

# Superintendent's News

## 2nd Semester



**WELCOME 2016!!!** Hope everyone had an enjoyable break! With the start of the new semester now is the time to set new goals, start fresh, and strive for improvements. The start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester means that the school year is half over and testing is around the corner. During this time it is extremely important that students are at school! I ask that you schedule appointments and trips on Fridays. With only 84 days of school in the second semester the end of the year will be here before we know it!

**Community Food Drive:** The students and staff at Hay Springs Schools participated in the yearly Community Food Drive. This year Hay Springs Student Council organized the collections of food by having a "Block the Door Campaign." If students brought in enough cans to block the classroom door they were granted a free period or an extra recess. The students and staff collected a total of 1,819 items/cans. Ms. Garrett's middle level classes helped in loading and unloading all the food at Zion Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone that donated!



**TWITTER:** Beginning January 2016, Hay Springs Public Schools will be tweeting game scores, general information, current education topics, and lots of other information. Make sure to follow us @HSPublicSchool on Twitter and use the hashtag #hayspringshawks when talking about us! Remember this is social media and your comments will be available for everyone to see, please practice good digital citizenship when tweeting.

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If you are not on Twitter, go to <http://www.twitter.com> and click the "Sign up" button in the upper right corner to begin the process.

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

## Music Notes

By Raine Varvel



Congratulations to the following high school band member for being selected to this years Oregon Trail Honor Band: Emma Roberts & Sam Kearns. The honor band is held in Ger- ing, NE on January 11th.

Congratulations to Daniel Hunzeker for being selected to this year's CSC High Plains Honor Band. The clinic will be on February 1st & 2nd with a concert on the evening of the 3rd at Chadron State College.

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

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

## EHA Wellness Program

By Jessie Anderson

Beginning in February, Hay Springs Public School staff members will have the option to participate in the Educator's Health Alliance (EHA) Wellness Program. There is NO cost for this program and everyone on the school staff can participate – regardless of whether they are on the insurance or not. Each school year, everyone has the opportunity to complete a Personal Health Assessment which is an online health survey that gives you a great snapshot of your current health – when you complete the PHA you also earn a \$25 VISA gift card.

There are 6 challenges offered during the year that staff can participate in. These are simple, engaging behavior change programs that offer incentives and a chance to win a gift card for completing the program.

Additionally...next school year, the EHA will be offering individual financial incentives for meet- ing certain participation markers.

## Reading is Alive and Well at Hay Springs

By Carole Matthews

Do kids still read? Yes, our students do. The Renaissance Learning widget at the bottom of the HS Hawks website tracks students read- ing, but only the books that students take AR tests on. Students have read almost 1000 books, including 20 million words. The big readers are the Seventh grade who have read over 7 million words. They are also our biggest class. Six stu- dents in the Elementary and Middle school have read over 500,000 words this semester including one ambitious fifth grader who has hit the 1 mil- lion mark.

We can't forget all those parents, grandparents, etc. who read to our preschoolers and early read- ers. Keep it up. Share a books with your chil- dren this vacation. Read a picture book to a tod- dler. Read and discuss the same book your teenager is reading.

## HS NEWS CAST

By Melissa Lein

Have you been noticing that there have been a few news casts being posted online at [www.hshawks.com](http://www.hshawks.com)? Nathan Tobiasson and Jaydyn Riggs have been reporting events that have been taking place at Hay Springs High School. Please take the time to get online and watch a few.

## The Basics of Being a Good Student

- Doing well in school should be your top priority.
- Study: There is no substitute.
- Always attend class.
- Do all of the homework and assigned reading.
- Develop self-discipline.
- Manage your time.

