

# Superintendent's Note

*Hay Springs  
Public Schools  
Monthly Newsletter*

## Superintendent Note

It is hard to believe that the first quarter is rapidly coming to an end with the last day being October tenth. If you have not yet done so, please take time to check with your child/children on their academic progress. If you have concerns please contact their teacher ASAP. You can also check on the school website by going to Infinite Campus to view your child's academic status. If you are having difficulty in finding their grades online, please call the school office for assistance. It is very important for students to finish the first quarter strong. Academic success early in the year lays the foundation for a great academic year of progress. Hay Springs students are blessed with staff members that truly care about their success and have high expectations for your children. With parents and teachers working together to support student learning great things can happen. Once again we are offering the ASP (After School Program) for elementary students and the Friday School Program for struggling middle level and high school students. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to receive extra help, but it takes parent cooperation and extra effort to get your students to and from these extra learning activities.

Please keep the academic lines of communication open between you, your child and your child/children's teachers. Know that the staff of Hay Springs Schools number one concern is for the academic progress of our students. **Parent-teacher's conferences are re-scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 to 8:00 pm.** Please put this date on your calendars as it will be your opportunity to visit with your child/children's teachers to discuss academic accomplishments and challenges and plan a strategy to best support your child's success in school.

In the area of school finance, the board conducted a budget workshop where I reviewed the 2018-19 receipts, expenditures and levies and projections for 2019-20 school year.

After meeting with an auditor to review the 2019-20 budget, tax request and levy projections, the budget hearing and tax request and levy hearing were held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The budget of expenditures, tax request and levy approved by the board are as follows:

- 2019-20 General Fund Budget of Expenditures of \$3,648,501.00
- 2019-20 General Fund Tax Request of \$1,737,374.00, an amount of \$33,947.11 lower than in 2018-19 at a Levy of \$.999717 as compared to \$1.020115 in 2018-19

We did however add a Special Building Fund Tax Request of \$34,343.00 with a levy of \$.019762

The budget has been submitted to the NDE and tax request information has been forwarded to County officials. Currently along with the day to day financial records, the office staff is busy preparing for the audit of 2018-19 financial records.

It has been a very busy first seven weeks of school with numerous school activities. Our sports team are suddenly looking at the downhill side of their sports seasons. It is time to build on our successes and dedicate ourselves to a strong finish to the season. Best of luck to all student athletes and their coaches for a rewarding finish.

The students and staff were heavily involved in successful Homecoming week activities that were enjoyed by all participating. There is nothing like small town spirit and support for our youth. Thank you to everyone who in any way supports our school's activities. The next generation is our future, and they learn from the manner in which we support each other and conduct our lives. As we move through the year, please remember to keep up to date on school activities by regularly checking the school website.

As I look at the academic efforts of our staff and students I am reminded of the mission, and vision of our Hay Springs School, staff and Board of Education.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of Hay Springs Schools in cooperation with families and community, is to empower students within an emotionally supportive and physically safe environment with the academic, social, physical and technological skills to achieve success as responsible, self-disciplined citizens of a global society.

### **Vision Statement**

**“Empower Students to Achieve Lifelong Success.”**

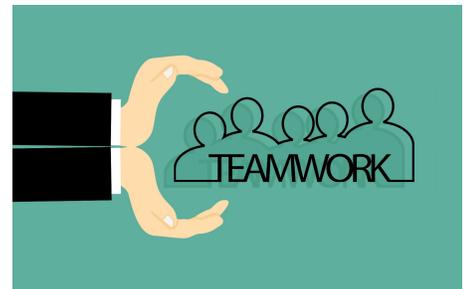
We are beginning the second year of school improvement, so are near the mid-point for the next five-year cycle. The Hay Springs School Improvement Committee will be meeting on a monthly basis and has collected and analyzed data from a community perception survey to identify some areas of improvement over the past year and some areas where we need to continue to strive for improvement. Our School Improvement committee is again led by co-chairpersons Mrs. Mintken and Mrs. Young, along with other staff, community members and members of the Board of Education, who continue to plan for professional development of our staff and academic progress for our students.

