

April 2016

Superintendent's News



Hard to believe that we are wrapping up the school year and in less than 8 weeks we will be out for summer break. During the next few weeks please pay close attention to our school website along with the school calendar as we have several events and or activities planned for the month of April and May.

All students in grades 3-11 will be taking the NeSA (Nebraska State Assessments) during the month of April. Please take time to encourage your child to do their best. Hay Springs Public Schools has gained an outstanding reputation on performing at high levels on State Assessments. I have no doubt that this tradition will continue. I would like to thank the parents, students, and staff members for their dedication and effort in preparing for state assessments this year!

During the month of July the school will be replacing part of the roof on the high school. This is the final section of the roof that needs to be replaced. The roof project is scheduled to take place from July 5-July 15.

Assessment News

By Kim Marx

For teachers, thoughts of spring bring with them thoughts of testing. While testing does take time from classroom instruction, it can also be a valuable tool for teachers and parents. It allows them to see student progress, strengths, and weaknesses. It also helps teachers make instructional decisions for individual students and the whole class. Besides, it's required by law whether we like it or not.

Students in grades 4, 8, and 11 took the Statewide-writing assessment the end of January or beginning of February. This is a writing

assessment that measures student performance on state writing standards. It is given every winter.

Students in grades 2-11 took the NWEA MAPS assessments in March. These are computerized assessments in reading, math, language, and science. Teachers should have shared the available results at Parent Teacher Conferences.

The legislature has also required that we start giving a state test in the areas of reading, math, and science. The reading test (NeSA-R) is required for students in grades 3 through 8 and 11. It tests vocabulary and comprehension and is an on-line assessment. This is now a three day test, with the addition of new items, which may include some writing. We are planning to begin with NeSA testing the week of March 28th. Students will also be taking the state math test (NeSA-M) and the state science test (NeSA-S). You will receive results from all of these tests in the fall.

Elementary students were benchmarked this fall and winter using AIMSweb fluency & comprehension and AIMSweb math. They will be benchmarked for spring before school is out.

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.

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Family Math Night

When: April 28th in Lister-Sage

Quiz Bowl

By Carole Matthews



The Hawks Quiz Bowl teams did well this year. The noon practices paid off as the teams went into competition. The Middle School teams participated in the Chadron Invitational on Wednesday, March 16. They competed in the Eighth Grade division and tied for third with Chadron.

On Friday, March 18 the Middle School and High School traveled to Morristown for the annual Panhandle Conference Meet. The High School entered two teams in the eleven team field while the Middle School had one team in a six team field.

The High School A team of Austin Reed, Colton Wolken, Kobe Encinia, and Kaelob Marx finished third overall. Final placings were determined by overall points. In head-to-head competition the team beat both the first and second place teams. The B team of Samantha Kearns, Austin Anderson, Jessi Badje, and Erin Kadlecsek placed eighth. Marx and Encinia competed for the All-Conference team. Kaelob was one of four winning a spot on the team.

The Middle School team finished the Round Robin 4-0 and advanced to the final match. They faced Hemingford. This year was Hemingford's turn to win and Hay Springs finished second. Members of the Middle School team are Jake Roberts, Hunter Letcher, Augusta

McMillin, Joce Varvel, Jaiden Anderson, Hannah Wohl, Taylyn Hopkins, and Bailey Scherbarth. The Quiz Bowl coaches are Carole Matthews and Brad Bounous. We are hoping to add more competitions to the sched-



Book Fair

By Carole Matthews

The Spring Book Fair was very successful. Many thanks to everyone who purchased books. Six hundred dollars profit was earned for the school. The profit was used to purchase forty-five books from the book fair to add to the collection. A set of Presidential Fact books for elementary research was also purchased. More books will be purchased through the Scholastic Catalog.

Kindergarten News

By Ms. Wieggen

It has been a fast paced, fun filled year in the kindergarten room! Each student has impressed me so much with their desire to learn and their motivation to be better each day.

The class will be taking a field trip to Little Ladybug on May 4th to continue their exploration of plants and nature. We are looking forward to this hands on experience that will improve our understanding of how plants work!

In order to celebrate the hard work and the accomplishments of the kindergarten class we will be celebrating with kindergarten graduation on Wednesday, May 25th at 4:15pm in the auditorium. These students are well on their way to becoming successful first graders. The kindergarten class would like to formally invite their parents, family members, teachers, staff and community to their graduation!

