

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Annie Griffin
Superintendent

Washakie County School District #2

Robert Griffin
Principal

Principal's Corner

A Fantastic Start to the School Year!

As we near the completion of our first quarter, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a tremendous start to the 2025-2026 school year. Our students, staff, and community continue to make Ten Sleep Schools a place where excellence is not only expected but achieved.

Academic State Champions

We are excited to announce a special celebration honoring our recognition as the #1 Academic School District in the State of Wyoming! More information will be coming soon.

This designation reflects the incredible work happening in our classrooms every day. Several of our grade levels swept the top rankings in both math and English, underscoring the consistency of our academic success. While we recognize that academics are just one aspect of a child's education, I think we can all agree if we're going to win a state championship in anything, this is one to be proud of!

Student Athletes Shine in Fall Sports

Beyond the classroom, our students are also thriving in athletics. This fall, 25 high school athletes are competing in sports representing the highest participation rate in years! We're especially proud of our 3 crossover athletes who finished one sport and immediately joined another. What an incredible example of dedication and school spirit!

Our middle school students are following that same path of involvement and teamwork, with 22 athletes participating in fall sports. Whether it's on the field, court, or course, Ten Sleep students are giving their all.

Inaugural PBL Summit

We are thrilled to announce that Ten Sleep Schools will host the first-ever Project-Based Learning (PBL) Summit on October 7th! Students from across the state will gather here to share innovative project ideas that connect classroom learning to real-world experiences.

Our goal is to foster partnerships with business leaders that create meaningful learning opportunities, scholarship pathways, and even future employment connections. This summit is not just about student growth—it's also an opportunity for us as educators to learn from industry leaders about how to best prepare our students for success beyond graduation.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Ten Sleep Schools. Together, we're building a community that values hard work, academic excellence, and well-rounded opportunities for every student.

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Homecoming

Our first homecoming in the new school was a great celebration and included a lot of fun activities. We started the week with garage door decorations that included each high school class and the middle school (as a group) picking a theme for their assigned doors. These themes were carried onto the floats that were part of the parade on Friday morning following the Pep Rally and Royalty Coronation. The Homecoming Court included: Tristin Zierlein & Siri Smith (9th), Porter Stiffney & Karidee Gossens (10th), Eli Fox & Belle Starbuck (11th), Kruze Forshee & Bree Jackson (12th), and King Jhett Taylor & Queen Eliza Whitlock.

Throughout the week, elementary and secondary students participated in dress-up days: PJs; Sports Themed; Movie Character; Tie-Dye & Camo; and Spirit Day. Each day, high school student council members chose one person from elementary and one person from secondary to win "best dressed" and those students were given a concession stand gift certificate.

Middle and high school students were also randomly assigned to teams that participated in competitive games each day during Homecoming Week. These games included dodgeball, beachball volleyball, hide-and-seek, and ultimate football. Evening activities were also enjoyed with each high school class coming up with an idea: these activities included "Fugitive," yard games in the park, an outdoor movie night at the new football field, and a bonfire. The annual Homecoming Dance brought the week to a close Saturday night.

Each high school class was competing for the "Spirit Stick" which will be awarded at a future school assembly.



Homecoming Continued



Art Happenings

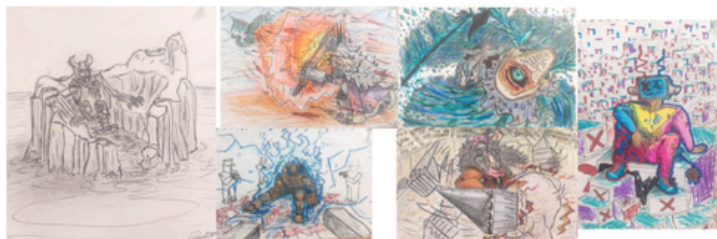
High School and Independent Choice Media

The first wave of collected High School projects, development, and all school independent summer work.

If your student has creative projects that we can highlight from their independent work at home or elsewhere, we would love to celebrate it in the display hall.

**New work going up regularly,
now that we're gaining momentum!**

~ Come see the Art Display Hall for yourself ~



Kindergarten & 1st Grade Shape Drawing



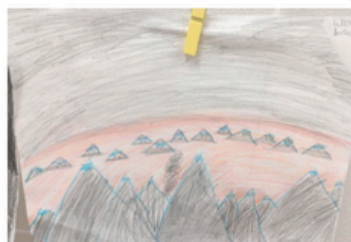
The collected display of the K-1 Art shape drawing collaborative works where we practiced drawing big shapes, turning shapes into things based on prompts like animals and robots, and took ownership of our contribution to a collaborative product by signing our names.



