Hay Springs Public Schools January 2016

Superintendent's News

Start of 2nd Semester



WELCOME 2017!!! 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 2nd 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 attending school every day! I ask that you schedule appointments and trips on Fridays. With only 80 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 challenging the entire student body to bring in canned food items. The students had a chance to collect up to 3000 items to receive the maximum of two hours of free time. Students collected a total of 585 items/cans. Thank you to everyone at donated!

<u>Don't bring Christmas toys to school</u>: Please remind your children not to bring their Christmas toys to school. Besides the distraction, toys are lost, damaged, and sometimes come up missing. We provide the playground equipment for our students.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday break!

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Music Notes

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Congratulations to the following 7th & 8th grade students for being selected to perform in the "Singing Youth of Nebraska" choir. These students will learn all the music in advance and then come together and perform with other students from around Nebraska on Saturday, January 28th in Gering NE.

- -Soprano's- Ashley Tobiasson, Jazzy Smith & Bailey Scherbarth
- -Alto's-Rylee Wolken, Laney Smith, Joce Varvel & Gabe Varvel
- -Tenor's-Sam Hindman & Spencer Kadlecek
- -Bass-Logan DeCoste

Congratulations to Johnny Toof, Samantha Kearns and Erin Kadlecek for being selected for Oregon Trail Honor Band held in Gering, NE on Monday, January 9th

Congratulations to Payton Schoenhals for being selected for High Plains Honor Choir held at Chadron State College on February 6th & 7th.



Sandhills State Bank for donating the Senior banners that are hanging in Lister-Sage.

From the Senior Class

Library Stories

By Mrs. Matthews

Students in the elementary had fun exploring computer activities. Over the weeks they rotated between four activities. At the pixilation station they observed how the number of pixels per inch affected the detail of a picture. At the robotic station learned how our new robots Dash and Dot worked. There is much more to learn about these robots than the students were able to discover in thirty minutes. Then there was the binary station. Students used the binary code chart to create their initials on a beaded bracelet. The final station was doing one of the many activities on code.org. Thanks to Jennifer Wohl who helped keep things running smoothly.







Counselor's Notes

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reader.

Here are six ways that parents can help their children with reading:

Provide many opportunities for your child to read books or other materials. Read aloud to your child. Research shows that this is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success. Keep reading aloud even when your child can read independently.

Make time for the library.

Play games like Scrabble®, Spill and Spell™, Scattergories®, and Balderdash™ together.

Follow your child's interests, and find fiction and nonfiction books that tie into these interests. You can use a third-party e like The Lexile Framework for Reading to help find the right book for your

Work crossword puzzles with your child. Give a magazine subscription as a gift.

Here are five ways that parents can help their children with mathematics:

Spend time with kids on simple board games, puzzles, and activities that encourage strong math skills. Even everyday activities, such as playing in a sandbox or in a bath tub can teach children math concepts such as weight, density, and volume. Check your TV listings for shows that can reinforce math skills in a practical and fun way.

Encourage children to solve problems. Proride assistance, but let them figure it out emselves. Problem solving is a lifetime skill. The kitchen is filled with opportunities to teach fractional measurements, such as doubling and dividing cookie ingredients. Point out ways that people use math every day to pay bills, balance their checkbooks, make change, and calculate a tip at restaurants. Involve older children in projects that incorporate geometric and algebraic concepts, such as planting a garden, building a bookshelf, or figuring how long it will take to drive to your family vacation destination.

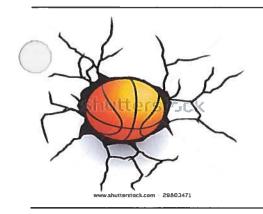
Children should learn to read and interpret charts and graphs, such as those found in daily newspapers. Collecting and analyzing data will help your child draw conclusions and become discriminating readers of numerical information.

While teachers play an integral role in the education of children, it goes without saying that parental involvement makes the biggest difference in a child's scholastic success.

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.





Girls and Boys Basketball Parent's Night February 10, 2017 Meet at 4:30 pm in the back hallway.

Elder's Wisdom 2017 Honorees are Pat & Pat Dorshorst! Elders Wisdom program will be held April 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars



STUCO

by Ms. Holtmeier



HAPPY NEW YEAR from Hay Springs Public School Student Council!!!

Our 2016 food drive ended with 585 items. Thank you to all who donated, because of you, about 50 local families that are struggling this year will have a box of food and/or hygiene items delivered to them! We have done better in the past, hopefully next year more students will step up and help! Student council members gained about 2 community service hours helping to pack the boxes for delivery.