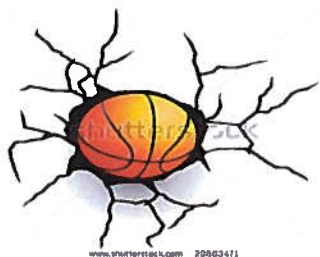
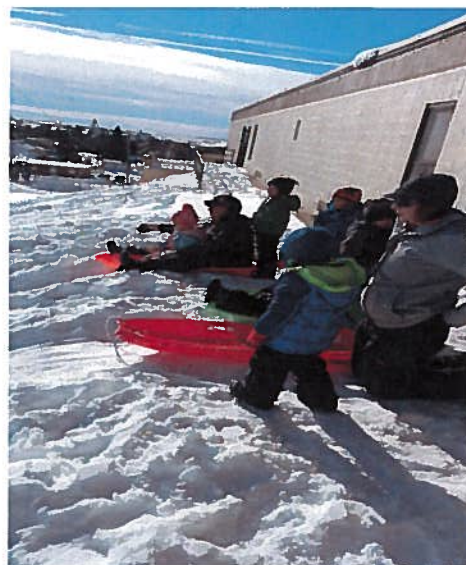




## Preschool FUN!

By Mr. Cline

The preschoolers took time before the Christmas Break to enjoy the outstanding weather! Both AM and PM classes suited up with their boots and snow pants to enjoy some sledding down the hill onto the football field. The laughs, giggles, and smiles on the students faces was an amazing experience to enjoy.



### PARENTS' NIGHTS

- ♦ G/B BB—JAN. 16TH (MEET IN BACK HALLWAY NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM)
- ♦ HS WRESTLING—JAN. 29TH (MEET IN BACK HALLWAY AT 5:30 PM)

The Café'teria 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.

January's Special Day is  
**Superbowl Day**  
 On January 28th

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

## Counselor's Notes

By Heather Cline

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. This semester we will kick off with a bullying unit and how to be a good friend. The importance of making friends, how to treat our friends and treating others is a life lesson for all to learn and continue to build upon. Kindergarten through eighth grade will discuss bullying during guidance time. Elementary will also discuss child safety topics from the National Child Safety Council. Please watch for booklets to come home.

Middle and High school students will continue discussing hot topics that have been in the news and our own Hay Springs students have dropped in the box. Chuck Ellie, a retired state trooper will be stopping by several times during the semester to speak to our students regarding effects of drugs and texting while driving.

Juniors need to be signing up for ACT as new deadlines will be coming out next year. Juniors will need to have their ACT done by their Senior year to apply for October 1 scholarship and financial deadlines. Please plan ahead to ensure you have plenty of time. Seniors will continue to work on scholarships on Mondays during English class with Mrs. Shimek and myself. Continue to watch the website as it is being updated with scholarships. Please let me know if you have questions [heather.cline@hshawks.com](mailto:heather.cline@hshawks.com).

### ACT DATE:

February 8, 2016 Sign up by January 8, 2016

April 9, 2016 Sign up by March 4, 2016

June 11, 2016 Sign up by May 6, 2016

Please check out [www.EducationQuest.org](http://www.EducationQuest.org) to view the FAFSA tools and checklist for 2016-2017

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## The Elders' Wisdom Committee are pleased to announce the Honored Elders for the 2016 Elders' Wisdom Program:

**Mr. Archie Cerny**



**Mrs. Marilyn Kutschara**

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

January 2016

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## **Seniors...it's time to prepare for the FAFSA!**

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. Follow these steps to prepare for the FAFSA and the financial aid process:

**Contact the college(s) you applied to and ask for their FAFSA priority filing date** (typically March 1 to April 1).

**Complete your 2015 taxes early** as the FAFSA requires current tax information.

**Create an FSA ID** for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). You'll need the FSA ID to access your FAFSA and other Federal Student Aid websites. For instructions, review this brief [handout](#) or [video](#).

### **Gather these student and parent items:**

- 2015 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2015 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2015 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2015 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2015 such as housing/food/ living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to indicate on the form if anyone in your household received federal benefits such as Supplemental Security Income, SNAP, TANF, Free or Reduced Price Lunch, or WIC.

**Complete the FAFSA** at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) before your college's priority date.

**Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR)** acknowledging that your form was processed.

**Expect Financial Aid Award Notifications** in the spring from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA. The notifications will detail the financial aid assistance the colleges are offering (could be a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study, and student loans).