Important Kindergarten dates

- Elders Wisdom Program (K-3rd needs to attend) - April 14th
- Field trip to Little Ladybug – May 4th
- Incoming Kindergarten/Preschool student Meet & Greet – May 5th
- Academic Fair @ 4:30
- Kindergarten graduation @ 4:15 in the auditorium – May 25th



NOTICE: Prom is scheduled for April 30th. This is a reminder to parents and students that only students in grades 9-12 are eligible to attend prom. In addition 9th & 10th grade students must be eligible the week of April 25th in order to attend prom.

Jump Rope for Heart

By Mrs. Mandelko



The 2nd grade through 5th grade classes raised \$2105.25 for Jump Rope For Heart!!! Their goal was \$2000!

The lead money collector was Breely Smith with \$179!!

Tech Bites

Chromebooks

As the school continues to provide laptops to each student 6th through 12th grade, the nature of the computers provided continues to evolve. While in the past Windows laptops were provided, we are moving to Chromebooks for the upcoming sixth graders. In addition to being much more affordable (the computer itself costing much less plus they don't require additional software, such as MS Office), they also have excellent battery life and are smaller and lighter while still able to do everything a student at Hay Springs Public School needs.

The one thing they are not able to do is run MS Office. Instead they will have Google Docs which has many benefits over MS Office and all the functionality needed for school work. The school is in the process of migrating toward Google Apps for Education, which provides email, personal websites, calendar services and Google Docs, and the Chrome Books will help speed this migration. Google Apps for Education is free to the school as opposed to the very expensive MS Office. The change will be a bit of a learning curve, but different doesn't mean bad.

Prom 2016

by Katie Garrett

The 2016 Prom will be held in the old gym on April 30th. Pictures will begin at 4:30 p.m. The banquet and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Grand March will begin at 8:30 pm in the gym. The doors will open to the public at 8:15 p.m. to attend the Grand March and parent dance ONLY. All public, including parents, are asked to leave immediately following the parent dance so that the students can enjoy spending the evening with their classmates and friends.



JH/HS Track Preview

By Coach Bert Newman

Coach Burt Newman and Coach Hans Wegesser are very excited for the track season this year! There are over a dozen athletes out from high school and middle school a piece. The athletes have been working hard to get in shape for the many meets we will be participating in all over the panhandle from Chadron to Morrill to Bayard. Some athletes that will be fun to watch this year are freshmen Jessi Badje and Austin Anderson in the long distance races as well as Trent Reed in the long jump. Also keep an eye on two of our seniors, Katrina Ryan and Austin Reed, as they compete in the long jump and discus respectively. Our other senior team member is Brooklyn Morrill who competes in the throws. Come cheer us on at our meets and support our hard working Hawks!

Hay Springs Schools would like to give a big THANK YOU to Security First Bank for all the continued support and for buying the protective pads for our new light poles. We appreciate all you do for our school!!



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Golf Preview

By Jason Badje



It's hot then it's cold, it's too wet one day and too dry and windy the next. Kind of how golf is, it's up, down, hot, cold and everything in between. This year our team numbers are not up but down. We have a grand total of one. But you know it's not always about quantity, but quality. The "one" is none other than Drew Letcher, two time state qualifier in as many years as he has played varsity golf.

In the short time we have got to practice this year, I think Drew has matured and improved in his game. I am excited to see what's in store for him. While we will not be scoring as a team, I'd like we should be bringing home some individual medals this year. Look for his name in the paper and wish Drew good luck as he looks forward to a 3-peat on getting to state again this year.

Music Notes

Time Varvel



Congratulations to Daniel Hunzeker for receiving a medal as Part 2 Chair 1 for this year's Class D All State Band.

The High School Music students will leave for their Denver trip on Friday, April 8- Saturday April 9. These students will be attending the musical "Newsies" at the Temple Buell Theater in downtown Denver as well as several other fun activities. Thank you to all of you who have helped to sponsor this event by purchasing from the various fund raisers.

The Elders Wisdom program will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 6:30pm in the auditorium. K-3rd grade students will be performing at this concert. Please have them in their assigned seats by 6:20 that evening. The 6th grade students will also be singing a song for one of our honorees this year as well.

The ML/HS students will be having our pre-contest concert on Monday, April 18th at 7pm. All students will perform at this concert. All solo's and small groups that go to contest will be performing that evening as well.

District Music contest will be held in the Alliance High School on Wednesday, March 20th. I do not have a schedule yet, but will get it to your students ASAP! This is open to the public!

ASBC will continue to meet after school on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00 and is open to any 5th-ML band student.

Upcoming concert dates to get added to your calendar!

