



# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Corner

### *September: A Month of Learning, Growth, and Pioneer Spirit*

September has a way of passing before you even realize it. One moment, we were welcoming students back through the doors and settling into the rhythms of a new school year, and suddenly, October is here. You know it has been a great start to the year when October arrives and it still feels a little like August!

From the very first day, our school has been filled with energy, curiosity, and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. September brought countless opportunities for our students to grow academically, build relationships, and experience the many things that make Ten Sleep School such a special place.

One of the highlights of the month was our Big and Little activity celebrating Constitution Day. Students worked together to interpret sections of the Preamble to the United States Constitution, transforming its words and ideas into individual works of art. When all of those pieces came together, they created something much bigger than any one student could have made alone—a beautiful, whole-school mosaic of the Preamble. It was a wonderful reminder of what can happen when our students learn, create, and work together.

That spirit of learning has carried into the classroom each day. Our students have readily embraced the challenge of academic rigor and the routines that come with a new school year. Learning began on day one, and it has not slowed down since. We are proud of the focus, effort, and perseverance our students continue to bring to their work.

Beyond the classroom, our Pioneers have been just as busy. On athletic courts, fields, and courses, our students have represented Ten Sleep with determination, teamwork, and pride. Every athlete deserves recognition for the time and effort they are putting into their seasons.

In particular, we want to recognize our high school volleyball team, who travel to and from Basin every day to keep the spirit of our volleyball program alive and thriving. Their commitment requires tremendous drive and determination, and they continue to demonstrate what it means to be a Pioneer.

Our golf team has also given us another reason to celebrate, with our girls team earning 2nd place at State! What an accomplishment and a wonderful reflection of the dedication of our golfers and coaches.

From Football and Volleyball to Cross Country and Golf, we are incredibly proud of all of our athletes—not simply for their accomplishments, but for the commitment, teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance they demonstrate along the way.

### *Looking Ahead to October*

As September closes, there is no slowing down. October brings more opportunities for our students, families,

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and community to learn, connect, and celebrate together.

## **Tuesday, October 13 — 2nd Annual Elementary Fall Outdoor Day**

Our elementary students will head outside for a day of hands-on learning and exploration. They will have the opportunity to engage with the natural world around them and experience learning in a whole new setting.

## **Mid-October — WY-TOPP Results**

We are eagerly anticipating the public release of our school's WY-TOPP results from last spring. The scores are expected to be released in mid-October.

## **Wednesday, October 14 — End of Quarter 1**

It is hard to believe that the first quarter is already coming to a close! October 14 officially marks the end of our first quarter.

## **Thursday, October 15 — Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will provide an opportunity for families and teachers to connect, celebrate student growth, and talk about the year ahead. Report cards will be available for pickup during conferences.

- Elementary: Teachers will reach out directly to families to schedule designated meeting times.
- Secondary: Open drop-in conferences will be held from 1:30-6:00 PM.

## **Saturday, October 17 — Senior Night & Field Dedication**

October 17th will be a special evening for our Pioneer community. Pioneer football will host Senior Night alongside the official dedication of our home turf as Kevin Anderson Memorial Field. We hope to see our community come out, fill the sidelines, honor our seniors, and celebrate this meaningful milestone together.

## **Middle School Athletics**

As middle school volleyball wraps up its season in mid-October, we will quickly turn our attention to girls basketball. The new season will begin shortly after volleyball concludes, with practice schedules and game dates shared as they become available.

September reminded us once again that a school year is about so much more than what happens inside a classroom. It is about students discovering what they can accomplish, teachers encouraging them to reach a little further, teammates supporting one another, and a community coming together to celebrate its young people.

We are grateful for the energy and enthusiasm that have filled Ten Sleep School this month, and we look forward to everything the rest of the fall has in store. Go Pioneers!

