

February 2017

Superintendent's News



Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that I want to share with you. Our district is now using SafeSchools Alert, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration. The link for SafeSchools can be found on the left hand side of our district website. I am including in the newsletter a letter briefly describing SafeSchools Alert. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

Have you heard about Hawk Talk? Each month several students will be talking about school, activities, future plans, you name it at the Senior Citizens Building. We had our first Hawk Talk last month and it was a great success! Everyone is invited so watch the school calendar for the next Hawk Talk Event!

100th Day of SCHOOL!!!! This month the students at Hay Springs will be celebrating the 100th day of school. The Elementary Teachers will be serving 100th day pancakes and planning lessons and activities for the day. Spend time this month talking with your child about finishing the school year with the same excitement and enthusiasm that he/she started the year out with.

Legislative Update: All of the bills this session have been introduced. The last official day will be in June. During the sessions stay up to date on all the news by visiting the Nebraska Association of School Boards website at www.nasbonline.org (then click under Government Relations Tab) or visit information provided by the Nebraska Council of School Administration at legislative.ncsa.org

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Girls and Boys Basketball Parent's Night,

Security First Scholarship Hoop Shoot,

and

PEO Soup Supper in the top of Lister

During Girls and Boys Basketball game vs. Garden County on

Feb. 10th 2017

The Nation's Report Card and You

By Mrs. Marx

Hay Springs 8th grade students have been chosen to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as NAEP, on March 7th. You may be thinking that NAEP is just another test, but it's not. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it represents students across the country.

Ever heard of The Nation's Report Card? That's NAEP. The assessment results are released as The Nation's Report Card, and they help the President, Congress, and all of our educators make decisions about how to improve our education system. NAEP is what the general public will hear about on the news when reporters discuss what students are learning.

The actual assessment takes about 120 minutes. During that time, students will take an assessment in mathematics or reading. All students will be asked questions about their educational experiences that may be related to performance, such as homework and reading habits. Student scores are anonymous and will not affect student grades or academic records in any way. Instead, they will be combined with the scores of other students to produce results that reflect student capabilities nationwide.

Students who are selected to participate in NAEP have an important job to do. NAEP will provide a national snapshot of what students have learned in school, and it is essential that students take it seriously, try their best, and answer all the questions they can.

If you would like to see questions or results from past NAEP assessments and learn more about NAEP and why it is important for students, check out NAEP on Twitter and Facebook, or visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/students>.

WANTED:

We are looking for individuals or community groups who are willing to teach a summer fun camp. Summer fun camps may be 1 to 4 days, mornings, afternoons, or full days. We are open to any camp ideas that you may have. Here are some ideas:

Archery
Any Sports
Creepy Creatures
Down on the Farm
Edible Science
Fashion & Make-up
Hometown Heroes
Photography
Splish Splash Water Works
Wearable Arts & Crafts

Please give us a call at (308) 638-4434, if you are interested. We appreciate your help and support.

Jump Rope for Heart

By Rachel Mandelko

Jump Rope for Heart Grades 2nd -5th grade

Jump Rope for Heart will begin February 1st thru February 28th! Parent letters and packets will go out on January 30th & 31st and will need to be returned no later than Feb. 2nd, no matter if your child is participating in the fundraising or not.

Last year our school saved 40 lives with how much money the students raised!! I am going to challenge our students to up that to 50 lives this year!! Remember you can donate to any of the students on line, check (make to AHA – American Heart Association), and or cash. Please help these students raise money to reach their goal.

Last year the organization gave each student Pups, this year the theme is ZOO CREW! The Zoo Crew are great incentives, because the students get them immediately when they raise their money.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rachel Mandelko.

100th Day of School

By Mrs.s. Heiting

The 100th Day of School is tentatively (providing no snow days between now and then) scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. At 8:00 am the Elementary Teachers will be providing a 100th Day of School Breakfast for ALL students PreK-5th grade! Students are also welcome to wear their favorite pajamas on the 100th day!

