

Hay Springs Public Schools

October 2015

Superintendent's News



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October brings an entirely new type of excitement or stress to all of us! The weather starts to change, the days begin to shorten, and we start to notice a change in colors when we step outside, the excitement of trick-or-treating and planning for the upcoming Holiday Season. Throughout this new level of excitement, I would encourage everyone to keep routines the same. Routines help in providing comfort to children and is a way for children to feel success.

During the month of October there are several important dates and activities on the school calendar. I would like to remind everyone that the end of the first quarter is October 15th. Please be checking your child/children's progress in Infinite Campus. If you are not familiar with the parent portal on Infinite Campus please contact the office for assistance and your login information. While reviewing your child's progress, if you have concerns please visit with your child and their teacher. I cannot stress the importance of ending the first quarter by doing your best work. The first quarter report card will set the stage for the remainder of the year. Encourage your child to visit with their teachers and you about their assignments and test scores. Report Cards will be ready for pick up on October 22nd during Parent Teacher Conferences.

School Illnesses!

We are starting to notice an increase in illnesses here at school. Please help stop the spread of germs by reminding your child to wash their hands often with soap, warm water, and for about 20 seconds. If you notice that your child is not feeling well and has a temperature please keep them home and notify the office before 9:00 a.m.

Winter Ready!

With the beautiful weather and above average temperatures outside, it is hard to think about preparing for winter. However, from what I have been told the weather is a little different from Kansas and the temperatures can drop quickly! Please have your child come to school on cool mornings with the proper attire. I would encourage students to dress in layers so that they can be prepared for the ever changing conditions. Please make sure that your child has a coat, snow pants, gloves, hats, and snow boots to wear once winter weather arrives. If weather conditions or other circumstances warrant school closing, late start, or early dismissal, notice will be issued on the following: Infinite Campus, www.hshawks.com, remind 101, and the Hay Springs Public Schools Facebook page; radio stations will be notified whenever possible.



Assessment News

By Mrs. Marx

Students in grades one through eleven started taking NWEA MAPS tests this week. We are hoping to finish our NWEA Maps assessments prior to parent-teacher conferences so you can receive those results at conferences. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Marx after conferences.

Your child's teacher should notify them of an impending test. You can help your child by remembering it is important for him/her to get a good night's sleep before testing and to eat a good breakfast. Also remind your child that these tests are important and encourage him/her to do their best.

Music Notes

By Raima Varvel



The 5th graders have begun beginning band. These students are so excited and motivated, I love this time with them as they progress quickly and improve by leaps and bounds every day! Please be encouraging your student to practice! I know right now it may not always sound beautiful, but with continued hard work and encouragement from you they will improve quickly! For quarter 1 these students are expected to have earned at least 1 belt in the "Band Ninja" program. For quarter 2, 3 and 4, they are expected to earn at least 2 belts.

We will again be doing the semester enrichment project. In this project the students have 2 choices. *Choice #1-Write a paper on a given composer. The paper will include what era the composer lived and worked, any interesting details about the composer's life, famous works the composer composed. Choice #2-Attend a concert at Chadron State College with Mrs. Varvel. Transportation will be provided. Dates will be discussed and given well in advance. Most concerts are free to the public. My goal with this project is to give the students an opportunity to 1. see how their skills can be used past high school and 2. hear quality performance. Students will be expected to attend at least 1, of course they can option to go to as many as they wish.*

Semester Enrichment dates:

- *Sunday, November 1 CSC Men's and Women's concert 3pm
- *Thursday, December 3 Wind Symphony & Community Band 7pm
- *Tuesday, December 8 Vocal Jazz & Guitar Ensemble 7pm
- *Thursday, December 17 Mallets & Ivory 7pm

After School Band Club (ASBC) is up and running with a lot of students taking advantage of this practice time. We meet on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00. Any music student is welcome, however it is mainly geared for 5th-8th grade students working on their Band Ninja belts. Mrs. Varvel will be there to work with students on Monday's and Mrs. Jungck will be there on Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity for students who are behind to catch up or for students who are excelling to move ahead.

The 6th, 7th & 8th grade band students have a 100 day practice challenge. The first student who completes the 100 days will win a \$40 gift card, the second student will win a \$30 gift card, the 3rd student will win a \$20 gift card and the fourth student will win a \$10 gift card. ANY student who completes the challenge before Christmas vacation will be invited to a pizza party. Please encourage your student to be practicing!!

Like our facebook page at **HS Hawks Music Notes** to keep up with what's going on in the music room.

The freshmen class will be selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits starting on October 5th. If you are interested please let the school office know and we will make sure someone finds you!

