



May 2016

Superintendent's News

May 26 – whether you're looking forward to that day with anticipation or dread, in another few weeks it'll be time to put 2015-2016 school year in the vaults. We've still got work to accomplish in May, but the calendar is packed with several activities. As usual, in May there's that "where did the time go" feeling. There is so much work that goes into every school year, and I'd like to thank parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members for making my first year at Hay Springs an outstanding one!

Congratulations and well wishes to Ms. Shawna Wiepen and Mrs. April Young. Both outstanding staff members are moving on to other districts. We wish them the best of luck in their new adventures. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to the students of Hay Springs!

On April 13th, 2016 Hay Springs Students in grades 6-12 demonstrated what it means to take pride in your community while giving back. On this warm and sunny day the students spent their afternoon not in a classroom but outside in the community giving back to a wonderful community that has given so much to the school district. The students did not learn the core subjects like reading and math but learned the value of giving back, taking ownership, and instilling pride in their community. As I visited and watched the students working hard on their task, I was reminded what it means to focus on developing the whole child not just the academics. During this time of year especially in schools across the country stress is high for students, teachers, and parents due to the pressures of state assessments and all

the other spring time activities. There seems to never be enough time. Yes, test scores are important and Hay Springs has done a tremendous job proving that we are successful when it comes to state testing but education is much more. I would like to encourage everyone to stop, take a moment, look around, and give back. Thank you to all the businesses, community members, and the city of Hay Springs for their continued support and generosity towards our amazing school district. With the continuing help of everyone the education at Hay Springs Public Schools will continue to empower students to achieve lifelong success! GO HAWKS!!!

\$5 Physicals in Chadron

Grades 5-11 on May 3rd, 2016

Bus leaves at 6:15 a.m.

Pre-physical 5/2 @ 9 am

Physical forms Must be signed by parent's and the \$5 turned into Adriene by Thursday, April 30th

Do you have a student that will be in 9, 10, 11, or 12th grade next year? Have you signed their schedule for registration yet? A copy will be sent home with each student. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Marx at (308) 638-4434.

TITLE VII MEETING

There will be a Title VII (Indian Education) meeting on May 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Marx's office.

We've learned our A,B,C's and 1,2,3's...
to tie our shoes and when to say "please." Its time to move on, we've had lots of fun, but
look out first grade...HERE WE COME!

**The 2015-2016
graduating!**

Kindergarten class is



You are invited to join us in celebrating on

2016 Senior Graduation

On Sunday, May 22nd shortly after 2 pm, the Class of 2016 will cross the stage and receive their diplomas.

Class Colors: Green and Gold

Class Motto: Follow your heart but take your brain with you

Class Flower: Dahlia

Class Song: How Far We've Come



Student Check-Out Procedures

Each student grades K-12 will receive a check-out slip. Outstanding obligations will be added to the students check-out slip by the corresponding sponsor, librarian, teacher, etc; therefore the office will not be able to tell you what your child owes.

- Each classroom teacher will collect book fines for damaged books.
- The Librarian will collect payment for lost or damaged library books.
- Ms. Kudrna will collect payment for missing uniforms, sports equipment, etc.
- Adriene will collect Hot Lunch money.
- Mrs. Shimek will collect Yearbook money.

Each fee must be paid separately to the appropriate person/department before your child will be signed out!

Preschool-11th grade students' last day is May 26, 2016—dismissed at regular times!!

Counselor Notes

By Mrs. Cline

Summer is almost here and where did this school year go? This school year has been so much fun and thank you for sharing your children with me. I have learned so much from your student(s) this year and I hope guidance has made an impact.

Elementary is finishing up their Inside Out emotion books and I do hope they share with you each picture and what each emotion means.

Kindergarten through fifth grade made emotion books and appear to have had fun creating their books.

