

Principal's Corner

We are in the teacher appreciation time zone and I want to share some information created by an AI generator all students and teachers have access to. I typed in a few parameters and then asked it to find reference material that supports the topic. Since we are closing in on teacher appreciation week I thought I would choose a topic related to teachers.

"In recent years, the United States has been facing a significant shortage of teachers, a concern that has been heightened across the nation. One of the primary reasons behind this shortage is the persistently low pay and inadequate benefits offered to educators. Even as inflation rates have risen, teacher salaries have failed to keep pace, making it increasingly difficult for individuals to consider pursuing a career in teaching. Additionally, the demanding nature of the job, coupled with increasing administrative responsibilities, has led to elevated levels of stress and burnout among teachers, further exacerbating the shortage (NEA, 2023)."

After I read the passage, I took a moment to reflect on the current reality in education. This career is ever changing and the demands and accountability have never been higher. Please take time to read this and when you get a chance let your favorite educator know how much you appreciate their time and effort. In addition, please reach out to a former or current teacher that has made a difference for you or your children and thank them for being an educator.

Breakfast of Champions - This year's 3rd quarter Breakfast on Champions list has 24 students on it grade 7-12. We are very proud of the extreme academic effort these students put forward. As part of our 8th hour rolling elective program, students get a list of activities to choose from and to my surprise there is consistently a large number who choose study hall; and to no one's surprise, most who choose study hall are on the A honor roll.

ACT - We are in the final stretch of preparation for the ACT test. This year we will only have 3 students taking the test. This will be the second year of implementation of our ACT program and we are hoping for excellent results. These students have been working one on one with each of their teachers to identify areas of weakness and test taking strategies that will allow them to reach their full potential.

Swimming Lessons - We are getting our students ready for summer time fun. We are taking students to the Worland pool

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April Lunch Menu to ensure that they have basic water safety understanding and hopefully enough swimming ability to enjoy the water without worry. Each elementary PE class spent the afternoon for four days learning basic swimming techniques and improving the skills they already had. Thank you, Mrs. Fox, for dedicating three weeks of PE time to help our student develop this skill!

Book Fair - The 2024 book fair is in the books. Thank you CSO for putting all of it together as I know it takes quite a bit of preparation. I enjoyed seeing so many of our students so excited to get something to read and appreciate that this is a positive experience for them.

WYTOPP - April's arrival brings a focus on WYTOPP. Our elementary school is working on individual student needs and grades 7-10 are looking at the curriculum to make sure all the necessary content is covered. Parents, it is important that they get the sleep and nutrition they need to perform at their best. The testing begins in the middle of April and ends May 10th.

Principal's Corner Continued

FFA Accomplishments - Our FFA is accomplishing great things. Both students and teacher alike are showing what it means to be a Pioneer! Mrs. Forshee received a letter in March and we would like to share a piece of that with you:

Dear Adrienne Forshee,

Every year the Wyoming FFA Association recognizes individuals who devoted their time and talent for the betterment of the State Association and its members. Your knowledge and efforts have not gone unnoticed. To thank you for all you have done, we would like to bestow you with the Honorary State Degree at the 2024 Wyoming FFA Convention.

Congratulations, Mrs. Forshee, on a well-deserved and well-earned award. We are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated teacher leading the FFA program at our school.

With such a great leader it comes as no surprise that great things are always happening in FFA, especially this last month as our students have been earning awards and placing very well in their competitions. One student in particular who I'd like to highlight is Matthew Blutt. Matthew recently earned his State FFA Degree which is no small feet. To be eligible to receive this degree from the state association, a member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
- Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
- While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500, or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program.
- Demonstrate leadership ability by: (A) performing 10 procedures of parliamentary law, (B) giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA, (C) serving as an officer, committee chairperson or participating member of a chapter committee.
- Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
- Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter's Program of Activities.
- Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.
- Have participated in at least 50 hours of community service, within at least two different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

Congratulations, Matthew! We applaud your hard work! Here are a few words from Mrs. Forshee:

"I am honored to have been Matthew Ag Teacher the last 4 years. He chose to stay with an organization that had a fit for him. FFA is not just cows and plows it is leadership and career ready practices. It is service and work. I am amazed when Matthew is labeled "quiet" this kid is anything but. He is not afraid to speak in front of our class, his peers, our chapter. lead at FFA camp or speak to the school board- as you all saw two years ago. Matthew is a leader and I am excited for his path."