Asbestos Notice

Notice is hereby given by Hay Springs Public Schools District #3, Sheridan County, Nebraska, that Asbestos Management Plan for said school is on file in the administrative offices of each school. GEMS has examined all buildings of said school and the results and recommendations of said inspection are included in the Management Plan. All materials containing asbestos shall receive periodic surveillance and shall be re-inspected each six months and each three years. Response actions as recommended in the Management Plan have been completed for abatement and re-insulation.

Library News

By Mrs. Matthews

Book Fair

This year's book fair will feature a Scholastic Special for all those Diary of a Wimpy Kid fans. Jeff Kinney's newest book can be pre-ordered for delivery at the school beginning November 2. Our Fall Book Fair will be held Monday, October 19 through Monday, October 26. Books can be viewed and purchased after school and Thursday until 8:00.

We will also have the online book fair available. The online book fair features a wider selection of books for all ages from pre-schoolers to adults. Any book purchased online will be delivered free to the school. The online book fair is open from October 14 until October 31. The link for the online fair is <http://goo.gl/b5RO6u>. Now is the time to give your favorite monster the power of words.



Month of Links

There is SO much on the internet that any one person would find it impossible to know what is good, or useful, or appropriate. Over the years I have collected links to many websites for all ages. Some I have used for my classes. I constantly see teachers and librarians suggesting websites to use in a variety of ways.

I have started a "Month of Links" page on my Mrs. Matthews webpage. This month features online stories, educational math and social studies sites, and just for fun, some Halloween sites. Sundays will include links to parent tip pages put out by Common Sense Media. Digital citizenship and online safety are just part of the information on this website.

Here is a shortened link to the page: <https://goo.gl/C8IP9o> or it can be reached by clicking the Mrs. Matthews button on the HSHawks homepage then the "Month of Links" in the yellow boxes at the top of

Author Buck Wilder Visits Hay Springs

Buck Wilder, also known as Timothy Smith, is making an author tour of Western Nebraska. This tour is sponsored by the Western Library System with aid of a Nebraska Library Commission Youth Grant for Excellence. This tour is different from previous author tours. In the previous tours several school gathered at a central location to hear the author speak. Buck Wilder's tour is different, in that he presents at individual schools.

Buck Wilder spoke to the kindergarten through fifth grades. He shared his love of fishing and other outdoor things. His love of fishing was the inspiration for this first book *Buck Wilder's Small Fry Fishing Guide*. He told the students, *if you have to write about something, start with something you know. He showed an illustration from his book and showed how a story is written around the edges of the pictures.*

There are three other nonfiction books in this series.

Buck Wilder has also written six fiction books featuring Buck Wilder, his friend Rascal Raccoon, and other forest friends. These books have some unusual names, *Who Stole the Animal Poop?* or *The Work Bees Go On Strike?* Along with a good story, the books also teach some facts about nature, and have a hidden puzzle, just to keep things interesting.

Cross Country News

By Coach Berger

Welcome to another Cross Country Season. This year we are focusing on laying a strong foundation for the Cross Country program. It is difficult for a sport focused on running to gain the attention of students. I am happy to report that this year we have three seventh grade girl runners, and one seventh grade boy. The roster consists of Joce Varvel, Jaiden Anderson, Hannah Wohl, and Jace Langford. These students deserve a lot of credit. They are already participating in Volleyball and Football, and they have decided to compete for Hay Springs in Cross Country as well. I am hoping to help students realize that Cross Country consists of more than just running and that there are many memories to be made. We welcome anyone that would like to join, and I look forward to a great season.



Counselors News

Elementary guidance was kicked off with Character Counts! Character Counts is a program with six pillar of traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. We began with Citizenship and how our students are and can be excellent citizens of our school, community, state, and country. This week we began discussing Respect. Each pillar has character building activities. We welcome parents to come see our citizenship flags that will be hanging around the school.

Middle school guidance has also begun with making good choices. Discussions and an activity to self reflect on our personality traits. Our middle school students will continue building upon making good choices and becoming more aware of how their choices shape their future.

High school guidance has been working on activity resumes and looking over EducationQuest to begin thinking about future career plans and goals. Seniors and Juniors have their John Baylor ACT prep packets and may begin preparing for the ACT test. Students are welcome to set appointments for help with John Baylor test prep. The counselor corner website is being updated with scholarships and important dates. I also have all scholarships hanging in my room. There are several colleges coming to school for visits during lunch time and I encourage Seniors and Juniors to meet with them to gain information and or ask any questions.

