







Jimmy Phelps
Superintendent

WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 March 2021

Levi Collins Principal

Principal's Corner

We are well into our 2nd semester and we are excited to finish the school year strong and meet our goals. I am quite proud of all the accomplishments of our students this school year so far and we want to ensure that our students finish the school year strong as we approach time for standardized testing.

A task force has been established to determine if a 4 day school week is a valid option for Ten Sleep School. The goal of the task force is to research. discuss with stakeholders and then make a recommendation to the WCSD2 Board of Trustees who will be responsible for the final decision on whether to petition the Wyoming State Board of Education for a 4 day school week. Please contact a member of the task force if you would like your opinion known on this issue.

In our policy highlight this month, we would like to highlight Policy 5.10 Honor Roll which states the following: 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 in-

formed 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.

The reason we would like to highlight this policy is because we feel it is of importance to recognize the hard work our students put into their grades. We feel strongly that students who put the effort into receiving high marks show true Pioneer pride and help us create a schoolwide culture of students who work hard to achieve their goals. What better way to show our support to those students then recognizing their efforts? If you have a student who achieved high enough marks to make an honor roll, please give them the well-deserved praise they have earned and join us in creating a school culture that rewards hard work and dedication to studies. If your student did not receive high enough marks to make the honor roll, make goals with them and support them in an effort to achieve more. Thanks for your help in this matter.

As our high school basketball teams finish up their season we are excited for the possibility to compete at the regional tournament for both girls and boys. Show up and support our athletes if invited this year and give them a show of support when you see them around town! As always, we

have been happy to have the chance to see all of our Pioneers grow and play on the basketball court. All of our Pioneers are fun to watch this basketball season and we love having your support at the games. Go Pioneers!

We ask that you encourage your students in their school work and get involved in their homework and any other school sponsored activity. Studies have shown that increased parental involvement results in increased student achievement. We know that most parents are already quite involved in the student's school life and any additional time shows in your student's growth.

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

Levi Collins

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Parent Note

Remember the three keys to discipline

Parents and teachers agree that discipline is important for learning. Discipline helps students accept responsibility and focus on the tasks at hand.

The goal is to help your child learn what she did wrong and how she can make a better choice in the future.

To keep your discipline positive and productive:

- Remain calm. Giving in to an urge to yell at your child teaches her that it's OK to lose control when she's upset.
- 2. Be consistent. It doesn't take long for your child to learn whether you really intend to enforce rules. Give in just once to letting your child skip her chores and you'll have a battle every day. Don't set rules unless you plan to consistently enforce them.
- 3. Focus on behavior. Don't criticize. Instead, describe your child's behavior: "It was your sister's turn to use the computer and you wouldn't quit playing your game." Then, remind her of the rule and of the consequence.

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Are you helping your child with time management?

Time management can be a real challenge for kids. The challenge gets greater as they get older and have to deal with complicated projects and schedules. Students may feel the pinch particularly during the second half of the school year.

Are you doing all you can to help your teen manage her time? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:

- 1. Do you encourage your teen to write all of her academic and personal commitments on a calendar?
- 2. Do you talk with your teen about her priorities and explain that when she can't do everything, she should focus on what's most important?
- 3. Do you suggest your teen make and follow a schedule each week?
- 4. Do you show your teen how to break down large assignments and tasks into smaller, more manageable steps?
- 5. Do you set an example by using your time wisely?

How well are you doing? Each yes means you are helping

your teen learn how to manage her time. For no answers, consider trying those ideas. Reprinted with permission from the February 2021 issue of Parents Still make the difference!® (Middle School Edition) newsletter. Copyright © 2021 The Parent Institute®, a division of Paper-

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Daylight Savings Time starts on March 14th!

Take an interest in what your teen is learning in school

You probably ask your teen how he's doing in his classes. You may ask how biology is going, or if math is getting any easier. But many parents admit that what they really want to find out about is their teen's grades.

Grades are important, but so is the learning process. Make sure you show interest in what your teen is learning—not just what his report card says.

Ask your teen about:

- Any experiences in class that have changed his way of thinking. You may be able to share some of your own experiences that had a similar effect on you.
- The book he is reading. What questions does he have about the plot? Does he relate to the main character? Does the book remind him of any others he has read?
- His accomplishments. How did he handle the most difficult problem on the science assignment he recently aced? How did he feel after finishing that research paper?
- His most recent test. Does he think the test was an effective way to measure how well he knew the material? Will he do anything different to prepare for the next test? Questions like these show your teen that you are interested in what he is thinking. They also show you are monitoring his development. Both of these reinforce the message that education is about more than just grades.