*4/8-4/9-HS music trip to Denver

*4/14/16-Elders Wisdom Program (K-3rd grade-**6th graders are going to be performing as well!**)

*4/18/16-Pre Contest Concert at 7pm (ALL ML & HS Students)

*4/20/16-District Music Contest in Alliance (ML-who have earned their blue belts in book 1 & HS students)

*5/10/16-ML/HS Spring Concert at 7pm (ALL ML & HS students)

*5/17/16-4th-6th Spring Concert at 7pm

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

The Hawk Shop still has clothing for sale if you are in need of some school spirit!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

- “PLANETARY ADVENTURES” WILDERNESS WONDERS EXPLORER CAMP

JUNE 7-8, 2016

CAMP NORWESCA

ALL YOUTH ENTERING 3RD-5TH GRADES MAY ATTEND

CAMP FEE \$75

- 4-H HORSE CAMP

FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK

JUNE 9-11, 2016



* Fore more information and register forms please contact Hay Springs Schools



April's Special Day is
 Father's Day Lunch
 Invite Your Dad
 To Lunch.
 On April 14th.

PreK Lunch—12:00 noon
 Elementary Lunch—11:30 a.m.
 Middle/High School Lunch—12:25 p.m.

Join Me For Lunch



Please RSVP with the office

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NEED A SUMMER JOB??

WANTED: LIFEGUARDS FOR THE HAY SPRINGS POOL

HOURS; APPROXIMATELY 11 A.M.—5 P.M

GET APPLICATIONS FROM THE CITY OFFICE NOW!!

QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL NICHOLE SHERBURNE AT 402-741-1650



Counselor Corner

Heather Cline

It's beginning to look like spring and yes, our students are ready! Spring brings about playing outside with friends, nice weather, and struggling to do homework when it's so nice outside. All this spring talk brings about how to handle our emotions and the types of emotions one experiences. Kindergarten through eighth grade have been learning about emotions and how to communicate their emotions. Using the Disney movie *Inside Out*, students are learning about five emotions: anger; disgust; fear; sadness; and joy. *Inside Out* is a research based movie which took Disney five years to make and students of all ages are enjoying the activities. If students and or parents have not watched *Inside Out*, I would highly recommend it. As *Inside Out* director stated, "this film was really born from watching our kids grow up, which is not easy." Discussing emotions and how to express ourselves is a daily task. If parents have questions or would like more information please contact me heather.cline@hshawks.com.

Beginning March 30, 2016 grades 5-8 will begin *Real Colors*. I discussed *Real Colors* in last month's newsletter; however, I wanted to remind parents it is a 3-4 hour program and will be presented by Melissa Mracek from Rushvilles' 4-H extension office. Grades 9-12 are continuing to learn about the 7 Habits, which Melissa Mracek is also presenting. Students have a workbook they are working through along with class activities. Readings are also done to prepare students for the next activity. Sean Covey's book which students are reading has been enjoyable and states excellent examples for students to build from. Both programs have been available to our students thanks to a matching grant which presents educational programs for students in areas outside of the core subjects.

ACT sign up deadline is MAY 6, 2016 for test date JUNE 11, 2016. I would suggest that any juniors who have not taken their ACT should test this summer. I also suggest sophomores to either test this summer or the first test date in the fall. Please sign up at www.actstudent.org

Seniors should be completing the following:

- * FASFA forms and receive their student (SAR) report
- * Submit all paperwork to college or colleges they are interested in attending
- * Expect financial aid award notifications from your college(s)
- * Compare financial aid and scholarship packages from college(s) and determine the best package
- * Continue to apply for scholarships
- * Make final college selection
- * Notify other schools of your decision

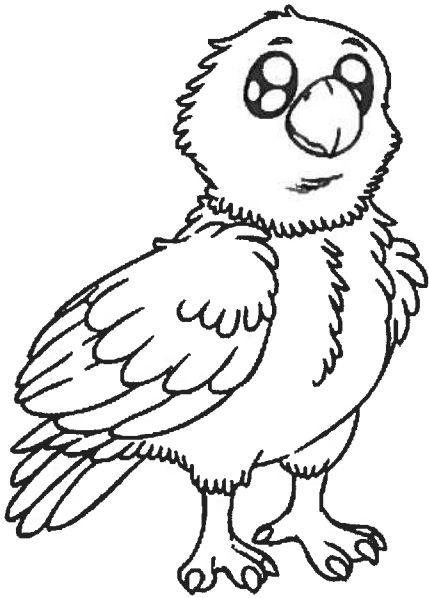
Juniors can be completing the following:

- * Complete section on EducationQuest.org for 11th/12th grade and begin looking for Local & state scholarships
- * Update your Activities Resume
- * Schedule campus visits

* Take ACT

at any time parents or students have questions please feel free to email me at heather.cline@hshawks.com or contact me at 638-4434. This time of year is extremely busy and students need to plan ahead to ensure they have as much time as possible to complete everything needed to make the best decision for themselves.

