 new freshman and 4 foreign exchange students. Below are the Triplains students participating; jersey numbers are still being assigned but have been provided as much as possible.

**Seniors:** Shayna Rogge #6, Jessi Williams #22, Paige Fryback #18, Kirsten Lamb, and exchange students Shannon Drury, Ana Glijorjevic #1, and Wakana Soejima.

**Juniors:** Lily Mays.

**Sophomores:** Rose Smith #27 and Maddie Lamb #3.

**Freshman:** Maia Carter, Katie Hillery, Taryn Stramel, and Autumn Mays.

Our first volleyball game was a Triangular at Bird City vs. Cheylin and Palco, held August 29th. On September 9th is the Triplains Triangular at Winona. We hope everyone in the community will come out and support us this season!

 **Date** **Event**

 8/29/14 Bird City Triangular @ Bird City

 9/2/14 Triplains Triangular @ Winona

 9/9/14 Greeley Co. Quad @ Tribune

 9/13/14 LaCrosse Tournament @LaCrosse

 9/16/14 Brewster Quad @ Brewster

 9/23/14 Triplains Triangular @ Winona

 9/30/14 Triplains Triangular @ Winona

 10/4/14 Ellis Tournament @ Ellis

 10/7/14 Rexford Triangular @ Rexford

 10/14/14 Brewster Triangular @ Brewster

 10/21/14 Colby Triangular @ Colby

 10/25/14 Substate @ TBA

Triplains KAYS Club Fundraising Notice:

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Campbell’s Soup Labels for Education: Save labels from soups, juices, Pepperidge Farm products, Prego sauces, and others. Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list.

Aluminum cans for recycling: Please place in receptacle north of Morton building near FB field.

Labels and box tops may be left in Pat’s office or contact Marilyn Ochs. Thank you for your help!

Spotlight

Interview with Shannon Drury

 by Maia Carter

Maia: What are your favorite foods in Australia?

Shannon: Kangaroo steak! And I’m a chocoholic so I like things like lamingtons, which are spongecakes rolled in chocolate and coated in coconut.

Maia: How is Triplains different from your school?

Shannon: The school I go to is Merici College, a religious, all girls school, so Triplains is definitely different. It’s a lot smaller here and we don’t have to wear uniforms! The school day is also longer here, and Triplains has is very involved in sports. Almost everyone goes out for sports. We also get recess in high School in Australia instead of just in the lower grade levels.

 Maia: What are you most excited about in the U.S.?

Shannon: I want to see the different cultures and to see what is the same and different about America and Australia.

Maia: What is your favorite subject in American school?

Shannon: Lunch, because in Australia there aren’t many school lunches. Here there is a sense of family and friends while eating lunch. I like that we socialize with each other during lunches.

Interesting Facts about Shannon

Hometown: Canberra, Australia

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Kangaroo steak

Activities: High School Volleyball team