



March 2016

Superintendent's News

Illness Procedures

Over the last few weeks it seems that we have seen an increase in student absences due to illness. Please remind your child to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. Wash their hands often with soap and water especially when returning from a public place or if they are exposed to someone that may be ill. Also, remind your child not to touch their eyes, nose, or mouth.

We ask parents to follow these guidelines below:

- ♦ If your child has a fever, don't send him/her to school or activities. Students should not attend school until fever free for 24 hours.
- ♦ If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, children are welcomed back after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- ♦ Students that have conjunctivitis (pink eye), ringworm, or strep throat need to consult a physician and return to school with written approval or proof of treatment.
- ♦ Emergency contact numbers need to be accurate. If your child becomes ill at school we need a contact that will pick your child up as school during the school day.
- ♦ Report your child's absence to the school when they are ill or not coming to school. If we don't hear from you we make phone calls to verify your child's absence.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 17th from 4:15-8:00. Please mark this on your calendar to attend. This is an excellent time to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. If you have any concerns now would be a good time to contact your child's teacher and then follow up during conference time.

Graduation Follow-up

Class of 2010 – 13 students

4 students completed a 4 year degree and entered the workforce

1 student completed a 4 year degree and entered graduate school

1 student is currently enrolled in a 4 year institution

3 students completed a 2 year degree and entered the workforce

4 students entered the workforce



Class of 2015 – 19 students

8 students are enrolled at a 4 year institution

6 students are enrolled in a 2 year institution

5 students entered the workforce

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Guidance News

By Mrs. Cline

Hay Springs students are having so much fun learning, it is hard to believe March is here. Elementary students have been busy creating "All About Me" posters and sharing in front of the class about themselves. It is not easy to stand in front of your fellow peers and talk about yourself; however, each student has done an amazing job! Elementary will continue with Health Rocks and begin discussing how to make healthy choices. Students will discuss food groups, making decisions, how to deal with stress, and being the best I can be. These are topics that will be discussed, please talk to your student about what they are learning in guidance and ask questions. Students work hard and enjoy sharing what they learn.

Beginning in March, 5th-8th grade will begin a series through 4-H called "Real Colors." Melissa Mracek will be presenting this program which allows students to better understand themselves and others. Real Colors is designed to improve communication and to create positive relationships. Our goal is for our students to have a better understanding of who they are and how they react to others. This program is research based and I hope to bring fun into learning about ourselves. Again, please take time to talk to your student about what they are learning in guidance. Middle school students have also made "All About Me" posters and have shared them with their peers. It has been fun learning more about our students here at Hay Springs and their interests outside of school.

Also beginning in March, 9th-12th grade will begin Sean Covey "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" presented by Melissa Mracek through 4-H. This program will address helping make tough decisions, help improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve goals, and how to get along with parents and others. This program is a fun interactive learning which we hope finds our students to engage in their own learning. Please ask your student questions as parents learn from asking questions.

Mr. Chuck Elley (Speaker)

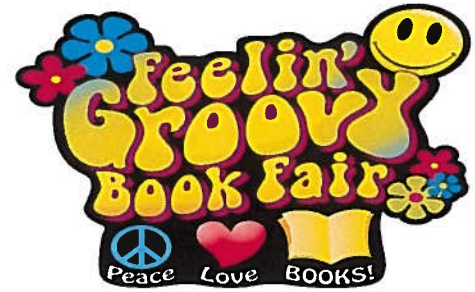
By Mrs. Cline



Last month Mr. Chuck Elley came to speak to grades 5th-12th about "Current Drug Trends." The students stated "they enjoyed him coming and learned so much information from him." Mr. Chuck Elley is a retired state trooper who has 28 years experience in the panhandle and was able to talk to students about the effects of drugs and making the right choices. Mr. Elley will return at the end of March to speak about texting while driving and being safe while driving. We welcome parents to attend. If you have questions please let me know, heather.cline@hshawks.com.

BOOK FAIR COMING

Book Fair is coming and it's time to "Feel Groovy." Monday, March 14th the books will be out in the library. As always, the fair will be open all evening during Parent Teacher Conferences. The online book fair will be running before and after the in-school fair.



Watch the web page for the link when it is up and active. The online fair features more books than we can carry at the school. Any books ordered from the online fair will be delivered free of charge to the school.

QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION

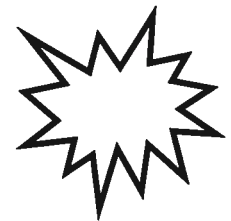
The Hay Spring Middle Level and High School Quiz Bowl teams will be competing at the Panhandle Conference Tournament on Friday, March 18. The competition will be held in Morrill this year. There will be two high school teams and one middle level team.