~ Mr. Weaver, Principal



# 4th Grade Field Trip

Fourth grade students had the opportunity to explore Big Cedar Ridge (BCR) in the BLM as well as Castle Gardens. With the help of Matt, an archeologist from the Worland field office, students carefully excavated many different plant fossils while at BCR. The

students have been learning about fossils, mountain formations, and extreme settings in class. The real application of our trip was very meaningful in creating life long learning. Way to go fourth graders!

*~ Mrs. Hudson*



# Homecoming Week

## *Homecoming Week Celebrates Hometown Heroes*

Homecoming Week was a celebration of school spirit, community, and the hometown heroes who make a difference every day. This year's theme, "Hometown Heroes," inspired creative door decorations honoring our sheriff's department, fire department, EMS, and our very own custodians, Aaron, Mitzi, and Misty.

Senior Wyatt Turgeon kicked off the festivities by lighting the TS at the homecoming bonfire, setting the stage for a fun-filled week. Students enjoyed a variety of games, activities, and school-spirit events throughout the week.

The celebration continued with the crowning of Homecoming Queen Belle Starbuck and Homecoming King Eli Fox. The week wrapped up with an exciting 58 to 7 win over the Hulett Red Devils, giving students and fans plenty to celebrate.



# GO BIG BLUE!!



**Fire Truck and Royalty Photos Courtesy of James Yule**

# Nurse's Corner

## Why Wait? Children and Teens Can Enroll in Affordable Health Coverage through Kid Care CHIP Year Round

Kid Care CHIP enrollment is available all year round and will provide your child or teen with the vital health coverage he or she needs. Eligibility for Kid Care CHIP is based on family size and income. Children in a family of four earning up to \$53,000 a year may qualify.

Benefits include regular check-ups, immunizations, doctor and dentist visits, speech and physical therapy, glasses, hospital care, mental health services, prescriptions and more. To see if your child is eligible or to enroll now call 1-855-294-2127.

If your child is already enrolled it's important to renew their coverage every year so they can get the care they need when they need it. You will receive a renewal notice in the mail before your child's coverage ends,

please complete and return the form as soon as possible to avoid losing coverage.

(Wyoming Medicaid is alerting residents about current Medicaid renewal scams that are targeting program clients. Wyoming Medicaid is part of the Wyoming

Department of Health (WDH), Wyoming Medicaid and the related Kid Care CHIP program never charge or ask for money from individuals to enroll or re-enroll. No one should share banking or credit card information with anyone that calls claiming to be from Wyoming Medicaid or the Wyoming Department of Health.)

For more information on Kid Care CHIP please visit [health.wyo.gov/chip](http://health.wyo.gov/chip).

~ Mrs. Holiday



# Counselor's Corner

October is always a great time of the year. The cooler temperatures are delightful, school is in full swing with a routine, and students are aware of school expectations. As a stakeholder, it is important that you know what is happening in the school. During Parent-Teacher Conferences, there will be a survey taking place to collect information. Please DO take the time to attend to this. It is a way to learn about the needs of our community in an effort to better serve our students. If we don't know, we can't improve and assist.

Elementary lessons are going well. The lower grades are working on identifying big emotions. The middle grades are working on focus and attention. And the upper grades are working on perspective and communication skills. I always enjoy working the classes with students. Be sure to ask your student about something fun we've done lately. Often, books are read, games are played, or group work is carried out. Regardless, fun with learning is happening!

## A few upcoming events:

Tiffany Fegler with the state TRIO program will be on

hand October 26 at 6:00pm to help seniors and seniorparents with the FAFSA for college financial planning. Please plan to attend all class of 2027 students and parents. This is a great resource and opportunity to take advantage of. If students remotely plan to attend college, you will want Tiffany's help with this process; plus, she can offer waivers for ACT and college applications.

Another great opportunity to help students- Gear UP is a program for grade 7-12. They offer post high school planning assistance, tutoring assistance, waivers, academic support, college application assistance, and more-all free of charge. Contact Mrs. Wiechmann if this is something that your student could benefit from. Jae Foundation Boot Check trip: This is scheduled for October 28 for our class of 2027. They will attend the new facility in Casper.