4th Grade & 5th Grade Choice Drawing



The first wave of completed choice drawing media artworks where students selected their preference of basic drawing materials to create an artwork based on sketches a plans of their own design. We focused on practicing the studio habits of developing craft, envisioning, engaging & persisting through creative problem solving.



Music Notes

As we move into October, I want to highlight a few things the music program has already accomplished this year! Although we couldn't march in the parade due to a lack of marching practice time, we were still able to perform! The high school band students did amazing and they thoroughly enjoyed performing Pink Panther. Along the same lines, all the elementary students got to learn our school song which they sang with great pride at the Pep Rally before the parade on Friday morning. In other words, the music program is off to a great start this year!

A few things coming up include the **Veteran's Day K-12 Concert on November 11th at 10am in the Ten Sleep Schools Heart Space!** This is our first Veteran's Day in this space and we look forward to continuing this beautiful tradition of honoring those veterans who have served our country! Please plan to be in attendance as the performances from all our students, k-12, will be wonderful. Around the same time, two of our high school students will be auditioning for All-State Band, so wish them luck!

Nurse's Corner

October marks the beginning of cold and flu season. Influenza, RSV, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses can be spread year-round, but an increase in prevalence is usually seen in the fall and winter months. Following these everyday prevention tips from the CDC can help minimize the spread of germs and illness.

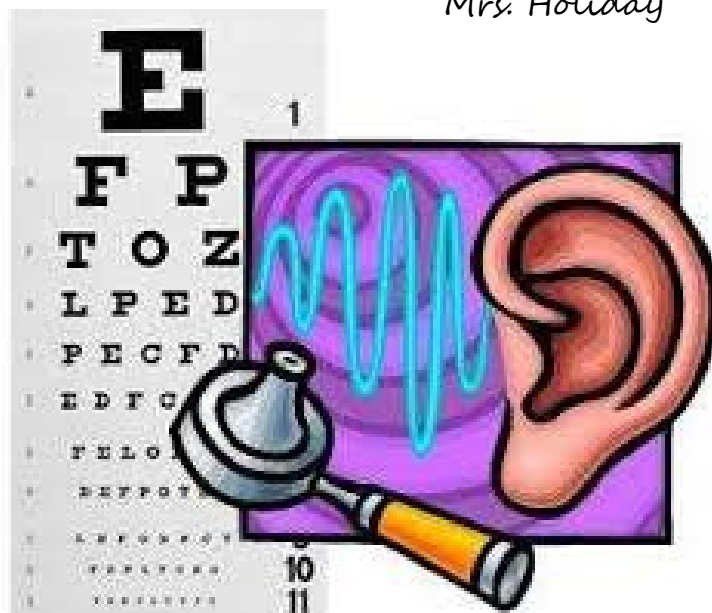
- Stay home when you are ill. You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, BOTH are true:
 - Your symptoms are getting better overall AND
 - You have not had a fever (in 24 hours and are not using fever-reducing medication)
- Cover your cough and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available use an alcohol based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause illness.

Follow the links below for more information on flu, colds and what to do if you are sick.

[Flu: What To Do If You Get Sick | Influenza \(Flu\) |](#)
[Cold Versus Flu | Influenza \(Flu\) | CDC](#)
[Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19 | Influenza \(Flu\) | CDC](#)

Vision and hearing screenings have begun in the elementary grades. Parents will be notified if their child does not meet the screening recommendations.

Mrs. Holiday



IS IT A COLD OR FLU?

Signs and Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Headache	Rare	Common

#FIGHT FLU



Counselor's Corner

As the school year gets underway and we all fall into the swing of things, structure, patience, and boundaries are words that come to my mind.

Having the structure and routine of a school day is proven to be healthy and developmentally helpful for students of all ages. Keeping a common routine in the household is also helpful to lessen the chaos and help manage childrens' needs.

There are several resources available if you find yourself treading water just to stay afloat. The school, my office, and staff here are willing to help provide support, resources, and ideas. Please know you are not alone.

During our beginning of the year staff trainings, PROSPER was on hand to train and inform. There was also a community meeting in the evening. PROSPER is a suicide prevention program that is an innovative prevention and intervention model. It is research-based; trying to transform the conversation and equip individuals with practical tools, encourage community engagement, and inspire collective action to save lives. PROSPER was recently in the Worland community as well as November of 2024. These community sessions are a great resource to learn more and help protect and guide our youth. It is a collective effort and an opportunity I wish more individuals would take advantage of. Our close-knit community is lucky to have resources such as this at our doorstep.

If you are interested in resources such as this, or wish to bring more ideas and awareness around a certain topic, please attend our Task Force meetings the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30, at the library. This is a great opportunity to bring forth issues that are facing youth or our community and work together to find solutions, programs, or events that can help and support.