The teams are coached by Carole Matthews and Brad Bounous.

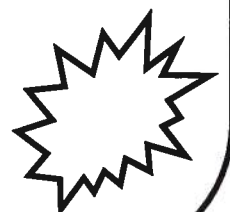
The Cafeteria will be hosting a special day each month. On this day, students are encouraged to invite someone to eat lunch with them. Adult Lunch is \$3.45 which includes the meal and unlimited Fruit & Vegetable Bar.



March's Special Day is
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Invite a Guest or two!
(aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa, neighbor, friend)
On March 17th.



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



Music Notes

By Raime Varvel

Congratulations to Daniel Hunzeker for being selected to this year's Class D All State Band held in Kearney, NE. This band will rehearse on Saturday, March 9th with a concert at 5pm CST on UNK's campus.



High school music students are selling Little Caesar's pizza kits. Please let the office know if you would like to purchase a kit and we'll make sure you are visited by a student!

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!

- *3/7/16-PANCO Music contest in Hemingford (ML-who have earned their blue belts in book 1 & HS students)
- *4/8-4/9-HS music trip to Denver
- *4/14/16-Elders Wisdom Program (K-3rd grade)
- *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.



Hay Springs Junior Wrestling Tournament

Saturday, March 12th 2016

10:00 a.m.

Lister-Sage Gymnasium

Check in by 9:00 a.m.

Wrestling Starts at 10:00 a.m.



Hay Springs Youth Baseball & Softball

By Jim Varvel



It's hard to believe it's nearly March and we are already talking about Softball and Baseball. Hay Springs participates in the Highway 20 league for Softball and the Sandhills Baseball Association for Baseball. We are beginning sign-ups early to determine the amount of teams we have in each age group. **You will begin to see sign-up forms coming home with your kids in early March and we will also offer sign-ups during Parent/Teacher conferences on March 17th.** If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me at (308)320-4445. Fee Scholarships are available upon request. Here are the Age Groups:

Boys T-ball – Must be 4 before 5/1/16
 Boys Kid Pitch – Must be 7 before 5/1/16
 Boys Cal Ripken – Must be 10 before 5/1/16
 Boys Babe Ruth – Must be 13 before 5/1/16

Girls T-Ball – Must be 5 before 1/1/16
 Girls Pixies – Must be 7 before 1/1/16
 Girls Freshman – Must be 9 before 1/1/16
 Girls Juniors – Must be 12 before 1/1/16
 Girls Seniors – Must be 15 before 1/1/16

FCA NEWS

The Hay Springs FCA Huddle continues to meet each week on Monday's during the Junior High and High School lunch hour.

We have some very important upcoming events and camps. We are again planning to host a **fun night on Thursday, March 3rd for all junior high and high school students.** If you are not familiar with these events, we typically invite a CSC athlete to speak, eat some food and play games.

Most importantly, the Hay Springs FCA is willing to pay a portion of fees and students can earn their entire tuition with scripture memorization to attend one of the camps below. One thing to note, these camps qualify for those entering 6th thru 12th grade next school year.

Junior High Power Camp April 2nd Gering, NE (5th-8th Graders)

I will coordinate travel to this event if your student is interested

Distance Running Camp June 14-17th Scottsbluff, NE

Black Hills Sports Camp June 21-25th Spearfish, SD

(Sports Available: Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field, Cross Country, Tennis, Golf and Swimming) Bus transportation is available from Chadron

These camps are high quality camps hosted by Division I and II coaches and athletes. Any parent or student is encouraged to speak with Jason Badje or Jim Varvel in regards to the program or camp. Information can also be found on the Nebraska FCA website at www.nebraskafca.org.

God Bless,

Jim Varvel

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

By Linda Kedrna

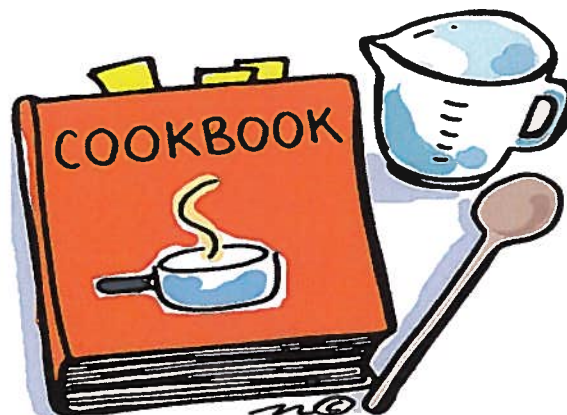


In appreciation for the support of our community, the students at HSH would like to “give back” to Hay Springs. We are seeking businesses, groups, organizations, and even the elderly who are in need of help. Teacher supervised groups of students are willing to wash windows, stock shelves, clean shops, rake lawns or scoop snow if necessary. We are willing to assist in any way needed.

