



May 2024

Community Clean-up Day

You may have noticed Hawks of all ages out and about in Hay Springs. It was Community Clean Up Day and we were busy sprucing things up all over town.



GO HAWKS!!

Mrs. Digmann's Scoop



Greetings!

As we near the end of this school year, I stop to reflect on everything that has happened in just a few short months. I have had my first opportunity to work with elementary students, and I love getting to see them everyday. Being from a secondary background, I never thought I would say it, but I do appreciate a good elementary hug to start my day!

This year has been full of changes and challenges having a new principal in the school. I do not do everything the way it used to be and that can be hard and refreshing all at the same time. I appreciate all of you working with me to make and accept that change. This is a great place to work and the students and staff are absolutely amazing. When I interviewed I was asked for consistency, transparency and accountability; I have been working very hard to meet that expectation. I have loved the challenge and I am very thankful to be here.

As we begin to close out one year and move toward the next I would like to thank those staff members who are retiring: Linda Kudrna and Paula Holtmeier. These two ladies have impacted many young lives and will be greatly missed. We also have two staff members who have chosen to make a change: Crystal VanderMay and Dawn Pinnt. I have worked closely with both of these women and we wish them all the best in their next adventure. With these four ladies leaving us we have had a lot of movement and new hires in the building. First, Nichole Marcy will be moving from the title position to the middle school language arts position. Kayla Orr will be moving from 5th grade into the title/library position. With these moves that left 4 positions to fill. I am happy to announce that next year Ashton

Hughes will be the new 2nd grade teacher, Jessica Whetham will be the new 5th grade teacher, Catie Deines will be the new PK-12 special education teacher and Emilee Wells will be the new PK-12 counselor. I am very happy with these new hires and I feel they will all be a great addition to our staff.

In addition to new faces in the building, we are also adopting a new curriculum K-12 in math and in social studies. Teachers will have a lot of training to ensure that our transition into these new resources goes as smoothly as possible.

I hope everyone has a great end of the year and a fun, relaxing summer.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Digmann

Year End Sports Meeting

Students involved in sports activities should be in touch with their coaches as far as summer activities such as leagues and camps go.

Lister Sage Open Gym schedule is as follows:

Weights M-F 5:00

Football Mon/Tues 6:00

Volleyball Tues/Thurs. 6:00

Wrestling/Basketball Wed/Fri 6:00

If you have trouble finding contact information, just email myself or next year's AD

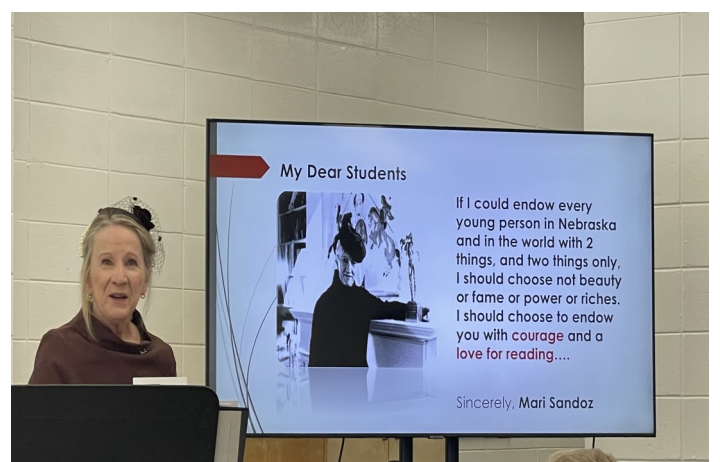
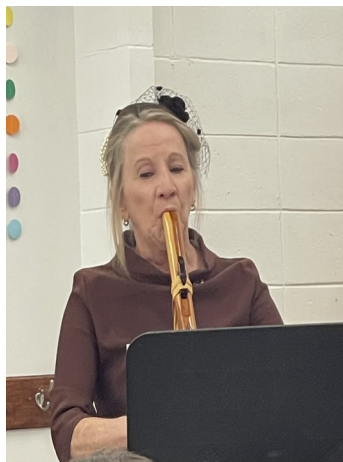
Nichole Marcy, or call the school at 638-4434.

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4th and 5th Grade Mari Sandoz Presentation

Peg Gilbert presented "The Life and Drive of Mari Sandoz" to 4th and 5th graders. They had read Mari Sandoz A Wild Flower by Evelyn B Hisel earlier this year. Peg dressed as Mari and talked of the hardships and challenges of the Sandhills, as well as Mari's accomplishments as an author. Peg's presentation was brought to us by Humanities Nebraska. Humanities Nebraska provides major funding for programs. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and private donations.



Real World Money with 6th grade

By Ms. Garrett

Melissa Mracek has been teaching the 6th graders Real World Money. Mrs. Mracek has visited class a few times, some topics that we have discussed are: how to handle real life money, needs and wants, money personalities, and credit and debit cards. One topic that we found interesting is how using your money wisely is beneficial but could also be scary, if you don't pay on time.