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Board Briefs

Washakie County School District #2 School Board Minutes January 11, 2021
The regular meeting of the Washakie County SD #2 Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairperson Jared Lyman. Present were board members Jared Lyman, Sarah Anderson, Erin Blutt, Mona Sindelar and Megan Truman. 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 amended agenda with the deletion under Business Discussion items of Letter D executive session add personnel issue and the addition of Letter C New CARES Act Grant Funding. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports and Recognition:

CARES Grant Technology Report: Mr. Collins and Mr. Weaver showed the board the technology equipment that has been purchased and implemented for the staff and students with the funds received from the CARES Grant.

Guests and Patron Comments:

Business (Consent Agenda Items):

Principal Report: Included in the packet.

Superintendent Report: Included in the packet.

Megan Truman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Erin Blutt abstained from warrant #24227. Seconded by Erin Blutt. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2020 were approved. Board members received copies of the statements and bills for review. Authorization to pay the following vouchers: General Fund warrants #24222-24259 in the amount of \$29,296.96; Special Revenue Fund warrants #40025-40026 in the amount of \$2,035.11; Food Service Fund #16121-16123 in the amount of \$6,563.09; Teacherages Fund warrant #15063-15067 in the amount of \$3,255.29; Activity Fund warrants #2938-2942 in the amount of \$885.93; Governor's General Fund warrant #24218 in the amount of \$12.86; Governor's Federal Fund warrants #40016-40028 in the amount of \$92,665.84. Approve Prepaid Bills: General Fund warrants #24212-24217, 24219-24221 in the amount of \$4,637.85; Food Service Fund warrant # 16120 in the amount of \$77.50; Activity Fund war-

rant #2937 in the amount of \$649.99.

Business (Discussion/Action Agenda Items):

Recreation Board President's Day Ski Trip Request: Sarah Anderson moved we provide two buses, drivers, and fuel for the Recreation Board's Annual President's Day Family Ski Trip scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 5-0. Title I A Update: Neysha Lyman and Jimmy Phelps updated the board on the new Title IA information recently received and that the district will be receiving Title IA funds again. Discussion followed.

New CARES Act Grant: Connie Gay and Jimmy Phelps updated the board on the next round of CARES Grant monies. Discussion followed.

Second Reading of Policies 1.21 Nondiscrimination, Policy 2.26 Staff Sexual Harassment, Policy 3.61 Staff Sexual Harassment, Policy 4.30 Staff Sexual Harassment, and Policy 5.49 Student Sexual Harassment: Mona Sindelar moved to approve on second reading as presented Policy 1.21 Nondiscrimination, Policy 2.26 Staff Sexual Harassment, Policy 3.61 Staff Sexual Harassment, Policy 4.30 Staff Sexual Harassment, and Policy 5.49 Student Sexual Harassment. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Was Adjourned Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Chairperson Jared Lyman.

February Board Agenda Items: Set Date for Budget Work Session if Needed. Budget Review. Superintendent Contract. Superintendent Evaluation. School Calendar. Update on CARES Act Implementation Plan.

Students of the Month





Congratulations to our January Students of the Month!

Elementary: Braelyn Couch, daughter of Kevin and Sienna Couch, pictured at left.

Middle School: Bree Jackson, daughter of Beau and Jessica Jackson, pictured bottom left.

High School: Elizabeth Bleicher, daughter of Paul and Anne Bleicher, pictured bottom right.



Nurse's Corner

March is National Nutrition Month! One of the great things about nutrition is you can make it your own! That is why this year the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is encouraging everyone to personalize your plate.

A great way to make sure you are having nutritious meals is by meal planning. Just like nutrition, you can make this your own! You could meal prep at the beginning of the week and have meals ready for supper time, or you could simply write out what you are having each day of the week to help keep you on track. This can help prevent those last minute "let's just eat out" moments. When you are meal planning or preparing meals, remember to incorporate fresh fruits and vegetables into your meals. Fruits and vegetables provide nutrients to your diet that help protect you from heart disease, stroke, and some cancers. They are also important for a child's healthy development.

