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WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

Levi Collins Principal

December 2020 / January 2021

Principal's Corner

Principal's Message,

With the end of the year coming so comes the end of the 1st semester here at Ten Sleep Schools. If you are like me, you can hardly believe how fast this school year has gone. Our students and teachers continually amaze me with their accomplishments and dedication to learning even in tough times. Thanksgiving has reminded me of how grateful I am to be a part of this school and community and many wonderful things this school offers to students. I have worked at various schools, many of which I was scared to let my children attend, but I am excited and happy to endorse this school to not only my children but all children in our community. This is truly a wonderful place to raise a family with dedicated professional teachers.

This month, I would like to highlight policy that deals with student achievement. We believe that students who work hard to achieve great marks need to be recognized and rewarded for their hard work. With the end of the semester approaching, it seems fitting to highlight students who go the extra mile to achieve high marks at school. According to Policy 5.10 Honor Roll and Policy 5.11 Honor Time: 5.10 HONOR ROLL- Since good grades merit recognition of fulltime students, Washakie County School District #2 will publish an "A" Honor Roll and "B" Honor Roll for middle school and high school students at the close of each nine -week period and semester. The "A" will consist only of students whose grades area all A's. Students must have at least six classes that are graded on the A-F scale to qualify. The "B" will consist of students who have no grade that is lower than a "B". Students must have at least six classes that are graded on the A-F scale to qualify. Any grade of Failing will automatically eliminate a student from the honor roll.

5.11 HONOR TIME- Honor time will be granted to any high school student who is on the "A" Honor Roll. Honor time will be granted by the amount of one-half day for each achievement on the "A" Honor Roll. This time may be accumulated to one day per semester and may be used in any way that the student and his/her parent/guardian see fit, providing the administration is informed prior to its use. Time may not be accumulated beyond one semester from the time it is earned. Students will need to make arrangements for completion of any class work missed during honor time.

Honor Time is but one example of how we reward students who work hard to achieve high marks. We also create certificates for our Honor Roll Students, recognize them in front of the whole school and hand out gift cards (from the CSO) on occasion to show them the importance of their achievements. We are

grateful for our hard working students and we encourage them to use honor time and other benefits they receive for being great students. We could all use a mental health day in these times and honor time is a great way to get that without penalty. When you see a student or classmate who has achieved high marks, please congratulate them and let them know they have our support for their hard work.

Our Middle School Girls' Basketball Team sadly had their season cut short due to the pandemic. We apologize to them and their families but it was great to watch them while we were able and we look forward to their future. Practice is almost underway for Boys' and Girls' High School Basketball. We are looking forward to their seasons with excitement as they represent our community. Go Pioneers!

Thanks for your support in making our school and community a great place to be.
With Pioneer Pride,
Levi Collins



Parent Notes

Build your child's enthusiasm about school and learning

A child's attitude about school affects his desire to learn. And with all of the uncertainty and changes this year, your child's motivation may be lagging.

To encourage enthusiasm for education:

- Be a role model. If you have a positive attitude about school, your child is more likely to feel the same way. In addition to saying good things about school, make it a point to attend virtual parent-teacher conferences and school meetings for families. Supervise your child's work time when possible and show interest in what he's learning.
- Compliment success. When your child works hard, be sure to speak up! This helps him make a connection between effort and the good feeling of success.
- Link lessons to real life. Show your child how what he learns can help him in real life. Math skills may help him spend money wisely. A vocabulary word may show up in a favorite book.

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Help your child see mistakes on tests as learning opportunities

Your middle schooler probably knows that a test is an assessment of what she has learned. But does she know that a test is also a way to learn? Unless your child is perfect, each test she takes should be a learning experience for her.

To help your middle schooler learn the most from tests, encourage her to:

- Jot down thoughts about the test as soon as possible after taking it. What did she struggle with? What does she think she knew best?
- Keep the test if the teacher gives it back. Some teachers require students to correct their tests. If her teacher doesn't, your child should correct it anyway, and save it to use as a study guide for midterms or finals.
- Figure out what kinds of mistakes she made. Were they careless errors? That is a warning to pay closer attention when answering. Were they errors representing a lack of knowledge? Suggest that she come up with ways to study more effectively next time—such as by taking notes from the textbook or making a study guide. If she doesn't understand a concept, she could find a video explanation online.