S.M.A.R.T. Financial Goals

S- Specific (clear and specific)

M- Measurable (trackable)

A- Action (what do I need to do)

R- Realistic (is it doable)

T- Timely (have a time frame to complete)



\$5 Sports Physicals

Pre-Physicals for grades 5-11 will be Monday May 6th at 8:30 am. Height, Weight, Blood Pressure and pulse will be done at this time.

Physicals for Hay Springs Students will be:

- **Tuesday, May 7th—5th-11th grades**

Bus leaves at 6:15 am SHARP!

Health history portion of the physical form and the parent signature MUST be completed and returned to the office by Wednesday, May 1st

**STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES NEXT YEAR ARE
REQUIRED TO HAVE A PHYSICAL**

Student Check-Out Procedures

Each student grades K-12 will receive a check-out slip. Outstanding obligations will be added to the student's check-out slip by the corresponding sponsor, librarian, teacher, etc; therefore the office will not be able to tell you what your child owes.

- Each classroom teacher will collect book fines for damaged books.
- Mrs. Marcy will collect payment for lost or damaged library books.
- Mr. Badje will collect payment for missing uniforms, sports equipment, etc.
- Ms. Adriene will collect Hot Lunch money.
- Mr. Reimann will collect Technology repair fees

Each fee must be paid separately to the appropriate person/department before your child will be signed out!

Summer School

June 3 —June 27

Students not scoring proficient on assessments and those failing a class will be considered for summer school this year. Testing is happening in the next couple weeks to help determine our needs.

**Senior transcripts and 2nd
semester report cards will be
available in the
office on June 6th**

FBLA

by Mrs. Sommerville



We are excited to announce the outstanding achievement of two of our students in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State competition, where their hard work has earned them a spot at the national competition.

After preparation and competition at the state level, our FBLA team came out on top, securing their place among the top performers in the state and earning the opportunity to represent our school on the national stage.

Abigail Russell showcased her talent across multiple events, achieving successful results in each. Her skills earned her 7th place in Business Calculations, 5th place in Banking and Financial Systems, and a victorious 1st place in Agribusiness, securing her spot at Nationals.

Lillian Dorshorst achieved remarkable success by placing in the top three positions in two competitive events. Her performance secured her third place in UX Design and second place in Computer Applications. These achievements have earned her a spot to go to Nationals.



Personal Finance Challenge

Several students from HSPS participated in the annual Personal Finance Challenge, where they tackled multiple-choice rapid-fire questions within a 30-minute time frame. Our team, Hawks24, achieved an impressive ranking of number 3 in the Western Nebraska region and number 7 overall. Out of 288 teams in the High School division, including 98 in Lincoln, 91 in Omaha, and 99 in Western Nebraska, our performance stood out.

This achievement has earned our students advancement to the regional competition in Kearney on April 5th.

Members of the team include Jordyn Anderson, Gage Mintken, Hunter McDonald, and Mason Marcy.

Students finished the regional competition in 6th place in the region. At the regional competition, students were given a family scenario and asked to come up with a financial plan for the family. Once finished with the plan students presented their plan to Kearney financial advisors.



HS Track Preview

By Coach Johnson

Our high school track athletes are off to a great start this year and it helps that the weather has been nearly perfect during the meets. This year's coaches are Frankie Johnson and Charles Twarling. We have eight athletes-four women and four men. Seniors are Gage Mintken, Dustin Brien, and Adrianna Haffner. Although we have a small team, they come home with several medals at every meet and many are ranked high in their events for districts. We have nine regular season meets this year, followed by the district track meet on May 8th at Creek Valley. Several of our athletes are showing the potential to make it to state, which will be May 17th-18th. You can follow the schedule and results at athletic.net under Hay Springs High School Track and Field. Come out and cheer us on!

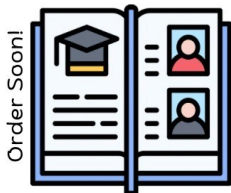


HS Golf Preview

By Coach Badje
By Raime Varvel



Golf is a great lifetime sport, and I always look forward to sharing the game with anyone. We have 15 golfers, along with a new assistant coach, Gabe Varvel, this year. Players consist of Hunter McDonald, Dylan Young, Ayden Diggmann, Heidyn and Riley Johnson, Tripp Buettner, Noah Kelly, Taden and Tanner Tobiasson, Larry Nelson, Alexa Tonjes, Cooper Johnson, Westin Boles, Jordyn and Jarhett Anderson. There are about 8 golf invites this year plus conference, which will be in Rushville this year, districts and state. High School varsity golf teams are comprised of 5 players. 5 compete and the four lowest scores are taken. There are a couple of invites that allow a junior varsity to compete. So while not all fifteen will compete every week, everyone should get a taste of competition. There are some very good prospects for team and individual state qualifiers this year. Spectators are welcome at all meets, so if you have a free day, come cheer on your Hay Springs Golf Hawks.



