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It's volleyball time! Jane has tried several different activities over the years (horseback riding, competitive cheer, and tennis), but her favorite sport, hands-down, is volleyball.

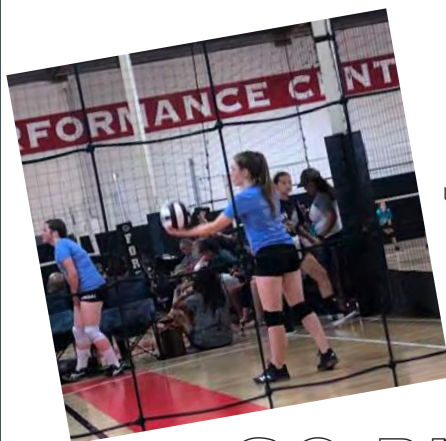
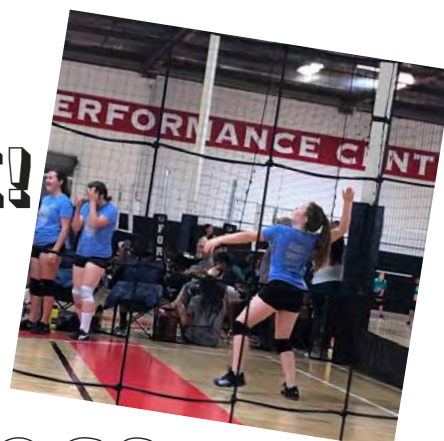


Scott and I have so much fun watching Jane play on her middle school team. Jane is not the tallest girl on the court, but she has a lot of drive and competitive spirit. (Volleyball is one of those sports where body type definitely matters, and during tryouts, they ask the kids to point out their parents so the coaches can guess how tall the kids are going to be.) Jane is probably never going to be six feet tall (and she's okay with that!), but I had her look up former Sacramento Kings player Spud Webb, who dominated on the court as a point guard even though he was one of the shortest players in NBA history.

Scott played recreational volleyball in college, but other than a three-week unit in PE in high school, I've never played, ever. I'm learning about a whole world of knee pads, volleyball shoes, new terms like peppering and libero (the position everyone recommends for short players), and intricate score rules including what happens when the ball hits the ceiling. (Answer: it depends and is kind of complicated.)

So far, we're enjoying being volleyball spectators, too. We have his n' hers folding chairs complete with cup holders that we tote around the gym, and we even have "Volleyball Dad" and "Volleyball Mom" tee shirts. Jane is deciding whether she'll try out for the school team when she gets to high school, and though I'm rooting for her to pick my personal favorite sport of tennis instead, the most important thing is that she has fun. So for now: Go Bulldogs!

Juliet's Corner

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JANE!****GO BULLDOGS****IN THIS ISSUE**

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DIY HALLOWEEN WOOD BEAD GARLAND

MATERIALS:

- Wood Beads
- Orange paint (Pumpkin)
- White Paint (Wedding Cake)
- Black Paint (Beetle Black)
- Paint brushes
- Qtips
- Skewers
- Bead Cord (I used 48 lb Hemp Cord)
- Scissors
- Plate



DIRECTIONS:

- Step 1: Separate your beads into groups for each color you have chosen then slide the bead onto a skewer for better handling while painting
- Step 2: Paint your bead and then slide the off the skewer onto your plate to dry. Repeat this step for all of your beads. I used a different brush for each color..
- Step 3: Place the beads onto a skewer and decorate your beads with alternating colors and patterns.
- Step 4: String your beads onto the cord alternating colors and patterns as you wish.

For Full Instructions: <https://eighteen25.com/diy-halloween-wood-bead-garland/>

Skeleton Treat Boxes

Materials:

- Oval Paper Mache Boxes, various sizes
- White Acrylic Paint
- Black Acrylic Paint
- Pencil
- Paint Brushes

<https://eighteen25.com/skeleton-treat-boxes/>



DIRECTIONS:

- Step 1 - Paint your circular box with white acrylic paint, possibly two coats if needed.
- Step 2 - Now we're ready to start the skeleton face! Start by sketching your face in pencil (see image one). You'll then want to start painting within your sketch. Take your time and wait for it to dry!
- Step 3 - For the final step, I flipped one of the brushes around and used the rounded top to create the pupils on each of the eyes by dotting it in the white paint, then dotting it in place a few times on the skeletons eye.

All that's left to do is fill that box with candy treats! They would make great favors, gifts for friends, neighbors or co-workers too.

PUMPKIN SPICE CANDIED NUTS RECIPE

The full directions can be found here

<https://thenovicechefblog.com/pumpkin-spice-candied-nuts/>

FOR THE LEMON BROWNIES:

- 12 oz raw mixed nuts
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons water

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Toast nuts in a large sauce pan over medium-high heat. Stir nuts constantly, until fragrant, about 2-3 minutes.
2. Add brown sugar, salt, pumpkin pie spice and butter. Stir until well combined.
3. Add water and stir to combine. Bring to a boil. Boil for 3 minutes, stirring often.
4. Remove from heat and pour nuts in an even layer onto parchment paper.
5. Allow them to cool completely, about 10 minutes, break into pieces.
6. Eat them fresh or store in an airtight container for up to a week.



Pumpkin Bread Pudding Cupcakes

- 4 large eggs
- 4-1/2 cups canned pumpkin
- 1-1/2 cups 2% milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided
- 10 cups cubed French bread (1-inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1 cup chopped pecans



- In a large bowl, whisk eggs, pumpkin, milk, sugar, cream, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla until blended. Gently stir in bread. Refrigerate, covered, 1 hour.
- Preheat oven to 350°. Fill foil-lined muffin cups with bread pudding mixture. Bake 20-25 minutes or until firm to the touch.
- Meanwhile, in a small heavy saucepan, melt butter. Stir in brown sugar and corn syrup. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Cook, without stirring, 2-3 minutes longer or until slightly thickened. Remove from heat; stir in pecans and remaining vanilla.
- Spoon 1 tablespoon sauce over each cupcake. Bake 5-6 minutes longer or until topping is set. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers.



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BEFORE YOU ACCUSE SOMEONE OF FORGING DOCUMENTS IN A WILL

Before you do anything, know that accusing someone of altering or forging documents in a decedent's California will or trust is an extremely serious allegation. Handle the process wrong, and you could end up having charges brought against you. Before you accuse someone of forging documents, keep the following in mind.

First, you'll want to speak with legal counsel well versed in trust litigation and will contests as soon as you are able. Because every case has different circumstances and variables, it's difficult to know without professional insight what evidence you'll need. However, some things to keep in mind:

- First of all, keep personal notes with dates and times. Detail anything related to the individuals or documents involved. Your own notes won't qualify as evidence, but they may help your legal team investigate your case.
- Furthermore, make sure you receive exact copies of all pertinent documents. As a beneficiary, you are entitled to receive copies of trust-related documents from the trustee.
- Lastly, don't openly discuss your concerns with anyone other than your attorney. Doing so might create unnecessary complications in your case.

Finally, if you are concerned that a loved one's will or trust has been compromised by forged or altered documents, talk to a San Diego trust lawyer at The Grossman Law Firm. We offer Riverside trust administration, probate, will contests, and trust litigation services. If you're ready for a free 30-minute case review with one of our lawyers, schedule one by calling us toll-free at 888-443-6590. You can also reach us online through our quick contact form.