

November 2026

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent

Washakie County School District #2

Dane Weaver
Principal

Principal's Corner

October Reflections and Looking Toward November

Purpose-Driven Learning: Every Day, Every Student Matters

As we transition into late autumn, our classrooms and hallways remain filled with purposeful energy and active engagement. Every single day and every student matters here. Our teachers work tirelessly to ensure that each minute of instructional time is intentional, providing our students with the structure, tools, and encouragement they need to grow academically and personally.

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Hands-On Learning and Academic Achievement

October showcased rigorous academic work and collaborative learning across all grade levels. Our secondary and elementary students teamed up for their latest Big and Little mentorship activity, putting engineering principles and teamwork into action by building and testing candy corn catapults. In high school English, our juniors wrapped up an extensive research project focused on local landmarks, including Meadowlark Lake, connecting critical research skills directly to our surrounding region.

Outdoor Discovery, Life Skills, and School Pride

Our students also expanded their learning beyond traditional classroom walls. Elementary students headed to Hyattville for Elementary Outdoor Day, exploring hands-on science and outdoor concepts in the field. During the final week of October, elementary students also began their annual swim lessons to build vital water safety skills and confidence in the pool. In athletics, our middle school volleyball team wrapped up a fantastic, growth-filled fall season, passing the torch to middle school basketball as their winter practices and competitions get underway. A particularly meaningful milestone for our school family was the official dedication of the Kevin Anderson Memorial Field, marking a proud moment of community remembrance and celebration.

Family and Community Engagement in November

November brings multiple opportunities for our school community to gather, partner, and celebrate. Elementary swim lessons will continue through the early part of the month to complete the instructional unit. On Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM, we invite all families to join us for our Title I Literacy Night, which will spotlight reading excitement through the book Hank the Cowdog. On Wednesday, November 11, our school will assemble for our annual Veterans Day program to honor and express gratitude to local service members and veterans for their selfless dedication.

Upcoming Break and Gratitude

As the month draws to a close, our Thanksgiving break begins on Tuesday, November 24, with an early release for students, followed by no school for the remainder of the week so families and staff can rest, recharge, and spend time together. Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to our students and school community.

~ Mr. Weaver, Principal

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FFA News

Ten Sleep FFA Livestock and Horse Evaluation Teams



Our Ten Sleep FFA Livestock Evaluation Team continues to show up, push through those early mornings, and represent Ten Sleep with pride. Competing at the NILE takes knowledge, hard work, and commitment, and these students continue to prove they have what it takes.

The NILE brings together teams from Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota, giving students the opportunity to compete against some of the best livestock evaluators across the Western states.

Congratulations to senior Cachelynn Forshee, who was the top livestock evaluator from Wyoming, placing 25th out of nearly 300 contestants! Our team of Cachelynn, Quinlan Greet, Loralei Grende, and Jaxon Greet placed 22nd out of 54 teams, earning the second-highest team finish in Wyoming. A special shout-out to seniors Quinlan and Cachelynn, who have made this trip for five years! Watching these students grow in their knowledge and stand by one another as teammates makes this ag teacher extremely proud.



Karidee and Tenley have shown admirable grit, dedication, and follow-through, representing Ten Sleep FFA and our school with pride. This is Karidee's third year competing at the NILE, and she continues to grow in this CDE and remains a positive leader. Tenley, in her own amazing fashion, keeps responding, "You bet, Mrs. Forshee, I'll try that!" There is no better way to learn than jumping right in and giving it your best.

From the early morning to the competition ring, these students remind me why I love what I do. I couldn't be prouder of the hard work, commitment, and character they bring to Ten Sleep FFA. Way to represent Ten Sleep and Wyoming!

Ten Sleep FFA Middle School Is in the House!

Ten Sleep FFA Middle School was in the house at the Wyoming FFA Discovery Conference in Casper! Nine of our middle school members joined approximately 260 middle school FFA members from across Wyoming for a day of learning, growing, making connections, and stepping outside their comfort zones.

Discovery Conference gives younger members the opportunity to explore what FFA is all about, build confidence, meet students from other chapters, and begin developing the leadership skills they can carry back to their school and community.

I love seeing our younger members get these opportunities to learn, try new things, and realize they are part of something bigger than our small community. These experiences help build confidence, friendships, and future leaders. I am proud of our Ten Sleep FFA members for showing up and being willing to jump in and make the most of their day!