Along with fruits and vegetables, it is important to incorpo-

rate lean proteins, whole grains, and healthy fats into your diet. Lean proteins include chicken, turkey, fish, lean beef, legumes, and eggs. Protein is needed in the body to make and repair cells; however, it also helps fight infection, build and contract muscles, and carry fats, vitamins, minerals, and oxygen around the body. Whole grains contribute needed fiber to the diet while also providing iron and B vitamins. You can add whole grains to your meal by adding whole-wheat bread, brown rice, or quinoa. Healthy fats are especially important in kids because they help their bodies absorb vitamins A, D, E, and K. Healthy fats include avocado, nut butter, and olives.

This March, encourage your family to make intentional nutritious choices! Visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website for more helpful tips on different ways to make nutrition a priority this month!

Congratulations to Aidan Searfoss and Brian Rice. They each earned the highest FFA honor, the Wyoming FFA State Degree. Awesome Job, we are proud of you!





Parent Notice:
Thursday,
March 25th
will be an early
release day for
students. We
will have staff
Professional
Development
that afternoon.

Drama News

Attention Drama Lovers:

The Ten Sleep Drama Club is disappointed to announce that we will not have a spring performance as we planned. With the continuing struggles with masks and social distancing as well as the full calendar of spring events, we feel our students need to take one thing off their over-full plates. Unfortunately, the performance of Super Freaks is the event we have chosen to remove. We hope the upcoming school year will present us with multiple opportunities to entertain our community!

If you purchased tickets, a student will be in touch with you. You can either request a full refund or choose to donate the money back to the club. Thank you for your understanding, and we hope to get moving again onstage soon!

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Decker.

Library Corner

Find a New Treasure! In the month of March you can find a new book in our "pot of gold" at the Library. If you are looking for a new series or author to read, try your luck at the end of our rainbows. Everyone from middle-grade readers to adults are welcome to pick a "piece of gold". You won't know what the Leprechaun has brought you until you unwrap your treasure! (There may be an added treasure inside the book for you to keep!)

Are you interested in in Genealogy, Science, Art, or History? Do you need to research business, education, or legal issues? Learn a new language, fix your car, or keep up with technology and medicine? Visit these top resources and more with Wyoming's Online Library Resources: gowyld net



Congrats to our Pioneer basketball teams.
We are proud of each one of you and your accomplishments!

Counselor Corner

Happy March! February flew by and this year continues to soar at a rapid rate. Here are a few updates that I would like to share.

In <u>classroom guidance</u> we are wrapping up our kindness unit throughout most classes and we will be headed into our career unit soon. The 6th grade is off to a great start in the mental health unit. This will take place all semester long.

Testing Dates: ACT (grade 11)-March 23, ASVAB(grades 11-12) - March 31, WYTOPP window for spring testing grades K-10 April 13-May 7

HOST an exchange student! If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting an exchange student, there are many opportunities out there. It has been a while since Ten Sleep had an exchange student. It would be great to have this in our community. Contact Mrs. Wiechmann at the school if you are interested!

Currently, we are <u>collecting do-nations</u> for what previously was called the "Staff Scholarship". Due to COVID, we have been unable to sell donuts. Previously, our Friday donut sales went towards raising money for the Staff Scholarship. If you would be interested in donating to this cause, please stop by the school or contact Mrs. Wiechmann at the school.

Recently we came in contact with the <u>Strong Families Strong</u> <u>Wyoming: A Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Project</u>. This is a federally funded grant program that offers evidence based, medically accurate curriculum. I'm pleased to announce that we will be incorporating this curriculum into the HS Health curriculum starting now. Topics include, but not limited to: healthy relationships, finance, bullying, and conflict resolution. Other districts have

accepted this curriculum and found success. We are excited to offer this to our students and confident in the potential outcomes. If you would like more information, visit: http://sfsw.org/

We are also collecting donations for our students. These donations will be used to provide for those students who have unmet needs. We currently have a student club called Pioneer Pride. This club was designed with the idea as an outlet to help students make healthy choices and promote positive actions in our school. This club, now with a strong financial foundation, can also be used as a source for helping meet students' needs in another fashion. There is a board who oversees the expenditures and makes decisions. If you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Wiechmann at the school.



Congratulations to the Honor Roll students and basketball teams for your achievements. Go Big Blue!

Great News, we will be having our Scholastic Bookfair on March 18th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! Please watch for more infomation to be sent home with students. This fair will again have a variety of books from pre-K to adult reading.

CSO will meet March 9th at Sackett's Fork at 5:30.

Ten Sleep School

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Ten Sleep School
Supporting Success

Dear Parents/Guardians.

