

A NEW STORE COMING AT MOC-FLOYD VALLEY

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Niemyer that are then uploaded to the MOC-Floyd Valley athletic and school district pages. Students also make videos and slides for the big screen in the new gym and broadcast them during athletic events.

Teachers have utilized the students in Dutch Design for several things. "We had a teacher needing a form for a sign-up sheet and asked our students to format one," Niemyer said. Aryana Dokter is a student of Dutch Design that was recently asked to create a marketing poster for the upcoming Christmas Jazz dance. "Mr. Honken asked me to create a poster with an ugly sweater theme for this year's jazz dance," she said. "I used both Canva and Adobe Illustrator to develop the poster. It is a lot of fun to design different things for class and then see your designs out in the community," she said.

Students assisted Mr. Balt with marketing materials for the fall musical and created the PowerPoint that showed on the screen before the musical started. Students also created locker signs for middle school students, a project with Mr. Boone. Another student created a brochure for the teachers association; there is a wide range of projects each of the students in Dutch Design are tasked with.

"The goal this year was to introduce them to a bunch of stuff, and we are setting the groundwork for more next year," Niemyer said.

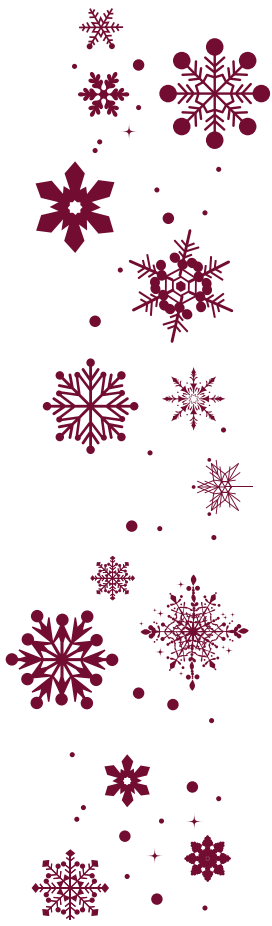
A storefront will open next year, offering Dutch-branded goods. Everything from t-shirts, stickers, notebooks, cups, blankets and water bottles will be available to students during the school day and items that students design. "We will be working with sports boosters to develop apparel and items for the store; Dutch Design will play a big role in that," he added, "but we needed a year of class first to prepare for the work that will take."

The store will be located off the new gym, have school hours, and be open during athletic events. Students come up with many facets of Dutch Design; they recently voted on a slogan for the class, a slogan developed by students. The winner and new slogan for Dutch Design is "where creativity meets creation." Students, having complete ownership of their creativity and work, are now busy on the next contest, a name for the school store, coming soon.



Sinterklaas and Piet visited

A group of hardy celebrants gathered in 20-degree temperatures for Sinterklaas Dag. Under a sunny sky, the group paraded with Sinterklaas and Piet from Stadcentrum to the Orange City Town Hall. In a warm atmosphere in the town-hall gym, Sinterklaas and Piet visited with kids and parents. A puppet show was part of the fun, as well as an array of age-appropriate games and activities. (Photos by Doug Calsbeek)



Santa Claus came to town

Santa came to Maurice on Saturday, Dec. 3. In the updated Community Center, he patiently listened to the dreams of dozens of children while their parents hoped they wouldn't burst into tears, socialized around tables and took pictures. Here, Ava Doty, daughter of Sarah and Daniel, talks to Santa. (Photo by Marissa Maassen)

Ugly Sweater Contest

IT'S ABOUT TO GET UGLY

MOC-Floyd Valley Christmas Jazz Dance
Saturday, December 10, 2022 | 7:30 pm |

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Christmas Jazz Dance

Aryana Dokter was recently asked to design a poster for the upcoming Christmas Jazz Dance hosted at MOC-Floyd Valley. Her sign can be seen around town advertising the upcoming event. (Photo submitted)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mikayla Vollink



Mikayla Vollink has been selected as the Unity Christian High School student of the month for the month of December.

Mikayla is a junior, involved in CAST improv group, cross country, soccer, and plays trombone in band. She was recently selected for All State and honors band, as first chair.

"I love being a student at Unity, I like the Christian community and how everyone is growing in their faith, and teachers genuinely care." She especially appreciates Mrs. Van Beek. "She has

made such an impact, she is almost a fun grandma figure. She is always there for all her students and has supported me and encouraged me for years.

Mrs. Van Beek nominated Mikayla. "She strives for excellence and practices something until she gets it as good as she can. She takes her work seriously and I appreciate the leadership she gives to other band members around her. She has a lot of natural talent, but she works to better herself to be the best she can be."



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