I am enjoying this first quarter of school with Hay Springs students and faculty. I am learning and growing along with our wonderful students. I welcome parents to come visit or call if there are any questions heather.cline@hshawks.com or 308-638-4434.

ACT Test Dates:

- October 24, 2015 Late Registrations Sept. 19-Oct. 2
- December 12, 2015 Deadline Nov. 6 with Late Registration Nov. 7-20
- February 6, 2016 Deadline Jan. 8 with Late Registration Jan. 9-15
- April 9, 2016 Deadline March 4 with Late Registration Mar. 5-18
- June 11, 2016 Deadline May 6 with Late Registration May 7-20

Enrollment Information

| <u>School Year</u> | <u>Students</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2010-2011 | 137 |
| 2011-2012 | 138 |
| 2012-2013 | 141 |
| 2013-2014 | 176 |
| 2014-2015 | 172 |
| 2015-2016 | 200 |

The 2015 Homecoming Week Celebrations will be October 5th-10th

Theme Days

Monday-Celebrity Day
Tuesday-Biker/Hippie Day
Wednesday-Throwback Day
Thursday-Hat and Jersey Day

Activities Planned for the Week

Monday— VB @ Gordon @ 6:00 pm (encourage everyone to attend)

Tuesday—6:15 pm Softball Game Senior/Freshman vs. Junior/Sophomore

Wednesday—3:00 pm Coronation in Old Auditorium (everyone invited)
3:30 pm—Pep Rally Downtown
(students will return to class after the pep rally)

Thursday—6:00-7:00pm Feed-Free Will Donation (everyone invited)
7:00-8:00pm TBA Activity
8:15-9:00 pm—Bonfire & Smores
9:00 pm—12:00 am Dance in Cafeteria 9th-12th grades

Friday— 7:00 pm—HS Football vs. Leyton

Saturday— HS VB vs. Cody/Kilgore/Little Wound Triangular @ Little Wound 2pm



Fall Sports Parents' Night Information

October 23rd

Football parents' will be announced before the football game. (parents' begin lining up at 6:35 at tunnel entrance)

October 27th

Volleyball parents' will be announced between the JV and Varsity games approx. 5:30 pm. (parents line up as soon as the JV game is over in hallway by the locker rooms)

Elem/ML/HS School 2015 Picture Day

Elementary/ML/HS Picture Day has been scheduled for Oct. 19-21st, Shiela L. Studio will be doing our pictures again this year. Pictures will take place in the old auditorium. Please enter through the office doors. Picture Packets are due the day of pictures. Thank you!

Monday, October 19th

1. Individual and Group Band Pictures (during band class)

Tuesday, October 20th

1. Elementary Teacher's and Para's (prior to school)
2. PREK (Am) first thing
3. Kindergarten
4. 1st
5. 2nd
6. 3rd
7. 4th
8. 5th
9. Community Pictures 11:30 am- 12:30 pm – Please call Shiela if this time does not work for you.
10. Janitors (Ricky, Jill) and Wendy (2pm)

Wednesday, Oct. 1st

1. ML/HS Teachers – (prior to school) Larel and Beth also
2. 6th+ class officers
3. 7th+ class officers
4. 8th+ class officers
5. 9th+ class officers
6. Afternoon Pre K (come to school at 11:15am)
7. 10th+ class officers
8. 11th+ class officers
9. 12th+ class officers and class picture
10. Admin
11. STUCO
12. HS BIG SPORTS PICTURE (Wear your favorite jersey, out of all sports which do you like the best)

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | JH FB @ Alliance - St. Agnes 4:30 pm HS VB @ Hemingford 6pm | HS FB @ home vs. Garden County Security First Tail - Gate & Kick For Cash Scholarship | JH VB @ Gordon/Rushville 9am Little League FB @ home 9am & 10:30 am |
| HOMECOMING WEEK 4 | CELEBRITY DAY HS VB @ Gordon/Rushville 6pm | BIKER/HIPPIE DAY Softball game JH VB @ Gordon/Rushville | THROWBACK DAY Coronation 3:00 Pep Rally 3:30 | HAT N JERSEY DAY/ Bonfire/Dance JH CC @ Sidney 3pm CSC Theatre Day | HS FB @ home vs. Leyton 7pm Homecoming Football Game | JH FB home vs. Sioux Cnty. 10 am JH VB Tri. home vs. Sioux Cnty/Oelrichs HS VB Tri CodyKilgore/Little Wnd 2pm |
| Little League Football @ home vs. Lusk 1 & 2:30 | JS VB @ home vs. Hemingford 5pm | HS VB Tri. @ Morrill 4:30 pm JH VB & FB @ Cody-Kilgore 4:30 for both | Lions Club Health Screening 8:30 am (Prek-12) Fire Prevention Lunch | Quarter Ends | HS VB @ Crawford 4pm HS FB @ Crawford 7pm | Little League Football @ home vs. Crawford 9 & 10:30 am HS VB (PANCO) @ home TBA |
| 18 | Individual/Group Band Pictures | (AM) PreK-Element School Pictures | (PM) PreK ML/HS School Pictures BIG ALL Sports Picture | PT Conferences 4:30-8:00 pm | HS FB @ home vs South Platte PARENTS' NIGHT | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | HS VB home vs. Garden County 5pm PARENTS' NIGHT | 28 | 29 | First Round FB Playoffs | 31 |