Fifth through eighth have just finished up Real Colors with Melissa Mracek from 4-H Extension office. Each student found their "real color" and what it means to be that color, for example blue, gold, green, or orange. Please ask your student what color they are and what it means to be that color. The Real Color program opened students up to their real personality and why they respond and or act the way they do. Real Colors also allowed students to realize their own personalities and look at careers for the future. Please ask your student about their experience in Real Colors. Mr. Chuck Elley, a retired Nebraska State Trooper, presented "Gone Too Soon," which was about risky driving to the high school students. Mr. Elley presented on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and showed students a video on vehicle accidents when people do not wear seatbelts. The video was

very graphic and feedback from students has been positive. Mr. Elley states the facts while being honest with the students. Ask your student about the presentation.

With Seniors graduating soon I would like take this time and say how much fun I have had working with this group of young men and women and wish each of them good luck in their future. This year has been a whirlwind of learning experiences and I hope each of them continue onto their next chapter. That being said here is the checklist for Seniors:

- Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- Register for freshmen orientation at your college.
- Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.
- Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at www.nslsds.ed.gov

Check out the EducationQuest.Blog for additional articles about college life. Good luck next year!

Juniors here is your checklist:

- Continue campus visits.

Checklist for Summer/Senior year:

- Narrow your college choices.
- Become familiar with FAFSA and beginning October 1, 2016 complete this form to apply for college financial aid. **This is an earlier start date than previous years---you will use 2015 tax information**

ACT

- **REGISTER BY MAY 6, 2016 FOR JUNE 11, 2016**

Music Notes

By Raimé Varvel



Whoa... May, really?!?! How did this happen?

HUGE shout out to the music students for their strong performances at District Music Contest on Wednesday, April 20th! Receiving a rating of "I" was Brooklyn Morrill, Shane Vifquain, Colton Wolken, Samantha Kearns, Jessi Badje, Daniel Hunzeker, the high school jazz band, the concert choir and the middle level/high school concert band! You are a shining light for Hay Springs public schools!

Things have started to slow down a bit in the music room and we are preparing to close out the year! Middle level and 5th grade students can continue to do belt work up until the final day of school, so it's not too late to pass another belt, or two!

We do have one more concert before the year is over and it is one of my favorite of the entire year!! The 4th and 5th grade classes will be putting on a musical called "Pirates" on Tuesday, May 17th at 7pm. The 5th grade band as well as the 6th grade choir and 6th band will also be performing. These students have been working extremely hard and are eager to share this show with all of you!

Please note that the spring concert for ML & HS students has been canceled-just not enough time to get it all put together...

We will be sending in instruments for summer maintenance. I highly encourage you to do this as it is a nice tune up for each instrument and many times catches small problems before they become big problems. If you are interested in sending in your personal horn I will have slips for your student to fill out and then they can just leave it at the school and I will drop it off and pick it up for you. Haggardy's will call if they run into any problems or find a more expensive repair than originally thought!

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!

*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.

Tech Bites

By Larel Reimann

As important as a good night's sleep is for us, it is equally important for our computers. In order to function properly they need to be fully shut down regularly, especially if they are running Windows. It allows for a fresh start every day which can help prevent problems from building. But, in all types of devices, it can also fix many of the problems regularly encountered. No matter how unlikely it seems, try a reboot first when your computer, or phone, is acting up. If that doesn't solve the issue, at least you can say, "Yes, I rebooted" when asked by tech support. Also, computers left on and running can use lots of electricity. There is no reason to leave them running over the weekend when they are not in use.

2016 Academic Fair and ML/HS Awards Night

The annual academic fair and the 6th-12th grade awards night will be combined again this year, May 18th. PK-12th grade student projects will be on display in Lister-Sage from 4:30-6:30 pm. The 6-12th grade awards program will begin promptly at 7:00 pm in the Old Auditorium.

Teachers are sponsoring a meal the night of Academic Fair beginning at 4:30 pm in the cafeteria. \$3 sandwich, chips and dessert

2016 Academic Elementary Awards

KG—5th Grade Academic Awards will be last day of school, May 26th. Awards will begin promptly at 8:30 am in the Old Auditorium. Parent's are welcome to attend awards, we anticipate they will last less than an hour. Dismissal will be at the regular time. (4pm)

Yearbooks go on sale

April 25

Buy from any

Journalism Student

Daniel-Ashley-Kaelob-Addie-Garrett-Mattie-Hailey-Colton-Drew

\$45 Pre-Order Price

FOR SALE!