Other activities that the Hay Springs staff have been involved in include:

- Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) team who attended training this past summer with NDE in Lincoln have been sharing their knowledge as we continue to work toward creating a positive environment for our students and staff.
- Our “Beef to Hot Lunch” program had a great start in 2018-19 and I want to thank everyone involved in supporting this great program. We are now accepting donations for beef for the program this year, so if you are interested in supporting this fantastic program contact the school or a member of the board of education.
- We continue to conduct Administrative team meetings weekly to review activities, requisitions, and school improvement.
- I attended the ESU#13 administrative meeting and concluded the day by attending the NASB Area Membership workshop, which was also attended by Mrs. Marx and Mr. David Russell.
- In an effort to enhance our career education learning opportunities, and provide additional opportunities for students to learn, I am teaching an Introduction to Agriscience and an Agribusiness Management class. This along with the Vet Science, Welding and Construction classes offered by Mrs. Young and Mr. Badje help us to meet the requirements to establish an FFA Chapter at Hay Springs High School. We have received approval of our chapter application and so have elected FFA officers and are busy getting basic forms completed so we can be involved in the District #12 and State Agriscience and FFA activities. We continue to offer the opportunity to participate in the Health Professional Club which promotes health career exploration. Ms. Lein and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) are in their third year at Hay Springs school.
- We continue to improve school safety & security with the addition of an elementary playground fence and we continue to stress entering the building through the main door only.

In closing, I would like to thank the Hay Springs staff, students, and community members for kicking the first two months of school off to a great start. This community is blessed to have an educational system with a very dedicated staff, and the school is blessed to have tremendous community support. Together we can:

**“Empower Students to Achieve Lifelong Success”**



# Principal's Playbook

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 academic year. I am impressed with the level of student and staff engagement in our school community. We are rapidly approaching the end of the first quarter and preparing for progress reports. Research indicates positive parental support greatly impacts student achievement. Please continue to support our educational team's efforts to provide your child with a first-class educational experience. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend and make the most of this opportunity to connect with your child's teachers. These conferences are a great opportunity to discuss your child's academic, social and emotional growth during the first quarter.

Our PK-12 students will be participating in a wide range of activities during the month of October. Continue to encourage our students to try new things and increase their level of commitment to their academic coursework. Wishing everyone a safe and bountiful Harvest season.

## PBIS:

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to receive a tier II reinforcer for the month of August.

KG-2 - Aariah Johnson  
3rd - 5th - Kaytee Kaiser  
6-8th - Bo Thies  
9-12th - Kaden Langford

At some point during the month these students received a HAWK BUCK, placing them in a drawing for a tier II reinforcer. Students were allowed to select one of the following activities:

Kindergarten-2nd grade

1. "FAMILY NIGHT BAG" – over the weekend, the student gets to borrow the "family night bag", which includes games, movies, popcorn etc.
2. Eat dinner with an adult of your choice.
3. Phone call from Principal – Principal to make a positive call home about student's success in PBIS
4. Special Chair – student gets to sit in a special chair all day.

3rd-6th grade

1. 5 minute stand up – Get in front of your class and get them to laughing
2. Be a Mentor – student can provide mentor/tutor for another class/grade level (like reading to younger children).
3. Brain break choice – student selects what brain break the class will do.
4. Bring a drink to school – student can bring a drink to class.

7th-12th grade

1. Assist Custodian
2. Lead the Pledge
3. Helper in Another Classroom
4. Choose music lunch
5. Serve Lunch
6. Introduce Players at a Ball Game
7. "Assistant" Principal for a period

The 1st quarter PBIS assembly will be held on Monday October 21st at 8:30am. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. This will be a school-wide assembly honoring some of our outstanding students!

# Music Notes



Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade will be having their fall concert in the auditorium on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm. K/1 will be doing a musical called Old MacDonald's Farm and 2nd & 3rd grade will be doing one called Where the Wild Things Are.

4th grade students have been working on the recorder the last few weeks! These students are doing an amazing job! They may be the best recorder players I've ever had! If you know a 4th grader, ask them to play for you!

5th grade band is up and running! Students are working on their first 5 notes! I'm trying to send home a video to all the parents each Thursday so they can see the progress these students make. What a fun time!

Please note a date change for the Santa Soup Cook-off and the Night, the Lights and Music concert! Both of these events will be held on Sunday, December 8th with the concert beginning at 3pm and the cook-off following the concert! Sorry for the change of date-please make this change on your calendars!