ASVAB testing for grades 10, 11 will be on October 21. Ten Sleep Task Force meetings still meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the library.

~ Mrs. Wiechmann

# Board Briefs

**Regular Board Meeting | 08/10/2026 - 07:00 PM**

## Attendance

### Board of Trustees

- Erin Blutt, Board Chairperson
- Shana Harstad, Board Clerk
- Jared Lyman, Board Treasurer
- Bill Murphy, Vice Chairperson
- Jody Smith, Board Member

### Administrative Staff

- Annie Griffin, Superintendent
- Rachel Casteel, Business Manager
- Dane Weaver, Principal

## 1. Meeting Opening

### A. Call to Order

Chairperson Erin Blutt called this meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

### C. Roll Call

Jody Smith arrived at 7:05pm.

### D. Adopt Agenda

Adopt the Agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Shana Harstad

Motion seconded by: Jared Lyman

Voting results:

Yes: Erin Blutt

Yes: Shana Harstad

Yes: Jared Lyman

Yes: Bill Murphy

Not Present: Jody Smith

## 2. Reports and Recognitions

### A. Superintendent Report

### B. James Seckman Audit Overview

## 3. Guests and Patron Comments

## 4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bill Murphy abstained from warrants #28132 and 3504. Shana Harstad abstained from warrant # 15262.

Motion made by: Jared Lyman

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 2026-27 Bus Routes

### G. Isolation Pay Approval

### H. Approve Ben Schwarz as the 2026/2027 High School Girls Basketball Coach

## 5. Discussion / Action Items

### A. 2nd Reading of Policies 1.33 Evaluation of School Board and 1.33.1 Evaluation of School Board Form.

Motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Policies 1.33 Evaluation of School Board and 1.33.1 Evaluation of School Board Form. \_.

Motion made by: Shana Harstad

Motion seconded by: Jared Lyman

Voting results:Unanimously approved

## 6. Executive

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the topic of Personnel at 7:15pm.

Motion made by: Jared Lyman

Motion seconded by: Jody Smith

Voting results:Unanimously approved

### A. Personnel

Approve the minutes as read in Executive Session after the discussion of Personnel.

Motion made by: Jared Lyman

Motion seconded by: Shana Harstad

Voting results:

Not Present: Erin Blutt

Yes: Shana Harstad

Yes: Jared Lyman

Yes: Bill Murphy

Yes: Jody Smith

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:09pm.