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Your teen can stay focused on learning with these strategies

For some students, the school year is already getting old. To motivate your teen to remain focused and do her best, encourage her to:

- Learn the difference between doing schoolwork and studying. Doing schoolwork means completing assigned work. Studying means making an effort to learn and remember the material. Make sure your teen allows enough time to study every day.
- Manage her time. Does your teen always put things off until the last minute? Show her how to break down those big papers and projects into smaller, more manageable parts.
- Accept an academic challenge. Some teens just coast by, taking the easiest courses and doing the least work possible. But to prepare for college and a good job, they need to step up. Is your teen taking rigorous classes? Is she doing her best? If not, how can she increase the challenge level?

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Library Corner

Ho! Ho! Ho! Please help bring in the holiday season by supporting the "Ten Sleep Friends of the Library Christmas Silent Auction". Bidding begins December 1st and ends at 5:00 pm on December 15th. No need to be present on the last day, we will call the winners after 5:00 pm and you can drop in to pick up your item! Many wonderful items have been donated by local community members to support this annual event. All items are on display and we are still accepting donated Christmas and new gift items.

Coming soon! The new digital library "OverDrive". You will be able to borrow and read free digital audio, ebooks, and videos. All you need is a library card. The collection will have all reading levels and genres. With over 15,000 audio books, 500 ebooks and 600 videos. I am sure you will find something you like, AND this collection will continue to grow! We thank the Washakie County Library Foundation for supporting this new subscription for all of Washakie County. Watch for more information as we prepare to go

The Washakie County Library and Ten Sleep Branch are county owned buildings. We are observing the county wide mandate to wear masks while in the building. We also continue to offer curbside service. Please call ahead 366-2231 and we will

be able to accommodate your library needs.

The Ten Sleep Library will be closed December 24th thru the 26th and December 31st thru January 2nd.

Nurse's Corner

Even if the holidays look different for your family this year, we all know they will still be filled with fun and great food. Here are some healthy eating tips to help you master your holiday meals!

Choose foods wisely. At a holiday meal, don't try to eat everything. Go ahead and enjoy the dessert but eat it in moderation. Make sure to incorporate fruits and vegetables with your meal.

Take a break before getting seconds. It takes some time for your brain to realize you're full. Take some time to enjoy good conversations and drink some water before getting seconds. After some time has passed, reevaluate how hungry you are. You may realize you only want a small portion of seconds or that you saved just enough room for your favorite holiday dessert.

Be creative with your holiday cooking. Try to incorporate recipes that use less butter, cream, and other ingredients rich in saturated fats. Try swapping unsweetened applesauce for oil in a dessert or greek yogurt for sour cream.

Don't skip meals. Letting yourself get too hungry can make it easy to overeat. If you're planning to eat your favorite holiday meal for supper, make sure to still eat a healthy lunch.

Get enough sleep. With how busy the holidays get, it is easy to get off a good sleep schedule. However, if you're sleep deprived you'll be more likely to want high-fat, high-sugar foods. Make sure to get enough sleep at night to avoid mindless, tired eating.

CSO

CSO will meet on December 1st at the school at 5:30. Please watch for some exciting new things coming up.



Board Briefs

Washakie County School District #2 School Board Minutes October 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Washakie County SD #2 Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jared Lyman. Present were board members Jared Lyman, Mona Sindelar, Terril Mills, and Megan Truman. Absent was Chuck Powell. Also present were Superintendent Jimmy Phelps, Principal Levi Collins, Business Manager Connie Gay and Administrative Assistant Neysha Lyman.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Jared Lyman.

Adopt Agenda: Megan Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests and Patron Comments:

Reports and Recognitions:

Student Recognitions: Principal Levi Collins recognized the September Students of the Month: Lacee Greet for Elementary, Belle Starbuck for Middle School, and Kevin Fuchs for High School.

Washakie County Activity Pass Program: Ms. Megan Truman informed the board of the Washakie County Activity Pass program that gives opportunities to assist students financially to participate in activities in the county.

Business (Consent Agenda Items):

Principal Report: The principal report was included in the packet.

Superintendent Report: The superintendent report was included in the packet.

Minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting were approved. Board members received copies of the statements and bills for review. Megan Truman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Terril Mills. Jared Lyman abstained from Prepaid Check warrants # 24052 and 24055. Motion carried 4-0. Authorization to pay the following vouchers: General Fund warrants #24057-24098 in the amount of \$49,227.85; Special Revenue Fund warrant #40005 in the amount of \$11,884.00; Major Maintenance Fund warrant #13028-13029 in the amount of \$1,356.65; Food Service Fund warrants #16060-16063 in the amount of \$7,290.91; Teacherage Fund warrants #15052-15055 in the amount of \$4,660.17; Activity Fund warrants 2921-2922 in the amount of \$362.81.

Approved prepaid bills: General Fund warrants #24043, 24046, 24048-24052, 24055-24056 in the amount of \$1,105.14; Major Maintenance Fund warrants #13027 and 40007 in the amount of \$11, 138.07; Depreciation Fund warrants #10066 in the amount of \$6,600.00; Activity Fund warrant #2920 in the amount of \$265.86.

Business (Discussion/Action Agenda Items):

Mission and Goals Statement: Mona Sindelar moved to approve the mission and goals statement as recommended by the faculty. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 4-0.

WSBA Board Workshop: Megan Truman moved to schedule an in house board training with Ron Kessler from the WSBA. Seconded by Mona Sindelar. Motion carried 3-1.

WSBA Delegate: Megan Truman as selected as the WSBA Delegate at the WSBA State Convention.

First Reading Policy 5.27 Discipline of Students: Terril Mills moved to approve on first reading the changes to Policy 5.27 Discipline of Students as revised. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 4-0.

Attendance Policy Update: No changes to the policy as recommended by the faculty.

Technology Report: Boyd Whitlock updated and answered questions on his technology report.

Library Contract: A Committee plans to meet next week and bring the changes to the next board meeting.

Executive Session: Mona Sindelar moved to go into executive session for personnel coaching contract at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 4-0. The board reconvened at 8:27 p.m. Terril Mills moved to approve the executive session minutes as read in executive session. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel: Megan Truman moved we approve to hire Beau Jackson as the Middle School Boys Basketball Sports Aide for the 2020-2021 School Year. Seconded by Mona Sindelar. Motion carried 4-0

Meeting Was Adjourned Chairperson Jared Lyman adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

November Board Agenda Items: Approve Graduation Speaker. Second Reading Policy 5.27

Student Discipline.

Counselor's Corner

As another season comes to a close, we are once again, for many reasons, counting all the things we are so thankful for. As I make my way through the grades and work on Social Emotional skills, I can't help but notice the Grateful Language that our students use. As an adult, we model behaviors and speech "patterns". Kids seem to pick up on those things quite quickly, unfortunately, faster than multiplication tables.... When kids hear in an adult's tone, language, and actions that kindness and gratitude are worthwhile attributes, it sure does show! Lately, in guidance, we worked on Kindness since November 13 was World Kindness Day. Even the older students were asking to make several "leaves" to hang on the "kindness tree".

<u>Highlights</u>: The 5th grade revisited resilience and perseverance. We paired resilience to being like a tennis ball, able to bounce back when we are faced with a hurdle; and non-resilience is more like an egg. We then did the great egg drop. Students had so much fun with this activity. As they were creating and critically thinking, I heard so much laughter, enthusiasm, and positive energy from these students. It was just another one of those "thankful moments" to live and work where I do. I documented the event and will be putting together a video project to mark the occasion. In grades 2 and 3, we have been working on empathy. It's interesting to discuss this subject. We are not all created equal when it comes to empathy. Empathy is actually an acquired skill that must be modeled and emphasized for people to build the "empathy muscle". And, just like a muscle, it has to be worked at to maintain effectiveness. In grade 4 and 5, I have been incorporating technology into the lessons to help support our computer science standards. This has been a great challenge for me and a great learning opportunity for students. I will continue this as much as I can.

<u>Secondary Students</u>: Although not physically present, I still continue to make connections with individuals. Not ideal, but given the circumstances, it is working out well. I sure miss the students. The quiet hallways are not as nice as you would think!

<u>Seniors</u>: I continue to make connections with them. They are applying to college and filling out applications for scholarships that are available early. Most local and state scholarships are not available until after the 1st of the year. I have "office hours" all day on Friday where seniors can pop into a google meet and get their questions answered in real time. A few have taken advantage of this opportunity. I get several emails from seniors, and this is nice as well to keep in touch.