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** We will once again be having a community choir for the Nights, the Lights and Music concert. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 20th from 6:30-8:00pm in the music room. Mrs. Jungck will again be our fearless leader! Spread the word and bring a friend!

Upcoming dates:

Friday, September 27th	12:30pm HAWK Stadium	PEP BAND
Saturday, September 28th	8am depart; 5pm return	CSC Homecoming
Tuesday, October 8	6:30pm Auditorium	K-3 Fall Concert
Friday, October 18th	12:30pm HAWK Stadium	PEP BAND
<b>SUNDAY, December 8th</b>	<b>3pm Auditorium</b>	<b>ML/HS band &amp; choir</b>

**Parents- with the changing weather, you will need to start sending kids to school with heavy coats, hats, and gloves.**   

### Dates to Remember

October 10th - Bring a Fireman to Lunch Day

HS Football on Friday, October 18th vs. Hyannis @ 1pm has been moved to Thursday, October 17th beginning at 7:00 pm. (This is also "Pink Out Night")

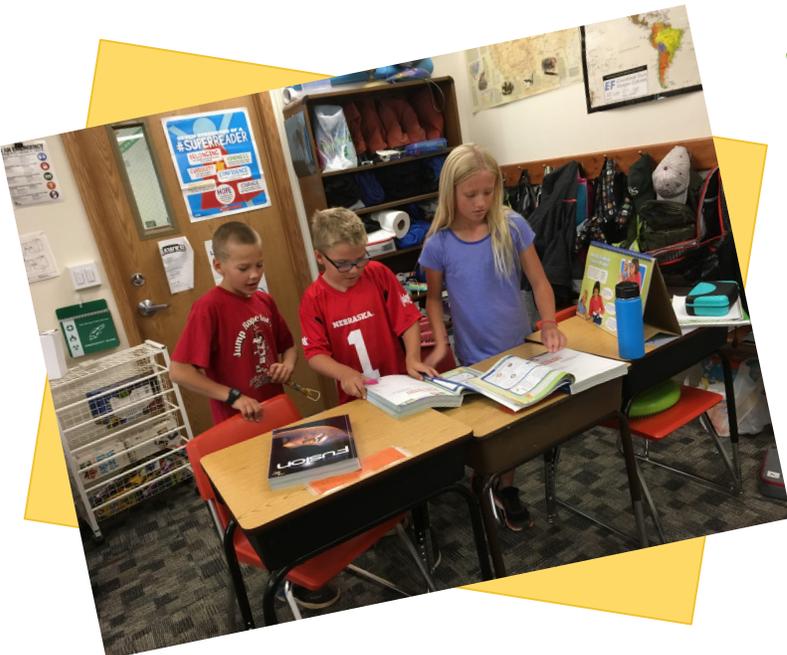
Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 17th have been moved to Thursday, October 24th beginning at 4:15-8:00pm.

**School Picture Day is tentatively scheduled for October 15th & 16th.**

# 4th Grade



4th grade is learning to cooperate with each other using Scientific methods on how Scientists compare results on experiments. Checking results multiple times, using a pan balance, spring scale, and a ruler.

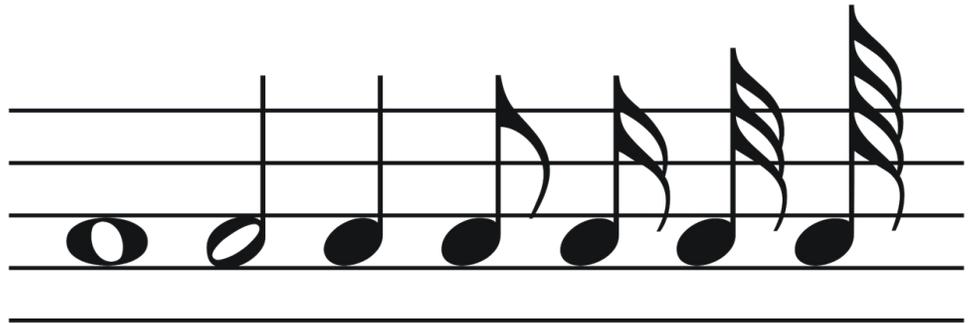


## *Junior High Hawks Football*

The 2019 junior high hawks football team will be bringing back 7 players from last year's team and 3 new 7<sup>th</sup> graders that joined this year. This will be our fourth week of practice. The kids are picking up the new offense very well and are working very hard. Coach Paben and Coach Salazar were the junior high track coaches the previous season. Coach Paben has also been the assistant high school football and boys' basketball coach the past two seasons. He is excited to be the head junior high football coach. Coach Paben says, "The boys are extremely coachable and are looking forward to their first game on Thursday." The first game was Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, in Cody.