Calling all HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

October 6, 6:00 at the school we will be having a high school and post high school prep meeting. Teffany Fegler with the state TRIO program will be on hand to offer great tips and strategies for navigating the teen academic life. She will also work with the class of 2026

students/parents to help with the FAFSA for college financial planning. Please plan to attend. This is another great resource and opportunity to take advantage of.

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.

WARNING: Elementary Parents

There has been some negative talk on the playground. Some related to shooting/killing/dying and other inappropriate talk, also discussions about "not wanting to exist anymore".

Please be asking and guiding at home concerning this matter. I realize that "cops and robbers" is a funny game. But taken out of context and paired with some other inappropriate conversations, things can spiral out of control fairly quickly. We cannot shelter our kids, but help by having real conversations and let your kids know what is appropriate for your family values.

Another "game" that recently came across our radar is "pretending to be mean to get attention". This is more evidence that students are aware that negative attention is still attention and that kids desperately need and want attention..... from anyone. Creating a kindness game and then pretending to be negative just to get attention is very interesting; students have said "lets be mean to get attention"..... Staff have worked hard to shut these ideas down, but it's impossible to see and hear everything from everyone. Please let your child know what your family expectations are for play and help them understand what is appropriate for school. I would imagine you would rather front-load these conversations rather than have it with your child in the principal's office. We ask that you help us help you.

~ Mrs. Wiechmann

Library News



FUNDRAISER FOR
TEN SLEEP AMBULANCE AND
TEN SLEEP LIBRARY

Harvest DINNER

OCT 11
5:00 - 7:00
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

FEATURING:
SPUD-TACULAR
POTATO BAR
FRESH GREENS
AND SWEET TREATS!

ADULTS: \$15 CHILD: \$5 FAMILY: \$50 KIDS UNDER 5 FREE

SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE TO BENEFIT
FRIENDS OF THE TEN SLEEP LIBRARY

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RAFFLE BIDDING ENDS AT 7:00



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THE TEN SLEEP LIBRARY

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new or handmade donations
for the
Harvest Dinner Raffle
and Silent Auction

307-366-2348

DINNER WILL BE OCTOBER 11



Washakie County Library
Little Friends Story Time
Every Wednesday and Saturday
at 10:30 am

OCTOBER

1st & 4th Llama Llama
8th Fire Prevention
15th & 18th Sailing Ships
22nd & 25th Castles and Knights
29th & Nov. 1 Halloween

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801 Big Horn Avenue, Suite 100, Worland, WY
www.washakiecountylibrary.com



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SCOTT WERBELOW
GAME WARDEN AND AUTHOR OF
"SON OF A POACHER"

AFTER HUNTER FEST,
OCTOBER 14, 2025, 2:00 PM
TEN SLEEP SENIOR CENTER
BROUGHT TO YOU BY FRIENDS OF THE TEN SLEEP LIBRARY

FREE!



Board Briefs

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA (Monday, September 8, 2025)

1. Work Session 6:15

2. MEETING OPENING

A. Call to Order- Chairperson Erin Blutt called this meeting to order at 7:00pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call - Jordan Bush, Shana Harstad, Annie Griffin, Erin Blutt, Marc Dykstra, Robert Griffin, and Rachel Casteel.

D. Adopt Agenda - Move to adopt or amend the agenda.

Shana Harstad moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Marc Dykstra. Motion Carried 3-0.

3. REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Italy Presentation and Agriculture Update

B. Pioneer Way- Student Recognitions

C. Superintendent Report- Mrs. Griffin

4. GUESTS AND PATRON COMMENTS

A. Visitor Input at Board Meetings

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Business Manager Report-Mrs. Casteel

B. Principal's Report - Mr. Griffin

C. Approve Minutes of August 12, 2025 Meeting

D. Authorization and Payment of Outstanding Bills

E. Megan Stiffney- Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach

Marc Dykstra moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Shana Harstad. Motion Carried 3-0.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. First Reading of Policies 2.02 Approval/Renewal of Superintendent, 2.09 Instruction, 2.10 Communication from Patrons or Employment, 2.11 Finances of the District, 2.12 Discipline, 2.13 Suspension of a Student, 2.14 Delegating Authority, 2.15 Authority in Case of Emergency, 2.16 Surety Bond, and 2.17 Executive Officer.

Shana Harstad moved to approve the First Reading of Policies 2.02 Approval/Renewal of Superintendent, 2.09 Instruction, 2.10 Communication from Patrons or Employment, 2.11 Finances of the District, 2.12 Discipline, 2.13 Suspension of a Student, 2.14 Delegating Authority, 2.15 Authority in Case of Emergency, 2.16 Surety Bond, and 2.17 Executive Officer. Seconded by Marc Dykstra. Motion Carried 3-0.

B. Second Reading of Policy 2.07 Purchase of Instructional Supplies.

Marc Dykstra moved to approve the Second Reading of Policy 2.07 Purchase of Instructional Supplies. Seconded by Shana Harstad. Motion Carried 3-0.