Children 18 years old and younger can enjoy a free breakfast and lunch beginning June 6, 2016 Monday – Thursday until July 28 2016. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 pm. Service place is in the Hay Springs School Cafeteria, 407 N. Baker Street. If you have any question you can contact Wendy at the school at 308-638-4434.

5th Grade Conservation Festival

By Jessie Anderson

Fifth grade students will attend the 16th Annual Conservation Festival in Chadron on May 3rd. The event is organized by the Upper Niobrara White NRD, but features presenters from other organizations as well, like the UNL Extension Office and Nebraska Game and Parks. Throughout the day, students move through different stations to learn about conservation of our natural resources. The students learn about pollution, ground water, soil and tree facts. At the end of the day students receive a tree they can take home and plant, along with other goodies.



Track and Field day 2016

Kindergarten through 6th graders

May 11th Wednesday (Rain Date May 12th Thursday)

Time	Event or activity <i>Time is just estimated may not be accurate and subject to change.</i>
9:00	Opening: Pledge and Guidelines
9:15	4 lap race
9:45	Field Events begin – hoop shoot; drop kick;
	Long jump; standing long jump; ball throw; shuttle; hoop shoot; drop kick
12:00	LUNCH FOR ALL
12:45	Finish field Events
2:00	Races begin-All groups
2:00	- 2 lap race- groups only – (No K)
2:15	50 yard- half field –kindergarten split into boys and girls : then Groups
2:30	100 yard split into boys and girls : then Groups
2:45	1 lap race – groups only (No K)
3:00	Awards begin- participation K- football field stands or cafeteria depends on weather
	1 st – 2 nd – 3 rd place awarded
3:45	Jump Rope for Heart Awards
4:00	Dismissed

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW

BEING ACCEPTED

FOR THE

EXCELLENCE

IN

TEACHING AWARD

A cash award of \$500 will be presented to one classroom teacher employed by Hay Springs Public Schools in grades pre-K through twelve at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year.

The Excellence in Teaching Award is sponsored by Security First Bank along with the American Legion. This award seeks to encourage and recognize the professional and leadership excellence of Hay Springs educators essential for quality education, increase awareness of the positive aspects of education in Nebraska, and promote pride in the school and community.

The nominee must be a certified employee for Hay Springs Public Schools. The teacher should be exceptionally skilled, dedicated and have the ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. The teacher should have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues, and should play an active and useful role in the community as well in the school.

Nominations can be made by anyone residing in the Hay Springs School District by filling out the application on the reverse side and mailing it to **Adriene Kelly, PO Box 280, Hay Springs, NE 69347** or dropping the application off at the school office.

Nominations must be received by Thursday, May 5, 2016.

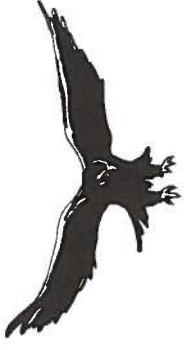
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Pre-Physicals 9:00 am 4 pm Best of the West @ Scottsbluff Golf @ Chadron 9am	\$5 Sport's Physicals @ Chadron 6:15 am 5 th Grade. Conservation trip - Chadron Golf PANCO @ Rushville 9am	KG Field Trip - Little Lady Bug Greenhouse	Golf @ Gering Invite 9am KG-PREK Registration/Open House 4-5 pm	HS TR @ Bayard B-C-D Meet TBA	SOS Mini GOLF
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Mother's Day Lunch Meal - please RSVP		ELEMENTARY TRACK DAY 9am HS Track Districts TBA Golf @ Mullen Invite 10 am	Golf @ Crawford Invite TBA		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Boys Golf Districts TBA	Senior Breakfast @ Security First Bank 7:30 am 4/5 Musical "Pirates" 7pm	Academic Fair 4:30 - 6:30 pm ML/HS Awards Banquet 6:30 pm	1 st and 2 nd grade Field Trip - Fort Rob	State Track @ Omaha	State Track @ Omaha
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Graduation 2pm		State Golf - North Platte	KG Graduation 4:15 pm	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!! Elementary Awards 8:30 am Old Auditorium		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	LISTER CLOSED until JULY 12th					
29	30	31				