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NOTES:

School Picture Schedule is located in the newsletter.

Home Coming and Parents' Night details will be posted newsletter

** Motivational Media Assembly ML/HS 2pm -

Oct 8th

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| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Menus are subject to change | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 5 Breakfast Cereal, Strawberries Lunch: Cowboy Special/PBJ/boxed meal | 6 Breakfast: Muffins/Begals/fruit Lunch: Variety of Soups/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 7 Breakfast Ham /Cheese Roll Up, Oranges, Milk Lunch: BBQ Pork/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 8 Breakfast Fruit Strudel Sticks, Fruit Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, garlic bread/PBJ/Ham N Cheese meal | 9 | 10 | |
| 11 | 12 Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Mandrine Chicken/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 13 Breakfast: Sweet Roll, Peaches, Milk, Lunch - Speeghetti/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 14 Breakfast Granola Bar, Juice. Lunch: Meaty Nachos/PBJ/BOX MEAL Invite a Fireman to Lunch | 15 Breakfast Cereal, Melon Balls, Milk, Lunch: Breaded Beef Patty/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 16 | 17 | |
| 18 | 19 Breakfast English Muffin, Apple Slices, Milk Lunch: Hot dogs/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 20 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Orange, Milk Lunch Chicken Fajita/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 21 Breakfast: Oatmealw/traisins, Juice, Milk Lunch: Cheeseburger Casserole/ PBJ/BOX MEAL | 22 Breakfast Glazed Bread Sticks, Juice Lunch: Pizza/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 23 | 24 | |
| 25 | 26 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Pineapple, Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe/PBJ/BOX MEAL | 27 Breakfast: Muffin, Peaches, Milk, Lunch: Tacos/PBJ/BOXED MEAL | 28 Breakfast: Cereal, Strawberries, Milk, Lunch: Tator-Tot Casserole/PBJ/boxed meal | 29 Breakfast: Pancakes, Banana Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/PBJ/Boxed meal, cooide | 30 | 31 | |
| | | NOTES: | | | | | |



**Hay Springs School
Cafeteria**

- * Breakfast menus
- * PK - 12 Lunch Menus
- * All menus are served with milk. Water is available in the lunchroom area.

HAY SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 280
407 N. Baker Street
Hay Springs, NE 69347
308-638-4434

Hooves and Heart 4H group

We will be having a coat drive on Oct. 3rd, we will set up at the Hay Springs School football game. We will start at 9 am but can take coats at anytime before this. Please bring any coats you do not need any more. If you would like more information please contact Amanda at 360-1846.

Magazines For Education

Thanks to all the parents and students who filled our addresses for the Magazines for Education Fund raiser. Sixty four students handed in their forms and our goal was 50. We were able to raise \$470.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 22nd
4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

All report cards need to be picked up from the office prior to your parent-teacher conference.

www.hshawks.com

Preschool classes are looking for some old cell phones without batteries. If you have one you would like to get rid of please drop them off at the office. Thank you

Thank You

On behalf of the Hay Springs School District, I wish to thank everyone for their volunteerism and commitment towards the installation of the football field lights on Jagers Memorial Field. I would like to personally thank Buettner Construction, NRPPD, Gene Peters, Ron Housh, Craig Housh, and Matt Anderson, for their organization, planning, developing, knowledge, use of equipment, and personal time in making this project a success. All the volunteers were dedicated and should be commended for their interest in and concern for our schools and facilities.

The newly installed lights appear to be durable enough to provide adequate lightning for years to come. Not only that, it has updated the looks of the field by removing all the above wires, the new light poles are attractive, and it fits perfectly into its environment. It is a valuable addition to Jagers Memorial Field.

I invite all members of the community to visit a Hay Springs Football Game to see the impressive updates. Again thank you to ALL who played a role in completing this project for our students!

Sincerely,

Jason Cline