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## Check out these **free FAFSA tools and resources**

Visit "[FAFSA Tools](http://www.edquest.org/FAFSATools)" at [EducationQuest.org](http://www.edquest.org) where you'll find:

- **College Funding Estimator** – estimates your FAFSA results
- **FAFSA Checklist** – provides a list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA
- **FAFSA Tutorial** – explains each FAFSA question
- **FAFSA Demo and IRS Data Retrieval videos** – walk you through the FAFSA process

If you are filing a FAFSA for the first time and want free personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to make an appointment. Kearney: 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721; Lincoln: 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3745; Omaha: 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300, or Scottsbluff: 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

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## Free webinars will help you prepare for the FAFSA

You and your parents can learn about financial aid and the FAFSA from the comfort of your home by participating in a free EducationQuest Financial Aid Program Webinar.

**Wednesday, December 16** – 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1P9LFv4>

**Monday, January 11** – 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1LYxtnE>

**Wednesday, January 13** – 7:00 pm (CT)

Webinar link: <http://eqf.org/1LYyiRi>

To join a webinar, click on the link under your desired date. The password is **college**.

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## January "To Do" List

### Seniors:

- \_\_\_ Attend a [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area and register to win a \$500 scholarship!
- \_\_\_ Complete your taxes early as you'll need that information for the FAFSA.
- \_\_\_ Continue to apply for scholarships; see [ScholarshipQuest](#) for Nebraska-based awards.

### Juniors:

- \_\_\_ Attend the [Financial Aid Program](#) in your area and register to win a \$500 scholarship!
  - \_\_\_ [Register](#) by December 28 for the January 23 SAT.
  - \_\_\_ [Register](#) by January 8 for the February 6 ACT.
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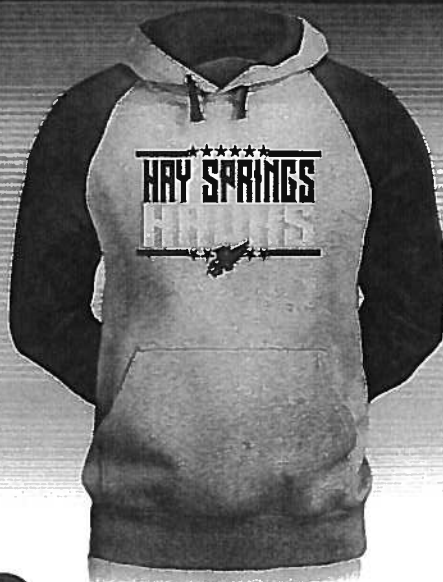
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# ACHIEVE



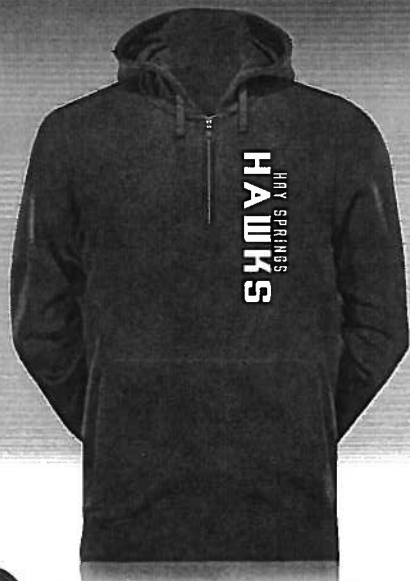
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FOREST/GREY • S-3XL • PZ AVAILABLE



**2** **LONG SLEEVE TEE** \$21  
FOREST • S-3XL • PZ AVAILABLE



**3** **ADIDAS CAGE JACKET** \$36  
BLACK • S-2XL



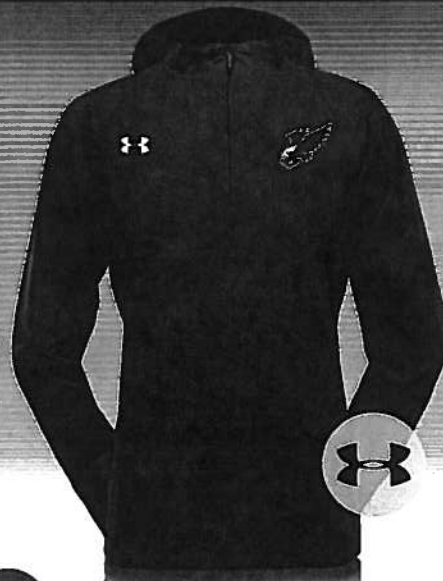
**4** **SOFT-STYLE 1/4 ZIP PERFECT HOODIE** \$30  
GREY • S-3XL