C. Approve FFA Out of State Travel Request.

Marc Dykstra moved to approve all FFA Out of State Travel for the 2024-2025 School Year. Seconded by Shana Harstad. Motion Carried 3-0.

D. 4th and 5th Grade Out of State Travel Request.

Marc Dykstra moved to approve the 4th and 5th grade trip to Yellowstone in February. Seconded by Shana Harstad. Motion Carried 3-0.

E. WHSAA Membership Application

Shana Harstad moved to approve the WHSAA Membership Application and Activity Enrollment with Ernie Beckley as representative for Washakie County School District #2. Seconded by Marc Dykstra. Motion Carried 3-0.

F. Adult Lunch Price Adjustment

Marc Dykstra moved to approve the increase in costs for adult lunches. Seconded by Shana Harstad. Motion Carried 3-0.

G. Champion of Education - The Board moved to approve the recommended nominee for Champion of Education.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. NEXT MONTH BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn the Meeting - Chairperson Erin Blutt adjourned this meeting at 8:06pm.



October Events Calendar

October 2025

October 2025

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November 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
		MSVB @ Shoshoni 4:30/5:30		MS/HS Girls Open Gym 5:00 11:30am Army Reserve lunch table	CRC Screenings FB @ Riverside 5:00/7:00 MSVB @ Riverside 1:00/2:00 XC @ Cody	MSVB @ Kaycee 10:30
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Volleyball Open Gym 7:00 6:00pm Post Graduation Planning night	Volleyball Open Gym 5:00 Elementary Outdoor Day at Medicine Lodge PBL Summit 6:30pm Task Force	10:00am Grade 7-9 suicide prevention lessons, 3rd, 4th pds	Grades 7-9, suicide prevention lessons, 3rd and 4th pds XC @ Powell		MSVB Conf @ Riverside 9:00 FB Home vs Hulett 12:00/2:00 SENIOR NIGHT Harvest Dinner
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	School Board Meeting 7:00 Volleyball Open Gym 7:00	Volleyball Open Gym 5:00	Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Courthouse Last day of Q1 MS FFA Discovery Leadership Conference in Casper	Early Release - Red Friday Schedule Parent Teacher Q2 Begins XC @ Lander	UW High School Art Intensive HSFB @ Guernsey 2:00 Fall Festival - No School	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Teacher Work Day - No School Volleyball Open Gym 7:00	Volleyball Open Gym 5:00			FB @ Kaycee 11:00/1:00 Blue Friday - Afternoon Schedule MSGB Home vs Meeteetse 3:00/4:00	MSGB Home vs Shoshoni 10:00/11:00 XC State Meet @ Cheyenne
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
	Swimming Lessons 4th-6th Grade				Red Friday - Morning	6:00pm MS Halloween
	MSGB Home vs Rocky Mtn 4:15/5:15 Volleyball Open Gym 7:00	Volleyball Open Gym 5:00	ASVAB Test, Grade 10, 11	MSGB Home vs Riverside 4:15/5:15	12:00pm Sheridan College Rep coming:	

October		Ten Sleep School K-12 Lunch 2025 - 2026		
		Tater Tot Casserole Hot Rolls Mixed Veggies Fruit Milk	1 Pizza Lettuce Salad Cottage Cheese Pineapple Tidbits Milk	2 Pulled Pork Sandwich Creamy Coleslaw Baked Beans Chips Fruit Milk
Chicken Noodle Soup Hot Rolls Fruit Milk	6 Taco Salad Fruit Milk	7 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes White Pepper Gravy Corn Hot Rolls Fruit Milk	8 Sloppy Joe French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Fruit Milk	9 Corn Dog Tater Tots Fruit Milk
BBQ Chicken Drumsticks French Fries Fruit Milk	13 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas Garlic Bread Stick Fruit Milk	14 Baked Ziti with Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk	15 Pepperoni Pizza Rippers Or Turkey Ham & Cheese Pizza Rippers Lettuce Salad Pineapple Tidbits Milk	16 No School
No School	20 Beef Taco hard shell Or Soft Shell Taco Lettuce Salad Salsa Fruit Milk	21 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Or Sausage Biscuit Egg Hash Brown Oranges Milk	22 Chicken Fettuccine with Alfredo Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread Stick Fruit Milk	23 Ham, Turkey or Tuna Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk
Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Oriental Vegetable Blend Egg Roll Vegetable Pineapple Tidbits Milk	27 Beefy Nachos Lettuce Salad Fruit Milk	28 Beef Stroganoff Peas Fruit Milk	29 Lasagna Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread Stick Fruit Milk	30 Chicken Nuggets Or Fish Sticks French Fries Fruit Milk
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