

Greeting elementary students as they arrive at school, **Swade Smith** [12], **Zach Rowe** [12] and **Lane Croft** [12] give out low fives to young students. photo by code palmer 10.2.15

OPENING the year with big wins at football games or expecting another team to advance to the state level, a new generation of middle schoolers nervously finds their clique at the fish pond or another seventh grade team steps onto the court for the first time. Moments when elementary students cling to their mother's hand or win awards at the weekly Champs Assembly. The moments are the same every year. This year, the approach is different. The story is told as it happened, from a chronological point of view. The months creep by slowly, but as a whole, the school year is a blur, with this book serving as the timeline of the 2015-16 memories. It's these life changing moments, the moments we make, that eventually make us who we are.



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The **LIFE** changing moments that encompass a school year are different for everyone. Whether it's presenting your first genius hour presentation or being elected as a new student council officer, it's these turning points in life that define our direction. CPR training or Read Across America Day might not seem like a big deal at the time, but it's these small moments that influence who we become. It might not seem important to face a crowd full of Roughnecks at the homecoming pep rally, but for **Nory Hearron** [K] it's a moment to remember. Nory and her grandparents served as the Grand Marshals of the homecoming parade as an exemplification as Roughneck Spirit Fighters. It's a moment of recognition for a battle she's facing that no parent ever wants for their child. "They didn't know what it was," father and Roughneck alumnus '93, **Bryan Hearron** said. "She had been sick for a while so we didn't think it was cancer. She was lethargic and had no energy and would just lay around all day. Which was totally different than she had been 2 years prior." It's a moment of character shown by older brothers **Connor** [11] and **Nate Hearron** [9] as they selflessly support their sister and family in a time of need. It's these moments that change their lives.

Directing the audience's attention, **Don Wayt**, president of the alumni association, explains to the crowd about how **Nory, Don** and **Carolyn Hearron** exemplify what it means to be a Roughneck Spirit Fighter. For this reason, they were chosen to be the Grand Marshals for the Homecoming parade.

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band trip, snowcone stand, summer camp, vacation
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ffa, two-a-days, first day of school
- September-010-013
miss gregg county, bass fishing, 5th grade nature center
roughneck tech club,
- October 014-021
uil congress, physics ball drop, pink heals, elementary announcements, blood drive, homecoming royalty, pep rally & parade, calie's acre, roughneck tech club, monster movie time, halloween pep rally, fall festival, ms auxiliary line
- November 022-027
state marching contest, senior pep rally, veteran's day performance, jaiden johnson, thanksgiving luncheon, fall production, genius hour presentations
social media frenzy
- December 028-031
choir/band christmas concert, art christmas decorations, stuco nursing home visit, elementary pajama day, bass fishing team, christmas vacation, stuco ice skating
- January 032-033
roughneck radio, college signing day, ffa stock show, sci lab, 8th grade career day, 5th grade reading fair
- February 034-039
coach noll, father/daughter dance, tactile learning, state choir, ms united nations, dna projects, valentine's day, vase competition
- March 040-045
coach noll's return, radio presentation, read across america day, spring break, elementary project, sweet music festival, uil academics, coach cloud
- April 046-049
nhs induction, ffa plant sale, anatomy dissection, cpr training
earth day, student council elections, algebra 2 activity
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Shaking hands, **Scott Floyd** presents **Kyler Dennison** [12] with the Suzanne Woodburn memorial scholarship. The scholarship was presented in her honor to Dennison because she mentored him all year before her passing in May. Floyd's fellow leadership team members, assistant superintendent **Mitzi Neely** and **Michael Gras** felt this was an appropriate way to finish out her work. "I will attend Southern Oregon University and plan on graduating there," Dennison said. My major is going to be Computer Science.

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It's our point in life, it's the moments that make us. Whether it's running in the Dopey Challenge at Disney World or serving on a medical mission trip to Honduras, these are the instances that define your character. Leading your team in competitive cheer or singing the national anthem at your twirling competition are the times that determine what the future may hold. Fighting through a sickness that keeps you from the thing you love the most or playing the tuba in hopes of finding a future career are the moments that will not be lost in this school year. It's a moment of remembrance for **Suzanne Woodburn**, who lost a courageous battle against cancer on May 11. It's a moment of carrying out her passion for teaching. "We have decided that the one thing Suzanne left undone is something we can finish," White Oak ISD Leadership team said. "She has been mentoring a student this year to prepare him for college. We want to honor Suzanne and what she has given our students all of these years through this." Through a district wide collaborative effort, **Kyler Dennison** [12] embarks on his new journey in Oregon with the assistance of a scholarship totaling over \$2,500. "There is no greater tribute to her than to finish what she started," assistant superintendent **Mitzi Neely** said. "She had dedicated her year to teaching him the ins and outs of what he would need to know to be successful." Even in the moments she felt her worst, helping Kyler reach his potential was the first thing on her mind. This was her defining moment.

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the 2016 school year, don't forget that we beat Spring Hill by the largest margin in school history or that the journalism team brought home their fifth consecutive state championship, but also remember the moment that you made your first cut on your cat during anatomy dissections. Don't forget what it felt like to desperately search for a friendly face at the fish pond or the nerves you felt when you first donned an official Roughneck or Ladyneck jersey, but also remember the moments that you ate lunch in the library with the inaugural Roughneck Tech Club. Don't forget about the cup of water you covered as you scampered across the grass in your last official field day of elementary school, but also remember the evening you spent under the stars at the father/daughter dance. Don't forget about how scared you were on the first day of school as your mother drove away or your reward for showing the most generosity in your class, but always remember the Grandparent's Day program that you practiced for. When you are battling through life, remember the wise words of your beloved high school principal, telling you to "Do Right." It's also the moment when hear "I Believe" in your head because he did. It's the moment you realize not only is this your last time to stand on the stage as a Roughneck, but his too. It's those life changing moments, the moments we made, that made us who we are.