We look forward to what the future hold for our FFA students!



FFA Chapter News

FFA is busy as ever..and it is paying off!

Hearing Ten Sleep being called to the stage is the new normal. Seeing these students know they can win is making all the late hours worth it.

March 4th @ Sheridan College Border Wars our Ag. Sales team found themselves in 3rd place with 14 teams to compete against. This was a great contest to get our two new members' feet wet. This team consists of Bree, Eliza, Karidee and Cameron. Our Environmental and Natural Resources team also competed and now better understand how the contest will be run. This is a young team consisting of one Senior, Matthew and three 8th graders, including Macklan, Cash, and Nicholas. I am excited to see their path in the next few years.





Our horse team competed with Allie Griffin leading our high school team and Karidee Gossens leading the middle school team.

Bree Jackson was Regional named Speaking Prepared Champion on March llth. She will represent our chapter at the FFA State Convention. I am grateful a large group of members went to watch her speak showing her support from our chapter.

March 15th, our Horse team was back at it again, this time at



Central Wyoming College CWC. This team consists of high school members Allie and Belle and middle school members Karidee and Breckyn. As there was just one contest, the middle school girls had to judge up, which didn't stop either of them. Karidee Gossens won CWC, earning herself a banner.

March 21st, our ENR, Horse and Ag Sales team all competed at North West College in their prospective competitions. Thank you Mr. Griffin for helping us out getting students to their competitions. Ag. Sales again heard their name called coming in 2nd out of 15 teams. Bree again led the team with all four members right behind her. The students have set goals and know what they need to do to hear their names called at State in April. Our ENR team improved and with every competition. These boys are not going to just sit back; they want to compete.

We are waiting for results on our horse team but every girl gave 3 sets of reasons which I am so proud they completed. Public speaking to judges grows character, courage, and confidence.



FFA Continued

On March 23rd, our Poultry Evaluation team and our Livestock Judging team headed to Casper College at 5am to compete. It was a long day, but hearing your name called during awards makes those early mornings and long days worth it. Our Poultry team earned 3rd HighTeam overall with Kaitlyn leading the team and Will judging up from middle school to compete on this team. Payton and Brooklynn rounded out the team. These students came home with a huge banner. Our Middle School Livestock team ended up 6th judging overall. Cachelynn earned 3 banners with overall champion in Hogs, 2nd in Beef, and 6th Highman. Gavin rounded out our team coming in next. Shelby held her own with Quinlan also competing.

Our Livestock and Poultry Teams will compete April 5 at CWC.

State FFA Convention is right around the corner and I have no doubt Ten Sleep FFA will hear their names called.





Our Ag. Sales team was invited to tour **Oueen Bee Candies** in Lovell. whose company we are representing for this competition. What we thought would be a 45 minute tour turned into 3 hours. I was so proud of how well-mannered our students were and the quality of their questions. It was like touring Willv Wonka's Chocolate Factory. we were all fascinated.







our Biggest Parade yet. We had 5 tractors with students and alumni joining us. We had 9 riders on horseback and all the rest of our members were on our float. On Tuesday, our chapter celebrated our staff with a specially prepared breakfast. And Wednesday was Blue and Gold Day.

I am grateful to live in a community that supports our students 110%. $\sim M_{rs}$. For shee



Music Notes



your attendance at the elementary concert earlier May as well as some boomwhacker music for the last month! The students absolutely loved each and middle school performance at the senior center every song they sang and enjoyed having their own (March 28). concert!