~ Mrs. Forshee

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School Happenings Recap





Top Left: The Class of 2029 celebrates winning the Pioneer Spirit Award for Homecoming 2026 activities.

Top Right: Last month, our high school student council teamed up with Vitalant for a community blood drive. We had 22 donors who collectively donated 26 units, which exceeded our goal and put us on track for a $250 scholarship for a 2027 graduating senior. If we can add 34 units with our next drive in March, that scholarship jumps to $500, so we'll look forward to seeing donors again this spring. Pictured are Nichole Lynema with two of her three kids who all donated (together the four of them donated six units). Payton (left) is a 2026 graduate of Ten Sleep High School, and Brooklynn (right) will graduate in 2027.

Bottom Left: In October, Ten Sleep Schools' 7-12 mathematics teacher, Don Anderson, was honored at the Wyoming Department of Education's Teacher of the Year Celebration. Anderson was recognized as the 2026 Washakie County School District #2 Teacher of the Year and a finalist for the 2027 Wyoming Teacher of the Year. He is pictured with U.S. Senator John Barrasso (left) and Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder (right). Congratulations, Mr. Anderson!!

Bottom Right: For the third consecutive year, our school ranks as number one in the state! Earning the top spot three times in a row speaks volumes about the sustained dedication of our students, the relentless excellence of our teachers and staff, and the steady support of our Pioneer families and community at home.

GO BIG BLUE!!





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Nurse's Corner

Firearms are now the leading cause of death for U.S. children and teens under the age of 18.

It's no surprise that having a firearm in your home increases the risks of unintentional shootings, suicide and homicide. It is important to talk to your children about gun safety, but it is not enough. Please keep your loved ones safe by storing all firearms and ammunition safely. *Guns in the home: How to keep kids safe*

~ Mrs. Holiday

Keep the "safe" in firearm safety

Hiding a gun is not enough! Kids are curious, and studies show they usually know where a family keeps a gun.

Gun safes can lower the risk a curious child will be hurt:



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Studies show children are naturally curious, even about a firearm they've been warned not to touch.



Kids are safer when: Firearms are in a lockbox or safe, unloaded. Ammunition is locked away separately.



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New or gently used items are now being collected for

Little Shoppers

which will be held at the

Ten Sleep United Methodist Church on December 18th.

To donate items, please contact Georgia Stocklin at 431-2824 to make arrangements.



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Counselor's Corner

The beginning of November seems to be the calm before the storm. There's a short recess of time and then HS basketball starts and the schedule spirals again.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Put your mask on first…." in regards to flying on an airplane? Recently I've been working with coping skills in our elementary lessons and a few ideas have surfaced. As adults, we don't have the manual for parenting. We don't have the magic answers to "help kids stay calm…." or any other skill. But I'd like to share a few ideas on what TO DO.

Tiny humans look to adults; therefore as adults, we are constantly modeling what to do, what to say, how to react, etc. As an adult, it's important to be healthy and stay regulated. Regulated doesn't mean "calm". It means, given a situation, having the appropriate reaction or emotion. Regulating is difficult no matter the age. But having success at continuing to minimize the time it takes to regulate is where the growth and success happens. For example: it's OK to be upset that you didn't get a turn on the swings at recess. But over time, one might expect that the amount of tears and understanding about that situation become manageable and regulated with less time to do so. HOW? Well that's where the learning curve comes in. As adults, we have to teach these skills. Through modeling, practice, role play, and unstructured play, students can gain these skills. Recess is unstructured and often where a lot of conflict, big emotions, and tears take place. Teaching students the tools to navigate recess or other unstructured situations, cannot only happen at school. Research supports that the uptick in device use takes away from authentic play. Play dates, recess, and creative play all need to happen in a young person's life. If tiny humans are so caught up in a device, they do not gain the skills to navigate unstructured play in an effort to gain the skills necessary for communication and interaction. As a parent, if we cannot regulate, manage, and persevere, those little eyes watching continue to learn what is modeled to them. Kids are sponges; that phrase has been around forever. Well, the reality of that is immense. The hidden messages that we don't even know we are sending to kids is constant. As an adult, our filter and regulating strategies need to be tuned in and healthy.