**5** **ADIDAS SHORT SLEEVE TEE** \$18  
HEATHER GREY • S-3XL • PZ AVAILABLE



**6** **SHORT SLEEVE TEE** \$15  
FOREST GREEN • S-3XL • PZ AVAILABLE



**7** **UA LADIES' 1/4 ZIP WINDBREAKER** \$49  
BLACK • S-2XL



**8** **SLEEVELESS HOODIE** \$27  
DARK HEATHER • S-3XL • ORDERING ONE SIZE LARGER RECOMMENDED



**9** **RAGLAN** \$21  
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# SUPPORT

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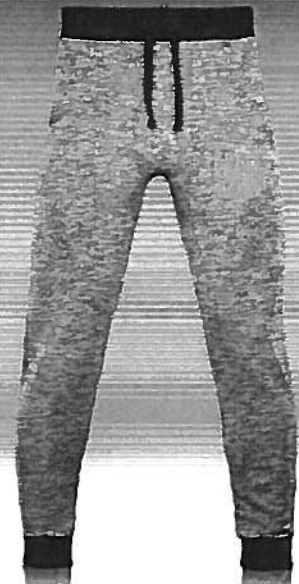
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**10** LADIES' UA PERF TEE \$26  
BLACK • S-2XL

**11** UA ULTIMATE BUTTON DOWN \$54  
BLACK • S-3XL

**12** PREMIUM TEE \$18  
BLACK • S-2XL • PZ AVAILABLE



**13** YOGA PANTS \$30  
HEATHERED CHARCOAL • S-2XL

**14** ADIDAS CLIMALITE \$28  
WHITE • S-3XL • PZ AVAILABLE

**15** JOGGER PANTS \$28  
SPECKLED HEATHER • S-2XL



**16** NIKE VISOR \$26  
WHITE • ONE SIZE



**19** NIKE PERFORMANCE RUNNING CAP \$29  
WHITE • ONE SIZE



**17** POM BEANIE \$22  
BLACK/CHARCOAL • ONE SIZE

**18** UA TWIST TECH 1/4 ZIP PULLOVER \$43  
BLACK • S-3XL



**20** SAFARI HAT \$23  
KHAKI • ONE SIZE



SALE ENDS: 1.15.16  
HAY SPRINGS HAWKS

# INSPIRE

\$2 UPCHARGE ON SIZES 2X-3X



**21** MEN'S SHORTS \$21  
FOREST • S-3XL



**22** MEN'S PERFORMANCE TIGHTS \$20  
WHITE • S-2XL



**23** FLEECE SHORTS \$23  
BLACK • S-3XL



**24** NIKE PERFORMANCE POLO \$43  
FOREST • S-3XL



**25** ARM SLEEVE \$16  
ONE SIZE



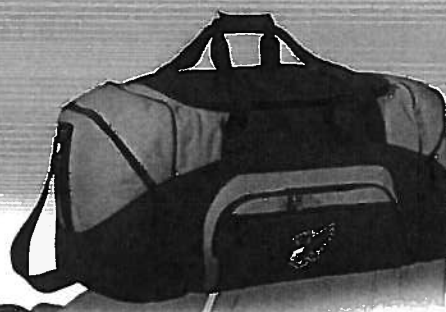
**26** DIP DYE COLLEGE TEE \$29  
GREEN • S-3XL



**27** PREMIUM PUFF VEST \$30  
CHARCOAL • S-2XL \*WITH REFLECTIVE TRANSFER



**28** PERFORMANCE SOCKS \$19  
ONE SIZE



**29** OVERSIZE DUFFEL \$35  
FOREST • 12" H x 27" W x 9" D



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This sale ends: \_\_\_\_\_

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ONE ITEM PER LINE ONLY  
\$2 UPCHARGE ON SIZES 2XL & 3XL

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YOU SOLD 20 ITEMS & EARNED A FREE \$15 T-SHIRT