Now, although elementary students are no longer preparing for a concert, the music room is still alive with learning. The kindergarten and first grade students have just begun talking about the Carnival Of The Animals by Camille Saint-Saens, where they will learn how to move to music, play instruments, sing fun songs about animals, and compose their own music! Make sure to ask your kindergartner or first grader about the Carnival of the Animals.

The second and third graders have also been busy playing a large variety of percussion instruments and have learned about "questions" and "answers" in music as well as what "timbre" means.

The fourth graders have just started learning about musical theatre using Sarah Boynton's book, Philadelphia Chickens, which is a musical revue for children. The fourth graders will be learning about how musical theatre productions are put together, important musical pieces and dance numbers involved, and will get to imitate some different key workers of a production! Make sure to ask them about the dancing cows!

Jumping up to our middle and high school bands, the students have been progressing in leaps and bounds! The fifth and sixth graders

I would like to begin with a huge THANK YOU for have been learning two songs for the concert in

The eighth graders have also been super enthusiastic about playing the boomwhackers and also really enjoy preparing for the end-of-the-year performance. Ask your middle schoolers to play a song for you on their instruments, they have been practicing so hard!

Finally, the high school band is nearing their solo and large-group performance on April 15th and 16th. All high school band members have been preparing a solo as well as a few large-group band numbers. We will be heading to Northwest College in Powell to perform the large-group pieces on Monday and their solos on Tuesday in front of a certified adjudicator who will give them feedback on their playing and some advice about how to improve! This is a wonderful opportunity for the students and I encourage all parents/relatives to have their high schooler perform their piece for them before April 16th to prepare!

I continue to thank everyone for their support in the music program here at Ten Sleep Schools and I look forward to seeing you all at the end of the year 5-12 band concert on May 2nd! Happy April!

Musically, Mrs. Kienzle



On Tuesday, March 19. nominated middle school honor band students. Stetson, Kyler, Karidee, Cachelynn, and Breckyn, had a long day of learning, playing, and performing at the North Bighorn **Basin Middle School** Honor Band Festival! They played in a band IO times the size of our middle school band and enjoyed meeting new people and seeing old friends. Make sure to congratulate them on an outstanding performance!

Counselor's Corner

UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS

*Seniors are busy filling out scholarship applications and making post high school plans!

*Elementary Guidance classes are continuing to learn about big emotions, what our bodies do during stress, and how our brains and bodies work together. Classes have learned the word "regulation" and how to balance emotions and match to our environment.

*Testing for grades K-IO will start April I6. The state testing system, WYTOPP, will continue April I6-May IO. Classroom teachers can sign their class up for testing days and times during this testing window. If you plan to be absent, please check with your classroom teacher to help with absences during testing time.

CELEBRATIONS

*The Juniors recently survived the ACT. This is a huge milestone in a high schoolers career!

*BINGO took place at the PT Conference day. Several students attended periodically, stayed, played, and had a lot of laughs.

*Scheduling: there is a possibility for all-year music and all-year art for middle school students next year. We are taking the steps to fine tune this for next year's schedule. They would have the same amount of seat time, it would just be drawn out all year rather than packed in a semester. Teachers are working hard to make this reasonable adjustment.

*A March Big/Little Activity was a success with a lot of smiles and laughter!

Secret Service Club

Our Secret Service club collected over 200 non-perishable food items during our Can-uary food drive. Even into February, we were still receiving donations from our wonderful community!

The secret service fourth graders helped fill the expedition Friday, March lst to donate the items. WMCA happily accepted the donations, and they are looking forward to receiving more next year from us. Thank you to all who donated!



Kindergarten Roundup

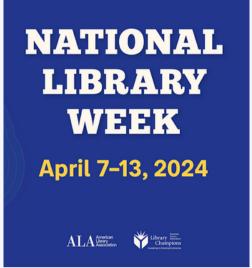
We are planning Kindergarten Roundup on **Thursday**, **May 2nd**. If your child is of kindergarten age (will be five years old by August 1st, 2024), we would like to have him/her come spend the morning at school to meet the teacher, Mrs. Schwarz, and get acquainted. The hours of the Roundup will be 7:58 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. There will be a short parent meeting at 11:25 a.m. Please call the school and let us know if your child will be attending.