Beginning January 9th and ending January 26th, Student Council will be launching the "Pennies for Patients" program. Please dig deep if you can! If the school raises \$500.00 or more, the top classroom will receive a Pizza Party gift card compliments of the Leukemia/Lymphoma society. All monies raised will go toward helping families of cancer stricken children with gas money, hotels, etc. at the hospitals their children are being treated at. You can donate online at: http://events.lls.org/pages/ne/HAY-SPRINGS-ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL-2017.

The Middle School Winter Ball is slated for Friday, March 17, 2017. It will go from 7 until 10. Parents are more than welcome to come and help chaperone if they like! We will crown an 8th grade girl as Princess and an 8th Grade boy as Prince. Coronation will take place at approximately 8:30.

4H Opportunities

By Melissa Mracek



Starting in January there will be monthly meetings after school in Hay Springs for Clover Kid youth. Clover Kids is a free program to help youth ages 5 to 7 explore different interests, build self-confidence, practice communication skills, and be part of a group. During the meetings youth will practice public speaking by utilizing story rocks, work on design by creating a Clover Bud t-shirt, learn about density while creating a lava lamp, understand how to care for their pets, and experience plant life cycles. The group will meet on January 17, February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18 starting at 4 pm and lasting until 5 pm. The group will practice cooking skills in July. Youth can attend as many as fits into your schedule.

Please contact Melissa Mracek at the Nebraska Extension Sheridan County office at (308) 327-2312 or mmracek2@unl.edu for more information or to sign up to attend the meetings.

The second Engineering workshop will be held on January 13th at the Nebraska Extension in Rushville from 9 am until noon. The cost is \$5 for youth ages 8 to 14. Following the workshop the sewing class will meet at 1 pm to work on their Quilt of Valor. Youth can attend both and just bring their lunch. The sewing class will last until 4 pm. Please contact the Nebraska Exnsion Sheridan County office to register by Monday, January 9th. To register contact Melissa Mracek at (308) 327-2312 or mmracek2@unl.edu.



Legion Auxiliary for bringing in treats and goodies for staff for American Education Week. We appreciated it!

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 \$3.30 which includes the meal and unlimited Fruit & Vegetable Bar.

January's Special Day is Super Bowl Lunch Day On January 31st

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



Quiz Bowl



The Quiz Bowl team has began practicing to compete in the Panhandle Conference contest that will be held in March in Harrison. We have a good team returning that is eager to represent Hay Springs with pride. We practice every Wednesday at lunch. We play an online quiz game called Kahoot! The kids enjoy playing and things get very competitive!

Coaches Brad Bounous and Carole Matthews opened up the idea of holding a Parents vs Students match or Teachers vs Students. Anyone open to the challenge to see if you are "Smarter than a Sixth (Seventh, Eighth, etc.) Grader?" Watch for more news in the New Year. We are looking forward to competing with our kids. We fully expect that we will represent the school with pride.

Home of the Hawks!!

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

January 2017

Winter break: a good time for college prep!

Take advantage of free time over the holidays to do some prep work for college. Here are a few things you can do!

Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our free <u>FAFSA Tools</u> or call us to make an appointment for free help: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT college entrance exam this spring. Here's a <u>list of resources</u> to help you prepare.

Search for scholarships

Use our free <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

Update your Activities Resume

Our free <u>Activities Resume</u> is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

Volunteer

In addition to giving back to your community, your volunteer work can lead to scholarship opportunities. Make sure you track your involvement on your *Activities Resume*.

Juniors...get psyched for a busy spring!

It's critical that you participate in college prep activities this spring so you'll be ready to apply for college and financial aid early next fall.

Activities include:

- taking the ACT
- attending a college fair
- · going on campus visits
- · narrowing your college choices

We'll provide details in next month's bulletin!

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Hay Springs School
Cafeteria
*Breakfast menus
*PK - 12 Lunch Menus
*All menus are served
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*Garden Bar is offered
daily unless posted.



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Report cards will be ready for pickup in the school

office on January 5th

CALENDAR PROPOSALS FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Please return to the school office by January 5, 2017.

Comments Requested: The administration is soliciting constructive input from the community on the 2017-2018 proposed pol calendar. Please let us know which calendar you prefer and include any ideas and suggestions you may have.

My preference:	☐ Calendar 1	☐ Calendar 2	☐ Calendar 3	
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2017-2018

Academic Year Calendar

Hay Springs Public Schools Early Childhood - Elementary - Middle Level - High School

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*This calendar reflects the 16-17 school year calendar with spring break being moved to coincide with state wrestling.

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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

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High School -	8:00 to 4:15

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Hay Springs Public Schools Early Childhood - Elementary - Middle Level - High School

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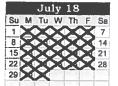
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