## 7. Next Month Board Agenda Items

### A. 6pm Board Governance Work Session

## 8. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Bill Murphy adjourned this meeting at 8:10pm.





# October



| Sunday                                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                      | Saturday                                                                                                                |
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| 27<br>HSVB C Game @ Basin vs Worland 6:00<br>MSVB Home vs Shoshoni 5:00/6:00                     | 28                                                                                                          | 29                                                                                 | 30<br>Library Closed - WLA Conference                                           | 1<br>HSVB Home vs Kaycee 6:30/7:30<br>Library Closed - WLA Conference                                                        | 2<br>Library Closed - WLA Conference<br>MSFB @ Kaycee 12:00<br>MSVB @ Riverside 2:30/3:30<br>Red Friday - Morning Classes<br>XC Cody Invite | 3<br>HSFB @ Farson 1:00<br>HSVB Bridger Invite<br>MSVB @ Meeteetse 2:00                                                 |
| 4<br>HSVB Home vs Thermop (C Game) 6:00                                                          | 5<br>HSVB @ Basin vs Greybull 5:00/6:00                                                                     | 6                                                                                  | 7                                                                               | 8                                                                                                                            | 9<br>Blue Friday - Afternoon Classes<br>HSVB 1A Jamboree @ Casper<br>MSFB @ Meeteetse 6:00<br>XC Powell Invite                              | 10<br>HSVB 1A Jamboree @ Casper<br>MSVB B/C @ Riverside 9:00<br>MSVB Conf @ Thermop 9:00                                |
| 11<br>NILE Livestock Evaluation in Billings                                                      | 12<br>HSVB C Game @ Basin vs Greybull 6:00<br>NILE Livestock Evaluation in Billings<br>School Board Meeting | 13<br>Elementary Outdoor Day @ Medicine Lodge<br>NILE Horse Evaluation in Billings | 14<br>End of Q1 Middle School FFA Discovery Conference in Casper                | 15<br>Early Release - Red Friday Schedule<br>First Day of Q2<br>Parent Teacher Conferences<br>XC 3A West Conference @ Lander | 16<br>Fall Festival - No School<br>HSVB @ Basin vs Burlington 5:00/6:00                                                                     | 17<br>FB Home vs Midwest 12:00/2:00 SENIOR NIGHT<br>HSVB @ Dubois 1:00/2:00<br>Kevin Anderson Memorial Field Dedication |
| 18<br>Teacher Workday - No School                                                                | 19                                                                                                          | 20<br>MSGB Home vs Shoshoni 4:30/5:30                                              | 21                                                                              | 22<br>HSVB @ Meeteetse 5:00/6:00                                                                                             | 23<br>Blue Friday - Afternoon Classes<br>HSFB @ Riverside 2:00                                                                              | 24<br>MSGB Home vs Meeteetse 2:30<br>XC State Meet @ Cheyenne                                                           |
| 25<br>FAFSA Night for Seniors 6:00pm<br>MSGB @ Rocky Mtn 4:30/5:30<br>Swimming Lessons in PE K/1 | 26                                                                                                          | 27<br>Swimming Lessons in PE K/1                                                   | 28<br>Jae Foundation Class of 2027 trip to Casper<br>Swimming Lessons in PE K/1 | 29<br>MSGB Home vs Riverside 5:00/6:00<br>Swimming Lessons in PE K/1<br>UW Art Intensive                                     | 30<br>HSVB Regionals @ Lander<br>Red Friday - Morning Classes<br>UW Art Intensive                                                           | 31<br>HSVB Regionals @ Lander<br>Halloween<br>UW Art Intensive                                                          |

\*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 get in contact with Mr. Thoren.**

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## Celebrating 4-H Week!

It's National 4-H Week, October 4-10! We're celebrating the youth, families, volunteers, and community supporters who make 4-H possible. 4-H gives young people opportunities to learn by doing, build confidence, develop leadership skills, and discover their passions. We're proud to celebrate the impact 4-H has on our community and the amazing young people who are growing through the program!

~ Amber Armajo

UW Extension 4-H/Youth Educator  
Washakie County



### A NEW 4-H YEAR IS HERE

*Why 4-H? Because in Washakie County, 4-H is about more than projects it's about people, experiences, and growing together*

4-H gives Washakie County youth the opportunity to

-  Try new things
-  Build confidence
-  Learn by doing
-  Make lifelong friendships
-  Develop leadership skills
-  Become involved in their community

*From the show ring to community service projects, from club meetings to new adventures, 4-H helps Washakie County youth discover what they can do and who they can become by finding their spark.*



Join us and see what 4-H can do for you!



### 2026 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

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|--------|--------------------------|
| OCT 4  | SERVICE SUNDAY           |
| OCT 5  | MODELING MONDAY          |
| OCT 6  | TIP TUESDAY              |
| OCT 7  | REMEMBER WHEN WEDNESDAY  |
| OCT 8  | TAKING THE LEAD THURSDAY |
| OCT 9  | FRIDAY FUN WITH 4-H      |
| OCT 10 | SATURDAY SKILLS FOR LIFE |

JOIN IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL 4-H WEEK, FOLLOW US AT  
#WASHAKIECOUNTY4H FOR MORE INFO  
PARTICIPATE DAILY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD AT THE END OF EACH DAY!