We can't WAIT to meet your little one and help them develop a lifelong love of learning!



Library Events

National Library Week (April 7-13, 2024) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. The theme for National Library Week 2024 is "Ready, Set, Library," illustrating the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. At the library's author talks, workshops, and book clubs, Americans can connect with fellow enthusiasts and local experts while building relationships that will last a lifetime. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—the library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

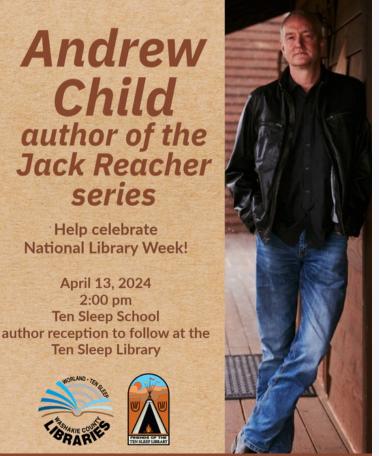


National Library Week Events

Monday, April 24: Right to Read Day, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. State of America's Libraries Report released.

Tuesday, April 25: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 26: National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.



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Thursday, April 27: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

History

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries – school, public, academic and special – participate.

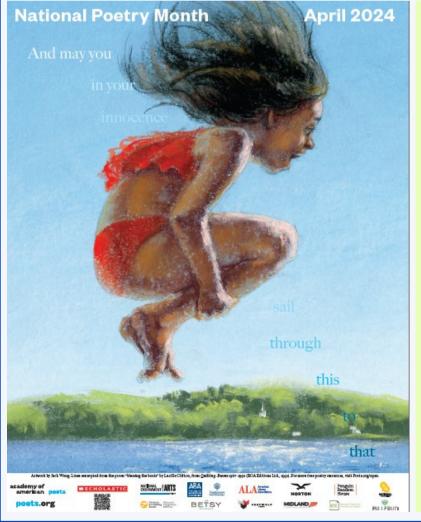
In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

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Library Events Continued

Monday	Tuesday	AFTER THE Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
wonday	Tuesday	wednesday	mursday	rnday
01	02	03	04	05
No ATB	No ATB	No ATB	Spring Birds	No ATB
08	09	10	11	12
Thumbprint Art	Legos/Coloring	No ATB	Sock Puppets	No ATB
15	16	17	18	19
Diamond Dots	Make dog treats & toys	No ATB	Lego Challenge	No ATB
22	23	24	25	26
Cloud Dough	Art day	No ATB	Shadows	No ATB
29	30			
Painting	Outside games			

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April 18 & 19 Bugs April 25 & 26 Cowboys & Cowgirls





Board Briefs

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA (Monday, February 12, 2024)

1. MEETING OPENING

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call: Erin Blutt, Bill Murphy, Shana Harstad, Marc Dykstra, Annie Griffin and Rachel Casteel. Absent was Jared Lyman.

D. Adopt Agenda

Bill Murphy moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Marc Dykstra. Motion carried 4-0.

2. REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Math Presentation - Mr. Anderson with students Jesse Blazo and Kiyoshi Smith

- B. The Pioneer Way Mrs. Griffin
- C. Superintendent Report / New School Update-Mrs. Griffin
- **3. GUESTS AND PATRON COMMENTS**
- A. Visitor Input at Board Meetings Gabhriel Lungren

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Business Manager Report-Mrs. Casteel
- B. Principal's Report Mr. Griffin
- C. Approve Minutes of January 08, 2024, Meeting
- D. Authorization and Payment of Outstanding Bills
- E. Approve Prepaid Bills
- F. Approve Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers

Shana Harstad moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Bill Murphy. Bill Murphy abstained from warrants # 26296 and 16280. Motion carried 4-0.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy First Reading 5.36 School Day, 5.37 Hot Lunch, 5.38 Lunch, 5.39 Home School, 5.40 Student Residency, 5.40.1 Admissions of Suspended or Expelled Students from Other School Districts, 5.40.2 Admissions of Non-Resident Students, 5.40.3 Transportation, 5.41 At Risk Students, 5.42 Student Request for Financial Support, 5.43 Appeal, 5.44 Grievance Procedure and 6.11 Drug Testing Marc Dykstra moved to approve first reading. Seconded by Shana Harstad. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Second Reading Policies 5.29 Student Dress and 5.34 School Events Calendar Bill Murphy moved to approve second reading. Seconded by Marc Dykstra. Motion carried 4-0.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 7. NEXT MONTH BOARD AGENDA ITEMS
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn the Meeting Chairperson Erin Blutt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.



April 2024			$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
Apr 1 Easter Break, No School	2 6:30pm CSO Meeting in Cafeteria	3	4 7:00pm DC Trip Meeting	5 Blue Friday, Afternoon Classes FFA CWC Contest Golf @ Worland MS Track Meet WMS	6 HS Track Meet in Worland Prom		
8 School Decord Massime 7:00	9	10	11 State FFA (12	13		
School Board Meeting 7:00			7:00am Art Intensive, Sheridan College	Golf @ Powder Horm Red Friday, Morning Classes	HS Track Meet in Powell Golf @ Kendrick MS Track Meet in Lovell 2:30pm Library Event in Gym		
15 High School Band Per Midterms go out	16 formance Assessment	17	18 State Art Symposium WYTOPP 4th Grade Science	19 HS Track Meet in Shoshoni Blue Friday, Afternoon Classes Golf @ Thermopolis	20 MS Track Meet in Shoshoni		
22	23 Skills USA State Conference in Caspe	24 8:15am WYTOPP 4th ELA- BoardRoom! (Board Room)	25	26 HS Track Meet in Buffalo MS Track Meet in Burlington Red Friday, Morning Classes	27 7:00pm 8th Grade Lock-In		
29	30 WYTOPP 2nd-5th Grade ELA (4th in Board Room!) 3:30pm 4-H meeting in Cafeteria 6:00pm FFA Awards Banquet	May 1	2	3	4		

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April 2024

Ten Sleep School Lunch Menu

Easter Break	01	Easter Break	02	Chicken Patty With Mashed Potatoes White Pepper Gravy Hot Rolls Fruit Milk	03	04 Tater Tot Casserole Peas Peaches Milk	Choice of Ham Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk	05
Chicken Chip Casserole Vegetables Fruit Munchkin Muffins Milk	08	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk	09	1 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Egg Hash Brown Oranges Milk	10	11 Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Vegetables Fruit Milk	Beefy Nachos Lettuce Salad Refried beans Fruit Milk	12
Cheese Pizza Or Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Lettuce Cottage Cheese Milk	15	Beef & Noodles Peas Fruit Milk	16	Ham & Cheese Slider Or Turkey & Cheese Slider French Fries Fruit Milk	17	18 BBQ Chicken Drumsticks Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Fruit Milk	19
Sloppy Joe French Fries Fruit Milk	22	Chef Salad Fruit Milk	23	2 Fish Sticks Or Chicken Nuggets Vegetables Fruit Milk	24	25 Turkey & Cheese Wrap Vegetables Peaches Milk	Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk	26
Grilled Cheese With Tomato Soup Or Potato Soup Fruit Milk	29	Beef Taco Refried beans Fruit Milk	30					

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Balance	Eyes	Face Drooping	Arm Weakness	Speech Difficulty	Time
person having trouble with balance or coordination?	person experiencing blurry vision, double vision, or sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes	side of the face drooping or numb? Can the person properly smile?	arm weak or numb? Can the person raise both arms? Observe if one arm drifts	person experiencing slurred speech or unable to speak? Are they hard to understand?	call 911

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke.

When a stroke occurs, it's important to recognize the signs and to act fast.

Remember the acronym "BE FAST".

For more information, facts, and statistics on strokes, visit https://www.cdc.gov/strok e/facts.htm