Student Council

By Mrs. Holtmeier

The “Pennies for Patients” program ended the 26th of January. Our students, with your help and the faculty’s help, raised \$1,323.86.

WOW! Thank you for your generosity!!!

Middle Level winter ball is slated for Friday, March 17 from 7 until 10. The students have decided to host a Luau this year. Students can come wearing bathing suits and grass skirts, or jeans. We will crown a prince and princess from the 8th grade class. Students and Chaperones will vote at the dance. Crowning will take place at approximately 8:30.

L Leave the hard ones for last

E Erase and fix your answers when checking your work

A Add details to your paragraphs to make them more interesting

R Read and reread to dig out answers you need

N Never give up, and do your best!!



College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

All about scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent in art, dance, music, or athletics. Some are based on financial need as determined by the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

It's time to start applying for scholarships. Here's where you can find them:

[ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.

- **Your school counselor's office.** Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.

National search sites such as [College Board](#), [Peterson's](#) and [Chegg](#).

Other resources could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

Here's a scholarship you can apply for now!

Apply by **March 31** for EducationQuest's *Scavenger Hunt Scholarship*. You might win \$500 toward your college education. Here's how it works:

If you haven't already, complete a profile in [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.

"Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.

EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.

Juniors: it's time to find the right fit for college!

Here's how to get started:

Attend a college fair to meet with representatives from colleges that interest you. Upcoming fairs include:

February "To Do" List

Seniors:

- ___ If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- ___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ___ Prepare for the ACT.
- ___ [Register](#) by February 10 for the March 11 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by March 3 for the April 8 ACT.



Firearm Hunter Education Course

offered throughout the month of February, each Saturday morning from 9am-12pm at the Hay Springs Fire Hall

February 4, 11, 18, 25

(Must attend all dates)

Participants must be at least 11 years old and register at [HuntSafeNebraska.org](#)

Call Rick Schneider with any questions 308-638-7638 after 6pm

Music Notes

By Raimé Varvel

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

High School music students are going to attend a concert by the Black Hills Symphony on Saturday, March 4th. In addition to the symphony we will be touring Jewel Cave, eat lunch at Carvers Cafe in Mount Rushmore, play a round of golf and get lost in the maze at Putz-n-Glow and do a little shopping at the mall. Students will be fundraising for this trip by selling Little Caesars pizza kits from Monday, February 13th-Monday, February 27th. Delivery will happen on Wednesday, March 8th. Thank you in advance for your support!

Spring Concert dates have been set. Please add the following dates to your calendars!

Saturday, March 4 ALL DAY Music trip to see the Black Hills Symphony

Monday, March 27 ALL DAY ML/HS PANCO music contest in Morrill

Tuesday, April 11th 7pm ML/HS Pre-Contest concert & Recital

Thursday, April 13th 6:30pm Elders Wisdom 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Tuesday, April 18th ALL DAY District Music contest in Alliance

Tuesday, May 9th 7pm 4th-6th Grade Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 23rd TBA Kindergarten Graduation



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

Girls on the Run

By Mrs. Heiting



Girls on the Run Registration is now open for girls in 3rd-5th grade. The Hay Springs GOTR team will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:15 beginning in March for 10 weeks. The season will conclude with a celebratory 5K in Chadron on May 20th. Girls on the Run is a program to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness through fun activities, games, and exercise.

Tuition for Hay Springs participants this year is \$60. This tuition covers the cost of curriculum and materials, GOTR program t-shirt and backpack for each participant, as well as training and background checks for coaches. There is a Financial Aid option on the website where you register. The deadline for Financial Aid is February 10th. Please keep in mind the national average registration cost for GOTR is \$140.

We are also in need of one coach in order for us to have a team this season! Please contact Kyli Heiting or Kerisa Marx with any questions or to volunteer! To register to participate or volunteer to coach please visit www.gotmenebraska.org. We are looking forward to another great season! Girls on the Run is SO MUCH FUN!