If you'd like to gain skills and learn more, join the Love and Logic parenting classes happening this winter. This is a great, free, opportunity and it really is so helpful.

I, myself, was an explosive parent because that was what was modeled to me growing up. I didn't know any different. But the Love and Logic techniques really saved me and has helped me to be healthier and parent in a healthier style.

If you'd like to know more or learn about other resources, or just have a conversation, my door is always open. Our task force meetings, the first Tuesday of the month, at the library at 6:30, are also really helpful for these conversations.

~ Mrs. Wiechmann



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Board Briefs

Regular Board Meeting | 09/14/2026 - 07:00 PM

1. 6:00pm Board Governance Work Session

2. Meeting Opening
A. Call to Order
Chairperson Erin Blutt called this meeting to order at 7pm.
B. Pledge of Allegiance
C. Roll Call
D. Adopt Agenda
Amend the agenda by adding letter I. Out of State Travel for FFA under Consent Agenda, and removing Letter A. School Board Member Appointment Discussion under Executive Session.
Motion made by: Bill Murphy
Motion seconded by: Shana Harstad
Voting results:Unanimously approved

3. Reports and Recognitions
A. Pioneer Traits
B. Presentation - 4th Grade/Mrs. Hudson
C. Superintendent Report

4. Guests and Patron Comments

5. Consent Agenda
Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below. Bill Murphy abstained from warrant numbers 3510 and 28181.
Motion made by: Bill Murphy
Motion seconded by: Shana Harstad
Voting results:Unanimously approved
A. Business Manager Reports
B. Principal Report
C. Approve Minutes
D. Authorization and Payment of Outstanding Bills
E. Approve Prepaid Bills
F. Approve Gabi Fox Middle School Student Council
G. Approve Andrew Mills Middle School Assistant Coach Sports Aide for MS Football
H. Northwest College MOU 2026-27
I. Out of State Travel for FFA

6. Discussion / Action Items
A. Seasonal Grounds Position September-October 2026
Approve a Seasonal Grounds Position September-October 2026.
Motion made by: Shana Harstad
Motion seconded by: Bill Murphy
Voting results:Unanimously approved
B. 1st Reading of Policies 3.12 Board of Trustees Relationships, 5.05 Graduation Requirements, 5.39 Home School, and 9.04 Special Education Evaluation and Eligibility.
Approve 1st Reading of Policies 3.12 Board of Trustees Relationships, 5.05 Graduation Requirements, 5.39 Home School, and 9.04 Special Education Evaluation and Eligibility.
Motion made by: Shana Harstad
Motion seconded by: Bill Murphy
Voting results:Unanimously approved
C. Accept J.Smith Letter of Resignation from the WCSD2 School Board
Accept J. Smith Letter of Resignation from the WCSD#2 School Board.
Motion made by: Bill Murphy
Motion seconded by: Shana Harstad
Voting results:Unanimously approved
D. Questions for Interested School Board Members
Approve Bryony as a member of the Board of Trustees of WCSD#2 for the remainder of the term held by Jody Smith.
Motion made by: Bill Murphy
Motion seconded by: Shana Harstad
Voting results:Unanimously approved

7. Executive Session
Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:35 to discuss the topics of the 2026-27 School Year Library Contract with legal counsel.
Motion made by: Bill Murphy
Motion seconded by: Shana Harstad
Voting results:Unanimously approved
A. Library Contract 2026-27 School Year
Approve the Minutes as Read in Executive Session.
Motion made by: Shana Harstad
Motion seconded by: Bill Murphy
Voting results:Unanimously approved
Newly appointed Board Member, Bryony Lester, also a "yes" vote to Approve the Minutes as Read in Executive Session. Making the vote 4-0.