We have been hearing credible rumors of vaping and alcohol use among some of our students. We all want the best for our students and that includes helping them make healthy decisions. We have contracted with a guest speaker to talk to our students and the community at a special assembly/event on March 25, 2021. This speaker will be here all day and has motivational/educational speeches prepared for audiences of various age levels.

We are planning on having the guest speaker talk to grades 4-5 at 8:15 AM, grades 6 -12 at 9:30 AM and the community in general at 6 PM. On this day we will be releasing our students at 1:00 PM so our staff can attend a professional development on this topic. Parents/guardians are invited to attend all events and strongly encouraged to attend the community event at 6 PM. We want this event to be as impactful as possible and we are asking parents to help raise awareness among their students and to be actively engaged in the events on this day. We have attached a one page document to this email with helpful tips for talking to your student about this topic and encourage you to have candid discussions with your student regarding vaping. Together we can make a difference.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about this event please call the school for more details.

Sincerely,

Ten Sleep Schools Administration



PARENT ACADEMY

Presented by Michael DeLeon

A unique approach to important topics, combining the Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic with the exploding increases in heroin use/misuse as well as the pending push to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Coupling this with changing trends with synthetic drugs, e-cigarettes, vapors, and alcohol, this seminar educates its audience on how to better understand and prevent as well as stop the overdose and overdose death epidemic we are suffering from in our Country.

- Learn about the latest drug trends.
- Learn about the signs and symptoms to watch for.
- Be better equipped to speak with your children.
- Be given tips and advice as to how better prevent drug and alcohol use from affecting your children



1 in 4 teens say they have misused or abused a prescription drug.

An average of 6,500 youth (12-17) try alcohol for the first time EVERY DAY.

Drug overdose deaths now outnumber death by car accident.

Don't miss this opportunity to get educated!

March 25, 2021
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
In Gymnasium of:
Ten Sleep School
242 Cedar St.
Ten Sleep, WY
82442
Contact: Neysha Lyman
307-366-2233 ext. 102

March 2021

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	7:00pm School Board	CSO Meeting Sacketts'		Senior Trip State Speech & Debate Riverton Virtual			
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		MS Swim @ Worland 5:00		Appointment only	Health Fair Blood Draw at Senior Center Red Friday, Morning	LI MS SWIM @ Worland 9:30	
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	FFA @ Douglas	ACT Testing		4th&5th8:15-9:00	Red Friday, Morning	FFA @ Casper	
				6th-12th9:30-11:30	Classes	HS Track @ Greybull	
				Early Release Day		MS Track @ Shoshoni	
				Parents 6:00-8:00 pm Staff PD1:30-3:30 Steered Straight Training			
28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	
			ASVAB 8:00 am 11th & 12th grade				



MARCH 2021

Washakie County School District #2

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Spaghetti Bread Sticks Lettuce Salad Pears Milk	Chicken Patties Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Peas Hot Rolls Apples & Milk	Hamburger Deluxe French Fries Country Trio Veggies Grapes Milk	Tator Tot Casserole Green Beans Hot Rolls Mandarin Oranges Milk	Burritos Spanish Rice Lettuce Salad Peaches Milk
7 2	Chili Corn Veggie Sticks Cinnamon Rolls Applesauce & Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Black Beans Corn Apples & Milk	Sloppy Joes French Fries Winter Blend Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Peas 'n' Carrots Pears Milk	Chicken Strips Chicken Rice Egg Rolls Oriental Veggies Peaches & Milk
	Tomato or Potato Soup 15 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Corn Applesauce Milk	Chef Salad Turkey, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Tomato Bread Sticks Mandarin Oranges & Milk	Hot Dogs French Fries Green Beans Grapes Milk	Turkey Wraps Baked Beans Chips Peas Apples & Milk	No School Teacher Workday
	Chicken & Noodles Peas Hot Rolls Apples Milk	Beefy Nachos Refried Beans Tator Tots Lettuce Salad Oranges & Milk	Hoagies French Fries Capri Veggies Tropical Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Peaches Milk	Pizza Lettuce Salad Cottage Cheese Pineapple Milk
je B	French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Egg Patties Hash Browns Apples & Milk	Chicken Enchiladas Black Beans Lettuce Salad Mandarin Oranges Milk	Baked Potato Bar Ham & Cheese, Chili, Broccoli & Cheese Peanut Butter Sandwich Grapes & Milk	R S S	

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