Calling all Hay Springs Hawk CHICKS



Preschool and Kindergarten will be having a registration/open house on May 5, 2016 from 4-5 pm in the Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms!

To be eligible to glide into preschool, students must be 3 before July 31

To fly into kindergarten students must be 5 before July 31

Please bring a certified birth certificate and a Social Security Card

Call the school at 308-638-4434 if you have any questions.

Elders' Wisdom 2016

A HAY SPRINGS, NEBRASKA
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

This Year's Honorees :
Archie Cerny
&
Marilyn Kutschara

THURSDAY
APRIL 14TH

**6:30 P.M. – PROGRAM IN
OLD AUDITORIUM**

**COFFEE AND DESSERT TO
FOLLOW IN CAFETERIA**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Scholastic Day @ CSC 1	HS Track @ Bayard Invite TBA 2
3	4	JH TR @ Bayard TBA HS Golf @ Bayard TBA Chuck Elley Speaker 5	6	HS TR @ Mitchell TBA CSC Children's Theatre 10am - (Elem) 7	8	HS Music Trip to Denver 9
10	11	HS Golf @ Mitchell TBA 12	Volunteer Day 13	Father's Day Lunch HS Golf @ Bridgeport Elders' Wisdom program 14	15	HS TR @ Alliance @ Scottsbluff 9 am Youth VB @ home 9-5 pm 16
17	Pre-contest Recital and Concert 7pm 18	HS Golf @ Morrill TBA JH TR @ Chadron MS Quad 2pm 19	District Music Contest @ Alliance 20	JH TR @ Bennett County 2pm All School Play Performance 3pm & 7pm 21	22	HS TR @ Mitchell-George Calvert Invite TBA 23
24	25	HS TR @ Best of the West - Scottsbluff 4pm 26	27	HS Golf @ Chadron Invite 9am Family Math Night 6:30 pm 28	29	JH & HS TR @ Morrill PANCO TBA 30
MAY 1	PRE-Physicals - 5 th -11 th Grade 2	\$5 Sport Physicals in Chadron 7am JH TR @ Morrill TBA Golf PANCO @ Rushville 5 th Grade Field Trip- Chadron 3	KG -Field Trip Little Lady Bug 4	Kindergarten and Preschool Round - Up HS Golf @ Gering 5	6	HS TR @ Bayard B-C-D-Meet 7



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Menus are subject to change					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Breakfasts include: cereals/and cereal bars/ yogurt/cheese	Breakfast: Pastries/Cereal Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joes/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Breakfast: French Toast/Cereal Lunch: Taco Casserole/PBJ/Boxed Meal	Breakfast: Sliders/muffins/fruit Milk Lunch: Ham Hoagie/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Applesauce, Lunch: Pizza/PBJ/Yogurt Meal		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajita/PBJ/Boxed Meal	Breakfast: French Toast Stix, Applesauce Lunch: Spaghetti/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Breakfast: egg n cheese Mini Sandwich/Cereal Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Biscuit N Gravy, Lunch: BBQ Pork Sandwich/PBJ/Yogurt Meal		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Fruit and Veggie bar is available each school day	Breakfast: Sausage/Muffin/Cereal Lunch: Chicken Noodle/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Breakfast: Pancakes/Cereal/fruit Milk. Lunch: Hamburgers/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Breakfast: Egg Muffin/cereal/fruit Milk Lunch: Cowboy Special/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	Breakfast: Pancake on a stick/Muffin, Milk. Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken/PBJ/Yogurt Meal		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Pineapple, Milk Lunch: Burritos/PBJ/Boxed Meal	Breakfast: Waffles/muffins/ Milk Lunch: Cavatini /PBJ/Boxed Meal	Breakfast: Biscuit N Gravy/Cereal/Yogurt Milk. Lunch: Tator Tot Casserole/PBJ/Boxed Meal	Breakfast: Egg w/ Cheese, Peaches, Muffin Lunch: Chicken Alfredo/PBJ/Yogurt Meal		
	NOTES: Choice of 1% white Milk, Skim Chocolate or Strawberry Milk served Daily. 100% Juices are served daily					



Hay Springs School Cafeteria

- *Breakfast menus
- *PK - 12 Lunch Menus
- *All menus are served with milk. Water is available in the lunchroom area.
- *Garden Bar is offered daily unless posted.