Our “Give Back to the Community Day” is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2016. In the event of inclement weather, April 27, 2016, will be the alternate date. If you would like to be added to our list, please call the high school office at 638-4434.

School/Community Cookbook

By Ashley Agler



Calling all cooks! The Hay Springs Journalism Class is collecting recipes for the 2016 School/Community Cook Book. We hope to have it available for purchase December 2016 at the annual Santa Soup Cook Off. We know there are a number of talented cooks in and around our area. Please submit your recipes to rob-shimek@hshawks.com or mail to 407 North Baker or hand deliver it to the school. This cookbook will make a great keepsake for all!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

March 17th

4:15 to 8:00 p.m.

Pick up report cards at the office before your conference.

Glow in the Dark! Middle School Winter Ball

Middle School Winter ball was held Friday, February 19. The students enjoyed the "Glow in the Dark" theme. We had black lights, glow in the dark punch, neon necklaces and bracelets, and glow in the dark paint all over! Larel and Megan willingly supplied the music again! We even had a few high schoolers come and enjoy!

This Year's Royalty:

Prince: Levi Glines, Princess: Katie Agler

Congratulations to both of them!



Big thank you's go out to Larel and Megan Reimann, Miriam Kearns, Robin Shimek and Julie Miller for helping to chaperone. Thank you to those Student Council parents that sent snacks, and thank you to the students for coming and enjoying!!!

Tech Tips

By Mr. Reimann



How many times have you lost the work you are doing on your computer? It could be because of a battery failure or, more likely, the program you were using crashed. This can be avoided by saving your work to your local device(My Documents or anywhere else on the C: drive) often, not just when you are finished writing. But losing work is even easier to avoid if you are using Google Docs.

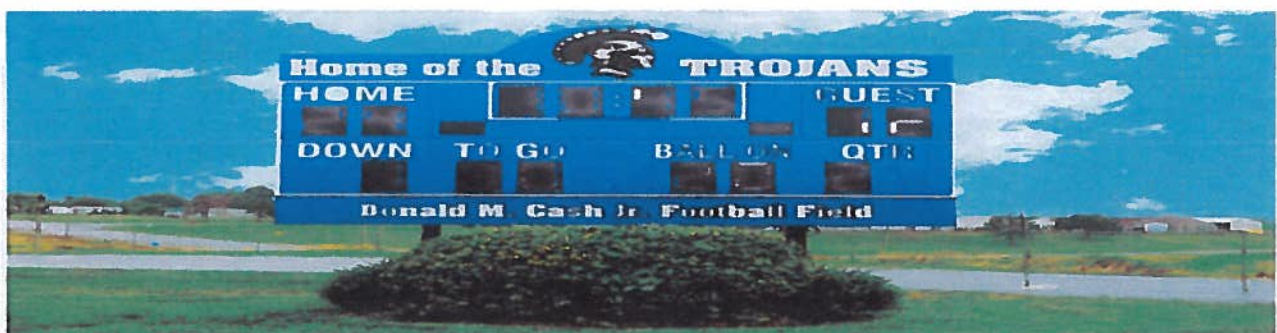
Every student at Hay Springs Public School has a Google account provided by the school. If you create a document in Google Docs it saves as you type. Not only is Docs more stable than Windows, but if your laptop has a hardware failure, you can simply move to a different computer and pick up where you left off. And when you are ready to turn that document in for a grade, you can simply share it with a teacher rather than having to print it or attach it to an email.

**Hay Springs Schools is purchasing
a new Football Scoreboard.**

**Advertising opportunities are available
at a cost of \$3000 for 10 years.**

**Advertising slots are available on first come first
serve basis.**

**Call the school at 638-4434 or Linda Kudrna for
more information.**



Get your Garden off to a Growing Good Start!

Participants will:

- Learn how to start plants indoors
- Start planning their own garden
- Be able to apply what they learned to their personal garden
- Learn from an expert!

At: Lil' Ladybug Greenhouse

Friday, March 11th

From: 9 to 11 am

Cost: \$5

To register:

Contact Nebraska Extension—

Sheridan County

308-327-2312

mmracek2@unl.edu

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Academic Year Calendar

Hay Springs Public Schools

Early Childhood - Elementary - Middle Level - High School

Approved - 1.11.16

August 16						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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February 17						
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June 17						
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MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL						

Summer School is mandatory for non-proficient students.

September 16						
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May 17						
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NOTES:

Students' 1st Day - Dismissal at Noon.

Parent-Teacher Conference Day: Regular school hours - PTC's 4:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Students' Last Day - Dismissal at regular times.