4H Opportunities

Cat workshop

Does your family own a cat but you do not know anything about cats other than they eat cat food? Attend part 1 of the Cat workshop on Friday, February 3rd at 9 am at the Hay Springs School cafeteria. Youth will learn about the different types of cats, how to ensure they are feeding their cat properly, and become aware of different feline diseases. The second part of this workshop will be held on April 7th. During this session youth will learn about parasites and vaccines. At both sessions they will practice the correct way to hold and show their cat at fair. The cost is \$5. To register please contact Melissa Mracek at mmracek2@unl.edu or (308) 327-2312.

Sewing Class

The monthly Hay Springs Sewing class will be on Friday, February 3rd at 1 pm at the Hay Springs School cafeteria. The group will continue to work on sewing their Quilt of Valor, learn about design elements, and a career that involves sewing. Please contact Melissa Mracek at mmracek2@unl.edu or (308) 327-2312, if your child is planning on attending to ensure that there is enough machines.

Clover Bud Meeting

The next Clover Bud meeting will be on Thursday, February 16th at 4 pm. Youth will be creating their own Clover Bud t-shirt. To ensure that correct t-shirt sizes are available for everyone please contact Melissa Mracek at mmracek2@unl.edu or (308) 327-2312, about the size your child will need.

Project House

By Mr. Badje

Finally taking shape. After starting from a bare bones remodeling job, The project house is finally starting to look like a home. Window and door trim, lighting, interior doors, as well as cabinet installation are giving the students some pride in ownership as they reach some of the latter steps in the remodel. Last years classes set the foundation with some framing, new wiring, insulation, windows, and sheetrock hanging and mudding just to name a few of the jobs accomplished.



ACT Prep

The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. But what does this mean for our students? For those students who score high enough it can mean they will not have to pay for college tuition. In order to help our students do their best on the ACT we have decided to contract with John Baylor Test Prep again this year. Participating students will view all twelve, 45-minute sessions of the JBTP ACT Prep course. We will be offering these sessions prior to the April state ACT test date. Please see Mrs. Marx to sign up. In addition we have upgraded our contract and will be providing juniors and seniors with at-home access. JBTP recommends that students participate in both the at-school (Friday) sessions and the at-home components. Students have received their log-in information. Parents if you would like to know if your student is actually utilizing the course you may contact Mrs. Marx.

John Baylor has some parent videos, including *How to Get Into the Best College at the Lowest Cost*, that may be of interest. These can be viewed at <https://www.johnbayortestprep.com/jbtp-public-vignettes>

We are excited to do even more to maximize your child's chance to get into the best college at the lowest cost. Thanks for helping us ensure students prioritize this test.

February 17: 12:30 – 2:30

February 24: 1:00 – 3:00

March 3: 1:00 – 3:00

March 17: 1:00 – 3:00

March 24: 1:00 – 3:00

March 31: 1:00 – 3:00

April 7: 1:00 – 3:00

*Times and Dates may be subject to change.

The John Baylor College Prep Show

Also John Baylor has started a weekly, one-hour radio show, the John Baylor College Prep Show. It is available at the following address: <http://www.johnbaylorcollegeprepshow.com/> There is a link on the hshawks homepage as well.

Hay Springs Public Schools

Report it!

FOR
EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL

911!

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

REPORT TIPS ON:

- Bullying
- Intimidation
- Harassment
- Weapons
- Drugs
- Other

4 EASY WAYS



<http://1516.alert1.us>



1516@alert1.us



855.976.9711



Text your tips

to 855.976.9711



For emergencies, always call 911. All tips submitted to our SafeSchools Alert system are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.



Date: February 1, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that I want to share with you.

Our district is now using *SafeSchools Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

1. **Phone:** 855.976.9711
2. **Text:** Text your tip to 855.976.9711
3. **Email:** 1516@alert1.us
4. **Web:** <http://1516.alert1.us>

You and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any safety issue you're concerned about through SafeSchools Alert.

Every tip SafeSchools Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so that they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janine".