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### **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 complete for abatement and re-insulation.

## Congratulations FFA!!

Hay Springs FFA Chapter has been issued a FFA Charter by National FFA. We received an email on Monday September 16th that the Hay Springs FFA Chapter Application had been approved at the State and National level and has been added to the list of 189 Nebraska Chapters with over 9,000 Nebraska members. The annual State FFA Convention is held each spring in Lincoln with over 5,000 members in attendance. This will provide great opportunities for Hay Springs students to develop leadership skills, personal growth toward career success as well the opportunity to be involved in our community improvement and become advocates for Agriculture. The Agricultural Science / FFA program is a diverse educational program which allows students to develop Agricultural and leadership skills through involvement in FFA, Ag classroom instruction and the development of an SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) program where they will receive hands-on experience. We plan to have our first Official Hay Springs FFA meeting tomorrow where we will conduct officer elections and begin planning activities for the 2019-20 school year. The original Hay Springs FFA chapter was in existence from the mid 1940's until 1964. Our students are very excited about this opportunity and if you have an interest in supporting our youth in this organization please contact Mr. Lechtenberg at the school or on cell phone @ 402-340-0849.

# Red Ribbon Week

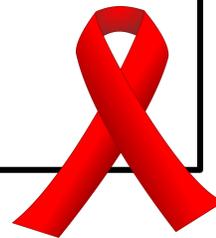
The Red Ribbon Campaign started in 1980, by a group of parents who thought they should help and teach about drug prevention. This year's theme is Send a Message- Stay Drug Free. We will be promoting Red Ribbon week be having dress up days.

Monday Oct. 28- Sock it to Drugs- Wear Crazy Socks

Tuesday Oct. 29- Be Drug Free- Wear Red

Wednesday Oct. 30- Hawks Don't do Drugs - Wear green, yellow, hawk gear and hats

Thursday Oct. 31- Scare away Drugs- Wear your Halloween attire and put on your costumes at 3:00



- Halloween is a culture mash up
- Dressing up in costume was once a way to hide from ghosts
- Trick or treat most likely came from the medieval tradition "souling"
- The history of halloween involves a lot of romance





This Halloween, watch out for FBLA students who will be trick or treating for canned goods to support our local food bank.

**Juniors:**

**National Merit Scholarship Program**

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ([PSAT/NMSQT®](#))—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements. This year Hay Springs will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT test. When you take this test as a Junior in High School you will automatically be screened for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The PSAT/NMSQT is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019. If you are interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT please register with Mrs. Marx by September 18, 2019. Cost for the assessment is \$15, payable at the time of registration.

# Hawks' Library News

## September Activities

### Fourth and Fifth Grade

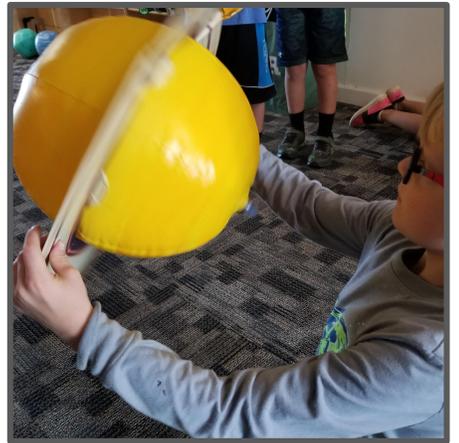
Fourth and fifth graders are learning how to locate books in the catalog then use the call numbers to locate the books on the shelves. Dewey Decimal System by numbers and Fiction by author last name.