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STUDENT/ATHLETE  
SIZES



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ON THIS SHEET ~



# January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Menus are subject to change.					1	2
3 Breakfasts include: cereals/and cereal bars/ yogurt/cheese	4 Breakfast: Pancakes/cereal Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/PBJ/ Box meal, cookie	5 Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito/cereal Lunch: Spaghetti/PBJ/Boxed Meal	6 Breakfast: Sausage Muffin/Cereal Lunch, Beef Patty/PBJ/boxed meal	7 Breakfast: Biscuit n Gravy/Cereal: Lunch: Tacos/PBJ/boxed Meal	8	9
10 Fruit and Veggie bar is available each school day	11 Breakfast: Egg w/cheese/Cereal/ muffin: Lunch: Corn Dogs/PBJ/Boxed Meal	12 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll/Cereal/Pudding Lunch BBQ Pork/PBJ/Boxed Meal	13 Breakfast: Sliders Egg n Sausage/Cereal/ Fruit Lunch: Cheeseburger Casserole/PBJ/Boxed Meal	14 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza/Cereal/Fruit Lunch: Hamburgers/PBJ/Boxed Meal	15	16
17	18 Breakfast: Pancake on a stick/ Begal Lunch: Burritos/PBJ/Boxed Meal	19 Breakfast: Sausage biscuit Lunch: Taco Casserole or Walking Taco/PBJ/Boxed Meal, Cake	20 Breakfast: Fruit Turnover; Juice, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas/PBJ/Boxed Meal	21 Breakfast: Omelette/Bagel Lunch: Lasagna/PBJ/Boxed Meal	22	23
24	25 Breakfast: Croissant/sausage Lunch: Hot Dogs/PBJ/Boxed Meal	26 Breakfast: Eggs, Muffin/Cereal/fruit Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken/ PBJ/Boxed Meal	27 Breakfast: French Toast Stix/Cereal/Fruit Lunch: Meaty Nachos/ PBJ/ Boxed meal Welcome football fans	28 Breakfast: Pancakes/Cereal Fruit/Juice Lunch: Sloppy Joes/PBJ/ Boxed Meal	29	30
31	NOTES: Milk is served with each meal.					



## 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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						G/B Varsity BB home vs. McPherson County 4 pm HS WR @ Newman Grove 7:30 am
	BACK TO SCHOOL!  Makeup – HS G/B BB @ Morrill elem. Gym 4 pm	G/BB @ Martin, SD GIRLS ONLY JV/V 5:30 pm			3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade BB Camp 8-noon 4H Brain Power Workshop 9-2 pm G/B BB home vs. Banner County 3:30 pm	HS WR @ Garden County 9 am JH B/BB @ home vs. Sioux County 10 am G/B BB @ Leyton 1 pm JV/V
	Oregon Trail Honor Band @ Gering JH B/BB home vs. Oelrichs 4:30 pm			G/B BB @ Cody-Kilgore 3 pm	G/B BB Gordon/Rushville 4pm HS WR @ Martin SD 6 pm	HS WR @ Dunning 10 am G/B BB home vs. Potter-Dix BB PARENT'S NIGHT
				JH B/BB home vs. Gordon/Rushville 4 pm		HS WR @ Mullen 10 am
					G/BB @ Sioux County GIRLS ONLY 3pm HS WR @ home vs. Crawford/Hemingford Tri. 6 pm WR PARENT'S NIGHT	WR @ Red Cloud 10 am
	JH B/BB @ Crawford (PANCO)  High Plains Honor Band & Choir (CSC)	G/B BB @ Hemingford 2 pm  G/B BB @ Hyannis – VARSITY ONLY 4:30 pm		G/B BB @ Kyle, SD 6 pm VARSITY ONLY		HS WR @ SE Goshen County 9 am  G/B BB @ Edgemont SD 2 pm

# JANUARY

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DECEMBER 2015

FEBRUARY 2016

## NOTES:

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – G/B BB home vs. Banner County will

have no Boys JV. Events will go as follows: Girls

JV, Boys Varsity and Girls Varsity.

**\*\* Schedule change \*\*** JH B/BB on 12<sup>th</sup> moved

to the 11<sup>th</sup> home vs. Oelrichs.

Parent's Nights – G/B BB - Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>