Order Soon!

2023-2024 Hay Springs High School HAWK Yearbook

We would love to have pictures submitted from our fellow students and community members. Please feel free to send pictures to any of the yearbook students or contact Frankie Johnson.

Our journalism students include:
Chase Brunsch, Taden Tobiasson, Keri Ashley, Andi Twarling,
Reese Varvel, Kya Binger, Alaina Raymer, and Aubry Anderson

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2024 ML/HS Awards

Academic Awards

The 6th-12th grade Academic AND Scholarship awards will be May 6th. The awards program will begin promptly at 3:15pm in the Auditorium.

Included in this program are: Citizenship Awards, Middle School Americanism Essay Contest, Character Awards, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Scholastic Day, President's Academic Achievement, Academic 3.65, Senior Scholarship Slideshow, All classroom awards

Activity Awards

The 6th-12th grade Activity awards will be May 9th. The awards program will begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium.



*Kindergarten Round-up and Preschool Open house will be
May 8th, 2024*

Incoming Kindergarten students will join Mrs. Meeks from 3:00-4:00.

A parent question and answer period will follow.

Preschool will meet Ms. Rasmussen for an open house from 4:-4:30

Kindergarten students need to be 5 before July 31, 2024

Kindergarten Entry Forms: Copy of Certified Birth Certificate, Copy of Social Security card, current eye exam, current Kindergarten physical and updated immunizations.

Preschool students need to be 3 before July 31, 2024

Preschool Entry Forms: Current immunizations and Copy of Certified Birth Certificate



Elementary Track and Field Day 2024

Wow it's almost that Fun time of the year!!! Elementary Track and Field day! This year it will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. (Make that date change on your Hawks calendar)

PK-6th grade will participate in this event. (6th graders must be eligible to participate) These students will be assigned groups based on their height, weight, and age. Their group will have an assigned color of shirt to wear. I will be sending out groups when the date gets closer. Each student will be told which color of group they will be, but if they forget please feel free to dojo message me after May 14th.

Group 1 - Boys- Orange / Girls- White

Group 2- Boys-Green / Girls- Turquoise

Group 3 Boys- Red / Girls- Yellow

Group 4 Boys- Blue / Girls- Purple

Kindergarten will need to wear the color Black or Pink

PreSchool -(ALL -morning, afternoon, boys, and girls) will need to wear the color- TieDye (multi color)

7th -11th graders will help run all the fun and active activities.

Included in these activities will be throwing, kicking, racing, shooting, dancing, board games, and much more!!

We are going to give the athletes 1st/2nd/3rd place at the end of each placing event, instead of at the end of the day.

Cafeteria will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs for the meal that day. Please let the school know if you will be ordering a school lunch that day. The meal will need to have a prepaid lunch ticket to be served. All prepaid lunches must be purchased by Tuesday May 14th.

All families are welcome to attend this fun event but please keep in mind that all children need to be supervised. No playing on the playground equipment and/or the activity equipment.

*****If it is raining we will do different activities in Lister, auditorium, and music room.

2024 Academic Elementary Awards

*KG through 5th grade Academic Awards will be May 22nd after
Elementary Track and Field Day.*

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

SPED MEETING

On May 1, 2024, at 4:30 pm, a meeting conducted by Sheridan County School District #3 will take place in the school cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend nonpublic schools and home schools which are within the Sheridan County School District #3 for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact the office at (308) 638-4434.