Notes

T = TEACHER INSERVICE DAYS
X = NO SCHOOL

I = STUDENT'S 1ST/LAST DAY
P = Parent-Teacher Conferences
Q = Quarter Ends

SCHOOL HOURS:

AM PreK - 8:00 to 12:00

PM PreK - 12:00 to 4:00

Elementary - 8:00 to 4:00

Middle School - 8:00 to 4:15

High School - 8:00 to 4:15

Quarter 1 Ends: 10/13/16 (35 days)

Quarter 2 Ends: 12/22/16 (38 days)

Quarter 3 Ends: 3/9/17 (38 days)

Quarter 4 Ends: 5/25/17 (42 days)

MONTH: Student - Teacher

Aug: 11 - 14

Sep: 16 - 16

Oct: 17 - 18.5

Nov: 16 - 17

Dec: 13 - 13

Jan: 17 - 18

Feb: 16 - 17

Mar: 16 - 16.5

Apr: 15 - 15

May: 16 - 17

Total: 153 - 162

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		B/BB District Finals 1	2	G/BB State FCA FUN NIGHT 3	JH VB Camp 4	5
6	PANCO Music Contest 7	8	9	B/BB State Quarter 3 ends 10	VB Open Gym 8-11 am 11	Hay Springs Junior Wrestling Tournament 12
Daylight Savings Time 13	Book Fair 14 th -21 st after school 14	2 nd Grade – Field trip to Chadron 15	ASVAB TESTING – Junior's (Catholic Church) 16	Parent Teacher Conferences St. Patrick's Day 17	Quiz Bowl – PANCO @ Morrill VB Open Gym 8-11 18	Class D All State Band @ UNK HS Track @ CSC Indoor TBA 19
	Chuck Elley Speaker 2:30 – 4 (9 th -12 th) 20	21	22	HS TR @ Morrill Early Bird Meet TBA 23	24	Good Friday 25
Easter Sunday 27	28	29	30	HS Choir to Pioneer Manor 1pm 31		26

MARCH

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FEBRUARY 2016

APRIL 2016

Notes:

Practices:

Youth G/BB – 4:30-6 pm – Every Tuesday & Wednesday

Youth VB – **Starting March 7th** Every Mon & Wed.
4-5pm 3&4th grade
5-6pm – 5&6th Grade
Tues & Thurs – 3-6th Grade (Everybody)

Girls on the Run – **Starts March 15th** Every Tuesday & Thursday 4-5pm



MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Menus are subject to change		1 Breakfast: Egg omlette/Cereal Lunch, Beef Patty/PBJ/boxed meal	2 Breakfast: Sausage biscuit Lunch: Taco Casserole or Walking Taco/PBJ/Boxed Meal, Cake	3 Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza, Sliced Fruit, Milk Lunch: Pizza/PBJ/Boxed meal	4	5
6 Breakfasts include: cereals/and cereal bars/ yogurt/cheese	7 Breakfast: Pancakes, banana, Eggs Lunch: Chicken Alfredo/PBJ/ Yogurt Meals	8 Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, juice, Milk Lunch Spaghetti/PBJ/Boxed meal	9 Breakfast: Turn Overs/ Muffin, Pineapple, Milk Lunch, Hamburgers/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	10 Breakfast: Biscuit n Gravy/Cereal/Fruit Lunch: Tacos/PBJ/Boxed Meals	11	12
13	14 Breakfast: Egg w/cheese, peaches, muffin: Lunch: Corn Dogs/PBJ/Yogurt Meal, cookie	15 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Pudding, juice, Lunch Chicken Fajitas/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	16 Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, Fruit Lunch: Ham or chicken, Cheesy Potato/PBJ/Yogurt meal	17 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza/Cereal/Fruit Lunch: Cheeseburger Caserole/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	18	19
20	21 Breakfast: Biscuits n Gravy Lunch: Burritos/PBJ/Yogurt Meal,	22 Breakfast: Pancake on a stick/Cereal/Fruit Lunch: Tator Tot Casserole/PBJ/Yogurt Meal, Cake	23 Breakfast: Pastries/Cereal/Fruit Lunch: Variety of Soups/PBJ/ Boxed Meal	24 Breakfast: Waffle Sticks/Cereal, Fruit Lunch: Lasagna/PBJ/Boxed Meal	25	26
27	28 Breakfast:Scones/Cereal/P fruit Lunch: Tacos/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	29 Breakfast: Danish/Muffins/cereal Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/PBJ/Boxed Meal	30 Breakfast: Sliders/muffins/cereal Lunch: Roast Beef/Ham Sandwiches/PBJ/Boxed meal	31 Breakfast: Egg Muffin, peaches, Milk, Lunch Mandarin Orange Chicken/PBJ/Yogurt Meal		
Fruit and Veggie bar is available each school day	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.