Superintendent/Principal



FEBRUARY 2017



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
Menus are subject to change			1 Breakfast: Egg N Cheese omelettes. Lunch: Hamburgers/Chicken Sandwich, Chips	2 Breakfast: French toast sticks Lunch: Tator tot Casserole, Cookie	3	4 Lunch menu choices available each day are: PBJ/Box Meal/Pizza
5	6 Breakfast: Waffles/Pancakes Lunch: Cowboy Special, cookies	7 Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos Lunch: Fajitas or Mini Corn Dogs, Churros	8 Breakfast: Sausage Muffin/Cereal/fruit Lunch: Breaded Beef, Mashed Potato Gravy, Rolls	9 Breakfast: Biscuits N Gravy/Cereal/Milk Lunch: Spaghetti, Garlic sticks	10	11
12	13 Breakfast: Egg w/ Cheese Lunch: Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, gravy	14 Breakfast: Pancake on a stick. Lunch: Burritos, Chicken Quesos, corn	15 Breakfast: Scones/French Toast Lunch: Chicken Alfredo with Noodles, Green Beans	16 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Variety Soups, Bread Sticks	17	18
19	20 Breakfast: Sliders Lunch: Chicken Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Peas	21 Breakfast: French Toast Lunch: Taco Stix Casserole/Walking Taco, Churros, Corn	22 Eggs & Muffin Lunch: BBQ Pork/Sloppy Joes Sandwich, baked beans	23 Breakfast: Pancakes Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken, or Chicken Nuggets and Rice	24	25
26	27 Breakfast: Dutch Waffles/Waffles Lunch: Hamburgers or Chicken Patty, Fries	28 Breakfast: Casserole. Lunch: Pizza, Corn Pizza Warmer: Burritos & Taquitos				
NOTES: Breakfasts include: Main Course plus cereals/ cereal bars/ yogurt/cheese sticks/fruits/100% Juice and Milk						
Fruit and Veggie bar is available each school day						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				*G/B BB vs. Edgemont 4 pm	4H Cat Workshop 1 9-12 pm	HS WR @ Southeast Goshen County, Yoder WY
				HS WR @ Bayard	ML HAL - CSC	
				1	2	3
		High Plains Honor Choir G/B BB @ Minatare 4:30 pm *JH B/BB vs. Alliance 5 pm	NHS Induction Ceremony 3:45 pm – Old Auditorium	*G/B BB vs Crawford 3:00 pm	*G/B BB vs. Garden Co. 3 pm ** PARENT'S NIGHT (Security 1st HOOP SHOOT) HS WR Districts TBA	HS WR Districts TBA JH B/BB vs Crawford 10 am (just A team)
5	High Plains Honor Choir - CSC	6	7	8	9	10
		Valentine's Day Lunch	"Hawk Talk" – Senior Center ASVAB Testing rescheduled 1pm	Clover Bud Workshop 4 pm STATE WRESTLING Girls BB Sub-districts TBA	Girls BB Sub-districts TBA STATE Wrestling	STATE Wrestling JH B/BB Tourney @ Gordon/Rushville @ Rushville TBA
12	Girls BB Sub-districts TBA	13	14	15	16	17
		Boys BB Sub-districts TBA				
		100 th Day of School				
19	Boys BB Sub-districts TBA	20	21	22	Boys BB Sub-districts TBA	Boys BB Sub-districts TBA
	First Day of Spring Practice (Track and Golf)			STATE Girls Basketball Chuck Elley – Safety presentation	STATE Girls Basketball 4H Cat Workshop 2 1pm-4pm	STATE Girls Basketball HS Music – Black Hills Symphony
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5	6					



FEBRUARY

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Happy Valentine's Day

NOTES:

Home games = IN BOLD *

HAY SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Wednesday, February 8th
3:45 pm in the Old Auditorium

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 \$3.50 which includes the meal and unlimited Fruit & Vegetable Bar.

February's Special Day is
Our Valentine's Day Lunch
Invite Your Valentine(s) to Lunch Day
(aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa, neighbor, friend)
On February 14th.

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

**Thank you Lions Club and Pioneer Manor Nurses for
conducting the Health Screening at Hay Springs Public
Schools.**