MAY 2016



Reminders:

- *Title VII mtg - May 3rd 4pm
- *Summer School and Fun Camps start June 6th - June 30th
- *Report cards available in office June 6th
- * All fees and bills **MUST** be paid before your child/children will be signed out for the summer. Have a Great Summer!!



MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Menus are subject to change	2 Breakfast: Sausage Muffin, Pineapple, Lunch: Beef Patty, Mash Potato/Gravy/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	3 Breakfast: Breakfast to go Lunch: Meaty Nachos/PBJ/Mexi Meals	4 Breakfast: Pizza/yogurt/fruit bar Lunch: Tator Tot Casserole/PBJ/Boxed Meal	5 Breakfast: Pancakes/Cereal/fruit Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/PBJ/Yogurt Meal, cookie	6	7
8 Breakfasts include: cereals/and cereal bars/ yogurt/cheese	9 Breakfast: Egg Omllette/cereal/yogurt Lunch: Chicken N Noodles/PBJ/Box Meal Mother's Day Meal	10 Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk Lunch: Spaghetti/PBJ/boxed Salad Meal	11 Breakfast: Sausage Muffin, Pineapple, Milk, Lunch: Sack Lunch for Field Day!	12 Breakfast: Biscuit n Gravy, Oranges, Milk, Lunch: Tacos/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	13	14
15	16 Breakfast: Egg w/cheese, peaches, muffin: Mandarin Chicken/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	17 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Pudding, Juice, Lunch: Hamburgers/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	18 Breakfast: French Toast Stix, Strawberries, Milk, Lunch: Chicken Fajitas/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	19 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, orange, milk Lunch: Nachos/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	20	21
22 Fruit and Veggie bar is available each school day	23 Breakfast: Sliders, Begal, milk Lunch: Burritos/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	24 Breakfast: Biscuits N Gravy Banana, Milk Lunch: Tator tot Casserole/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	25 Breakfast burritos/cereal/ muffins/ fruit Lunch: Burritos/Chicken Queso/PBJ/Box Meal	26 Breakfast: Fruit Turnover/Muffins/cereal Lunch: Tacos/PBJ/Boxed Meal	27	28
29	30	31	NOTES: Choice of 1% white Milk, Skim Chocolate or Strawberry Milk 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

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What activities should I be doing with my Preschooler over the summer?

1. coloring, drawing and painting- Fine motor development .
2. outdoor play- Gross motor development comes from running, jumping,
3. reading- Reading to your child encourages alphabet recognition, comprehension and a love of reading.
4. play- Play encourages imagination, sharing, learning and fun!

The Cafeteria will be hosting a special day each month. On this day, students are encouraged to invite someone to eat lunch with them. Adult Lunch is \$3.45 which includes the meal and unlimited Fruit & Vegetable Bar.

May's Special Day is
Our Mother's Day Lunch
Invite Your Mom and/or Grandma
To Lunch,
On May 9th.

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

Cafeteria News

By Wendy Palmer

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!!

Hay Springs Food Services service offers a wide variety of choices each day for breakfast. Knowing how to choose foods for a USDA qualified meal may be confusing. If your student chooses three items that include ½ of fruit or juice that is a qualified meal.

If your student chooses more than three items or chooses three items that does not include ½ cup of fruit (or a juice). Then the breakfast is charged as an ala-carte breakfast at 60 cents per food items and 40 cents for a drink item.



Recipes Still Needed for Journalism Cookbook!

Journalism is collecting recipes from the community for a Community Cookbook that will be sold at the Santa Soup Cook Off in the winter. Recipes can be emailed to: robin.shimek@hshawks.com