8. Next Month Board Agenda Items

9. Adjournment
Chairperson Erin Blutt adjourned this meeting at 8:08pm.

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 One Book, One School Night 5:15-7:00 Swimming Lessons in PE 2nd/3rd Grade	3 MSGB @ Greybull 4:30/5:30 Swimming Lessons in PE 2nd/3rd Grade	4 Swimming Lessons in PE 2nd/3rd Grade	5 HSVB State @ Casper MSGB @ Thermop 5:00/6:00 Swimming Lessons in PE 2nd/3rd Grade	6 HSVB State @ Casper NO SCHOOL FRIDAY	7 HSVB State @ Casper MSGB @ Meeteetse 10:30
8	9 School Board Meeting	10 MSGB @ Riverside 5:00/6:00	11 Veterans Day Concert 10:00	12	13 Blue Friday - Afternoon Classes FFA Fall Leadership in Casper FIRE/CPC MSGB Home vs Burlington 3:30/4:30	14 FFA Fall Leadership in Casper FIRE/CPC MSGB Home vs Kaycee/Midwest Tri 10:00/11:15/12:30
15	16 STUCO State Convention @ Casper SkillsUSA Fall Conference @ Casper Swimming Lessons in PE 4th-6th Grade	17 MSGB @ Shoshoni 4:30/5:30 STUCO State Convention @ Casper SkillsUSA Fall Conference @ Casper Swimming Lessons in PE 4th-6th Grade	18 Swimming Lessons in PE 4th-6th Grade	19 Swimming Lessons in PE 4th-6th Grade	20 MSGB Home vs Clearmont 4:30/5:30 Red Friday - Morning Classes	21 MSGB @ Kaycee 10:00/11:00
22	23 Turkey Trot 4:00	24 Early Release - Blue Friday Schedule	25 Thanksgiving Break - No School	26 Thanksgiving Break - No School Thanksgiving Day	27 Thanksgiving Break - No School	28
Nellie T Ross's Birthday 29	30	1	2	3	4 4th Annual Battle of the Basin Red Friday - Morning Classes	5 MSGB B/C Jam @ Shoshoni 10:00 MSGB Conf @ Greybull 9:00

*Game times subject to change. Please see school website or google calendar for updates.

Looking Ahead: The 4th Annual Battle of the Basin will be December 4th. If you are interested in sponsoring the contest please contact Mr. Thoren.

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November

Ten Sleep School
2026-2027 Lunch Menu

2 Meatball Sub or Pizza Sub Lettuce Salad **Fruit** **Milk**	**3** French Toast Sticks Egg Sausage Hash Brown Oranges **Milk**	**4** Chicken Fajita Bowl Corn Lettuce Salad **Fruit** **Milk**	**5** Hamburger Deluxe French Fries **Fruit** **Milk**	**6** **No School**
9 Crispy Chicken Sandwich French Fries **Fruit** **Milk**	**10** **Thanksgiving Dinner** Hot Rolls **Fruit** **Milk**	**11** Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Lettuce Salad **Fruit** **Milk**	**12** Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Corn **Fruit** **Milk**	**13** Pepperoni Pizza Rippers *Or* Turkey Ham & Cheese Pizza Rippers Lettuce Salad Cottage Cheese **Fruit** **Milk**
16 Chili Cinnamon Roll Corn **Fruit** **Milk**	**17** Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw **Fruit** **Milk**	**18** Chicken Noodle Soup Hot Rolls Peas **Fruit** **Milk**	**19** Taco Refried beans Lettuce Salad **Fruit** **Milk**	**20** Fish Sticks *Or* Chicken Nuggets French Fries Mixed Veggies **Fruit** **Milk**
23 Chicken Chip Casserole Munchkin Muffins Peas **Fruit** **Milk**	**24** **Tortellini with Alfredo or Marinara** Cheese Breadstick Lettuce Salad **Fruit** **Milk**	**25** **No School**	**26** **Thanksgiving Day**	**27** **No School**
30 Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Oriental Vegetable Blend Egg Roll Vegetable **Fruit** **Milk**				

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Menu is Subject to change based on Availability.

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2027 Ten Sleep Birthday Calendar Order/ Reorder Form

Profits from birthday calendar sales are used by the Ten Sleep United Methodist Women to provide Scholarships for the previous year's graduating Ten Sleep students.

To be included on this year's calendar, or to make changes, please complete this form with birthday and anniversary information and send it to Georgia Stocklin at PO Box 362.

Calendars are $10 each. This includes mailing the calendar. Ads are $40.00 and include one calendar.

Payment is due when you place your order. Please make checks payable to Ten Sleep UMW and mail to PO Box 362, Ten Sleep.

If you have questions, please contact Georgia Stocklin at 307-431-2824.

Person Ordering _____

# of Calendars _____

Address _____

Changes or Additions _____