<u>TEEN Talk</u>: Whether you have a student approaching those teen years or you are well into the "teenager land", you have probably faced some challenges. Know that you are not alone. There are a lot of resources out there to help with the "how to talk to your teen" idea. Teens face so many challenges in their young lives. They may or may not have the tools YET to navigate all those roads. Heck, as adults, we don't have those tools either! Add into it the 2020 situation, and we all have a recipe for frustration, just to name one..... Washakie County Prevention Coalition strives to provide resources and support. Check out this site for more guidance. It's a great resource. https://washakiepreventioncoalition.org/

If you or your teen need some guidance and support, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am a confidential support and working with your student is my first priority.

Happy Holidays and thank you for the continued support for our school during these trying times.

Little Shoppers

Due to the Pandemic, Little Shop-pers has been cancelled this year

Super Freaks

Due to the Pandemic, the drama play "Super Freaks" has been postponed until April 16th and 17th. If you bought tickets and want your money back, please contact Kate Decker at katie.decker@tensleepschools.com.

Ten Sleep School

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Ten Sleep School Supporting Success

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert this year will be downtown at the Community Garden on December 12th. The actual time will be announced later.

Hot Lunch

We will be doing lunches under the Summer Food Program thru the rest of this school year. Breakfast and lunch for ALL students will be free this year.

Since all student lunches are free, we are cutting checks and paying off all student lunch credits. Checks will be mailed out after the board meeting on December 14th.





DECEMBER 2020

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Nov 29	30	Dec 1 CSO meeting @ 5:30	2	3	Red Friday, Morning Classes	5
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13	7:00pm School Board Meeting	15 HSB Greybull Home 5:00/6:30	16 Semester Tests, Afternoon Classes	17 Board Workshop 6:00 pm Semester Test, Morning Classes	18 End of 1st semester HSB @ Arvada Clearmont 3:30/5:00 Red Friday, Morning Classes	19 HSB @ St. Stevens 4:00/5:30 Parade of Lights 6:00
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Dec 27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 21 Christmas Vacation Happy New Year!	2
3	4 No School, Teacher Workday	5 HSB @ Rocky Mountain JV 5:00/6:30	6	7 HSB @ Shoshoni JV 4:30/6:00	8 Blue Friday, Afternoon Classes HSB Dubois Home 5:00/6:30	9
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Ten Sleep Parade of Lights



Theme: Unwrap the Magic of Christmas

on DECEMBER 19TH, 2020 @ 6pm

Lineup will begin at 5:30pm on Hwy 434 and 1st Street.

Enjoy the Fire Pits and a cup of Hot Cocoa, served on the street.

Dirty Sally's will be serving Chili.

Santa will be at Dirty Sally's after the parade.

Ten Sleep High School Basketball Schedule 2020- 2021

<u>DATE</u>	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Tues. Dec. 15, 20	Greybull	HOME	5:00/6:30
Friday Dec. 18, 20	Arvada-Clearmont	Away	3:30/5:00
Sat. Dec. 19, 20	St. Stephens	Away	4:00/5:30
Tues. Jan. 5, 21	Rocky Mountain JV	Away	5:00/6:30
Thur. Jan. 7, 21	Shoshoni JV	Away	4:30/6:00
Friday Jan. 8, 21	Dubois	HOME	5:00/6:30
Friday Jan. 15, 21	Arvada vs. Meeteetse		1:00/2:30
Friday Jan. 15, 21	Arvada vs. Ten Sleep	HOME	5:00/6:30
Sat. Jan. 16, 21	Midwest	HOME	4:00/5:30
Friday Jan. 22, 21	Meeteetse	HOME	5:00/6:30
Sat. Jan. 23, 21	Midwest	Away	1:00/2:30
Sat. Jan. 30, 21	Riverside	HOME	1:00/2:30
Friday Feb. 5, 21	Burlington	HOME	5:00/6:30
Sat. Feb. 6, 21	Meeteetse	Away	5:00/6:30
Friday Feb. 12, 21	Dubois	Away	5:00/6:30
Sat. Feb. 13, 21	Roberts, MT	HOME	3:30/5:00
Tues. Feb. 16, 21	Worland Sophomore	Away	5:00/6:30
Sat. Feb. 20, 21	Burlington	Away	5:00/6:30