



days at  
Dunrovin

May 2019



**Ranch  
Talk**



## Ranch Hand Wardisiani



My first visit to Dunrovin Ranch in the Spring of 2018 was none other than epic. I took a personal day from teaching as I desperately wanted to spend some time on a horse in the great Montana outdoors. I ended up at Dunrovin Ranch riding Whiskey with Kelli at Elk Meadows. My Illinois suburban life meant that horse experiences were few and far between; but my passion for learning about horses, and the work that takes place at a ranch was always at the fore front of my mind. At the end of my ride, I asked if the ranch needed a ranch hand for the summer. How much experience did I have? Zero! I begged for the opportunity to prove myself as an open-minded fast learner and hard worker ready to become Ranch Hand Wardisiani. I was hired, and the rest is history.



I absolutely love being a Ranch Hand! In my year at the ranch I have learned so much and have had experiences beyond my expectations. Hard work it is, but incredibly rewarding. I learn something new every day, all while working with great people and taking care of the animals of the ranch. Not to mention being among the most beautiful scenery I have encountered in my life.

During my first summer at the ranch it was time to add to my life, a vehicle that matched the true Ranch Hand Cowgirl that I feel at heart. Into my world came my very first truck, a blue Toyota Tacoma, which of course had to have a personalized license plate that said, RHWARD. This experience of being Ranch Hand Wardisiani is one that I always want to remain with me wherever I go.



# Teacher Wardisiani

## 2019 AWESOME OSPREY Science Project



### Attention Teachers!

- Recruiting students
- Free to participate
- May 13th-31st

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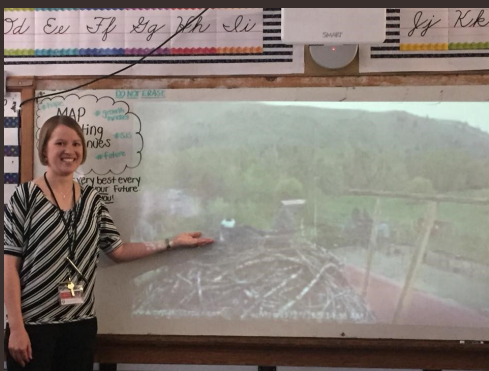
Join this fun project today! Contact teacher Katie Wardisiani  
Email [katie@daysatdunrovin.com](mailto:katie@daysatdunrovin.com) by Monday, April 30th

**Katie Wardisiani's great teaching experience with Awesome Osprey in 2018 lead her to take a leadership role for this year.**



As a teacher of eight years, my love and passion is to bring into my classroom exciting and engaging lessons. I teach my students that everything in learning is full of “magic”. The Awesome Osprey project is definitely one that has provided just that for my students, and myself. It is such a unique experience to watch in wonder as a mated pair of osprey build their nest, protect their eggs, ward off an intruder bird or bring in a massive fish from the nearby Bitterroot River. It is such an engaging and fantastic way to bring science and nature into the classroom.

This year, I have the wonderful opportunity to take my students on two different occasions to Brookdale Missoula Valley to work with resident seniors. We will be teaching them all about the ospreys, and the adventures of Harriet and Hal. My students have been doing an extensive amount of journaling in their osprey journals and activities in Science class that will allow them to expand on their own Osprey knowledge to then be able to teach residents the difference between Harriet and Hal. It is a beautiful way to be able to bring students and seniors together full circle to experience both nature and science in the most unique way.



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