TITLE VII MEETING

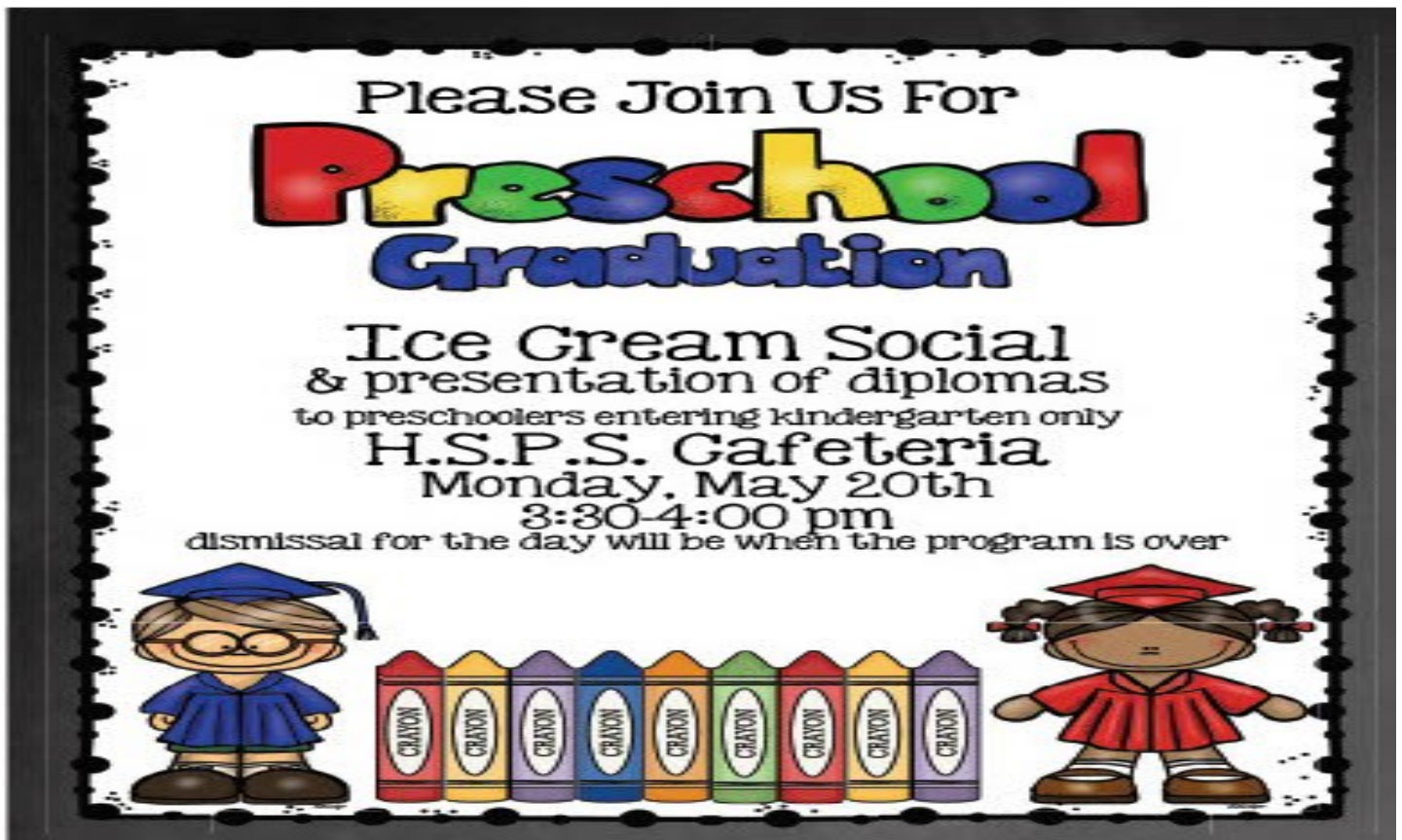
On May 1 2024 at 5:00 pm, a meeting conducted by Sheridan County School District #3 will take place in the cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of Title VII students to participate in the development of a plan for services within the Sheridan County School District #3 for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact the office at (308)638-4434.

Cafeteria News

By Ms. Laura

Summer is right around the corner! Our seniors are saying “goodbye” and everyone else is saying “see you later” – May 23 rd is coming up quick! Here in the cafeteria, we have one more month of tasty meals before we start our Summer Lunch Program. Available June 3 rd – June 27 th , on Monday – Thursday from 11:30-12:15, our Summer Lunch Program will be available to everyone in the community. All kids 18 years old and younger will get a free hot lunch and any adult can also enjoy a meal for \$5.00. Family from out-of-town, friends from other schools, or kids just wanting a quick bite before the pool opens are all welcome and encouraged to enjoy the program. We hope to see everyone over the summer and already miss the ones that we won’t, but we will see you next year! Enjoy the summer and be safe!

The summer lunch program will continue this summer (2024). Kids PK-18 eat free. Adult meals are \$5.00 each. The first day will be June 3rd.



2024 Senior Graduation

On Saturday, May 11th shortly after 2 pm, the Class of 2024 will cross the stage and receive their diplomas.

Class Colors: Black and Green

Class Motto: "The day you take the complete responsibility for yourself, the day you stop making excuses, that's the day you start to the top"

Class Flower: Lavender Football Mum

Class Song: Middle of Nowhere Kids

Congratulations



2024 PROM

The 2024 Prom will be held in the auditorium on April 27th. The Grand March will be held in the auditorium beginning at 8:30. The doors will open to the public at 8:15 p.m. to attend the Grand March and parent dance ONLY. All public, including parents, are asked to leave immediately following the parent dance so that the students can enjoy spending the evening with their classmates and friends.



First Grade Happenings

By Mrs. Heiting

This spring first grade is working with Marie Nelson from our Sheridan County Extension office. We are learning about life cycles. The class made their own representation of a caterpillar/butterfly life cycle. The class has classroom caterpillars and can't wait to see them go through the metamorphosis process!