Dewey Decimal System, the library's secret code that everyone can learn. Just ask Scooter Hayes of Wilmington, North Carolina. While working on an assignment for his Masters in Library Science he wrote a rap video explaining the Dewey Decimal System. Check it out:

<https://www.teachertube.com/videos/dewey-rap-204545>

### First Grade

The first graders learned about the planets in class this week. On Thursday they put that knowledge and a LOT of air to work blowing up and arranging an inflatable solar system. Saturn even has a ring. The solar system will be hung on the south end of the library for all to see. Thanks to Julie Rasmussen for the loan of the solar system.



## Quote of the Month

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."

Maya Angelou

## Events

### October

Book Fair (Oct 14-25)

Ben Mikaelson Author visit (Oct 14)

Parent Teacher Conf (Oct 24)

## Free Learning Websites

### Switcheroo Zoo

[www.switcheroozoo.com](http://www.switcheroozoo.com)

Watch, listen and learn about amazing animals.

### National Geographic for Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Learn about geography and animals.

### Storyline Online

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Members of the Screen Actors Guild read books online.

### ABC YA

<https://www.abcya.com/>

Reading and math practices for K-6 students

### PBS Kids

<https://pbskids.org/>

Games and Videos with favorite PBS characters.

# 4-H

## Shooting Sports Practice

Shooting Sports practice for BB Gun and Air Rifle will start on October 7<sup>th</sup>. They practice from 3:30 to 7 depending on when the youth show up. During October through December, practice is held the first and third Mondays of the month. In January they will start practicing every month and start attending the Panhandle Best Shoots. Youth need to be registered for 4-H to participate. Parents need to sign waivers the first meeting. Please contact Bruce Salisbury or Donna and Kevin Jech for more information.

## Baking Basics

The October Baking Basics will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. At this workshop youth will prepare for the colder weather while baking some delicious treats. The youth will continue to work on their sewing project for the year. The fee for this workshop is \$10. Please register by October 28<sup>th</sup> by contacting Melissa Mracek at [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu) or (308) 327-2312. This event is open to anyone interested in baking and sewing projects.

## **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Offered in Chadron**

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for early October in Chadron. It will be held October 12-13 at the Dawes County Fairgrounds in Chadron. The deadline to register for the Chadron training is October 2<sup>nd</sup> by 5 pm.

Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Four project areas will be offered at the Workshop - rifle, shotgun, pistol, and coordinator. The Coordinator certification being offered in Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports is for individuals who work with certified shooting sports leaders, 4-H club leaders for shooting sports projects, or 4-H volunteers managing shooting sports events/competitions.

The registration fee is \$110.00 per person for initial certification and those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors is \$90 for this workshop. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. The registration fee after October 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$160. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/search/?q=Shooting+Sports+Leader>. Or contact Nebraska Extension-Sheridan County Office at (308) 327-2312. Registration is available only online at the link provided in the brochure or they can register directly by clicking <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/search/?q=Shooting+Sports+Leader>.

## Clover Bud Workshops

The Hay Springs Clover Bud workshops will be held on the third Thursday of the month starting on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 pm. Clover Bud members are youth between the ages of 5 and 7 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. These youth will experience teamwork, social interaction, and decision making skills while participating in hands on activities. Upon participating in these workshops, youth will have Clover Bud projects to display at the 2020 Sheridan County Fair. To register your child for these FREE events please contact Erika Gaswick or the Nebraska Extension Sheridan County office at (308) 327-2312.

# ***FAFSA COMPLETION DAY***

EducationQuest Foundation, a free non-profit organization is coming to help you complete and file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

***DATE: October 8, 2018 (9:30 am – 5:00 pm)  
October 9, 2018 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)***

***LOCATION: Chadron High School  
Guidance Office***

***Please call EducationQuest at 800-666-3721 to setup an appointment.  
Appointments are needed to receive assistance that day.***

## ***ITEMS TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:***

- \*FSA ID for parent and student – apply at [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov)
- \*Parent and student 2017 federal tax returns
- \*W-2's and K-1 Form 1065
  - \*Value of checking/savings accounts and investments
- \*Amount of untaxed income: social security, child support
  - \*Student's driver's license number
  - \*Student's Social Security number
  - \*Alien Registration Number of eligible non-citizens
  - \*Parents' birth dates
  - \*Student's birth date
  - \*Parent's date of marriage, separation, or divorce
  - \*Email addresses for student and parent