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WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 October 2018

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians,
September is upon us and believe it or not, we are a month into the school year. We have had a very smooth start to the year. The days leading up to the students' return always seem frenetic, but as soon as the kids arrive everyone settles into a routine and gets to work.

We had an awesome turnout for our back to school night as parents had the opportunity to get to know new staff and reacquaint themselves with all other staff members. We have an outstanding faculty and great facilities that are the result of the tremendous community support we receive from all of you. We enjoyed showing off a little bit and having the opportunity to make initial connections with our families. We heard many positive comments from parents and thank you for the compliments and the children you send us! Thanks for all the volunteers at our sporting events and field trips. The more involved we are as a community the more our school will prosper. We value our volunteers and appreciate the time given to enrich our school.

Our student athletes are playing well and we have home games coming up in October so please show up and continue to support our teams. Go Pioneers! Our student council is also active in planning events that will offer entertainment for the community. Be on the lookout for flyers around town or events posted on social media for more details. I have been amazed at the local community and I am truly grateful that I have the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful school and town.

With Pioneer Pride,
Mr. Collins

Preschool

If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 before September 15, 2018, they are eligible for Preschool. They must be potty trained. The class for four year olds is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:58 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The class for three year olds is Tuesday and Thursday from 7:58 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. If your child is 3 but not potty trained they may start whenever that happens. You will need to bring a birth certificate and immunizations records. We are really in need of 3 year olds so if you know of someone who might not see this, pass the word along.

CSO

CSO will meet October 2nd at 6:00 PM in the teachers' lounge. Please use the west door entrance, everyone is welcome.

Bring your Box Tops to the school office by Wednesday October 17th to be included in our fall collection drive.

Thanks to the community for your ongoing support!



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Note to Parents

When parents are overly involved in their children's social lives, their kids can't develop the confidence and resilience they need to thrive.

Swooping in and saving your child from every social challenge won't help her in the long run—it might actually hurt her.

Your child is more likely to establish healthy friendships and feel more sure of herself if she is armed with "social survival" skills. And these skills won't just help her navigate the playground successfully. They'll make her feel more confident in the classroom, too.

To help your child strengthen her social skills:

- Empower her to take action. If she comes to you with a problem, listen closely while she tells you about it. Say, "That sounds frustrating. What did you do next?" Then, give her a chance to find her own solution. Sometimes, all kids need is someone to listen to them.
- Model resilience. Talk about your own struggles and how you faced them. Studies show that when children hear stories about how family members overcame obstacles, they become more resilient in the face of challenges.

Teach her to be assertive. Help your child learn how to speak up for herself. When she wants something, ask her to make a strong case for it. Or, have a family debate night. When you encourage your child to speak up at home, she'll find her voice at school and in the world!

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Educators agree that respect is an important ingredient for success in the classroom. It's difficult for teachers to create a positive learning environment in the absence of respect.

Let your child know that everyone wants respect. When someone respects us, they act and speak in a way that shows us we are worthy. Our actions and opinions deserve consideration, even if the other person does not agree with them.

Teach your child to demonstrate respect by:

- Believing in herself. Respect begins with self-respect. Your child should act in ways that make her proud of herself.
- Being on time. Promptness demonstrates respect for people's time. Your child should arrive on time for classes and other commitments.
- Listening to and being polite to others. This includes parents, teachers and classmates.
- Being someone others can trust. Your child should do what she says she will do and be accountable for her actions. When she is working on group projects, she should always do her share.
- Understanding that learning is important. It is a way to better herself. Your child should pay attention in class and participate.

Realizing that she can learn from almost every person she meets. Your child should listen to what others have to say—even if she doesn't agree with what they're saying.

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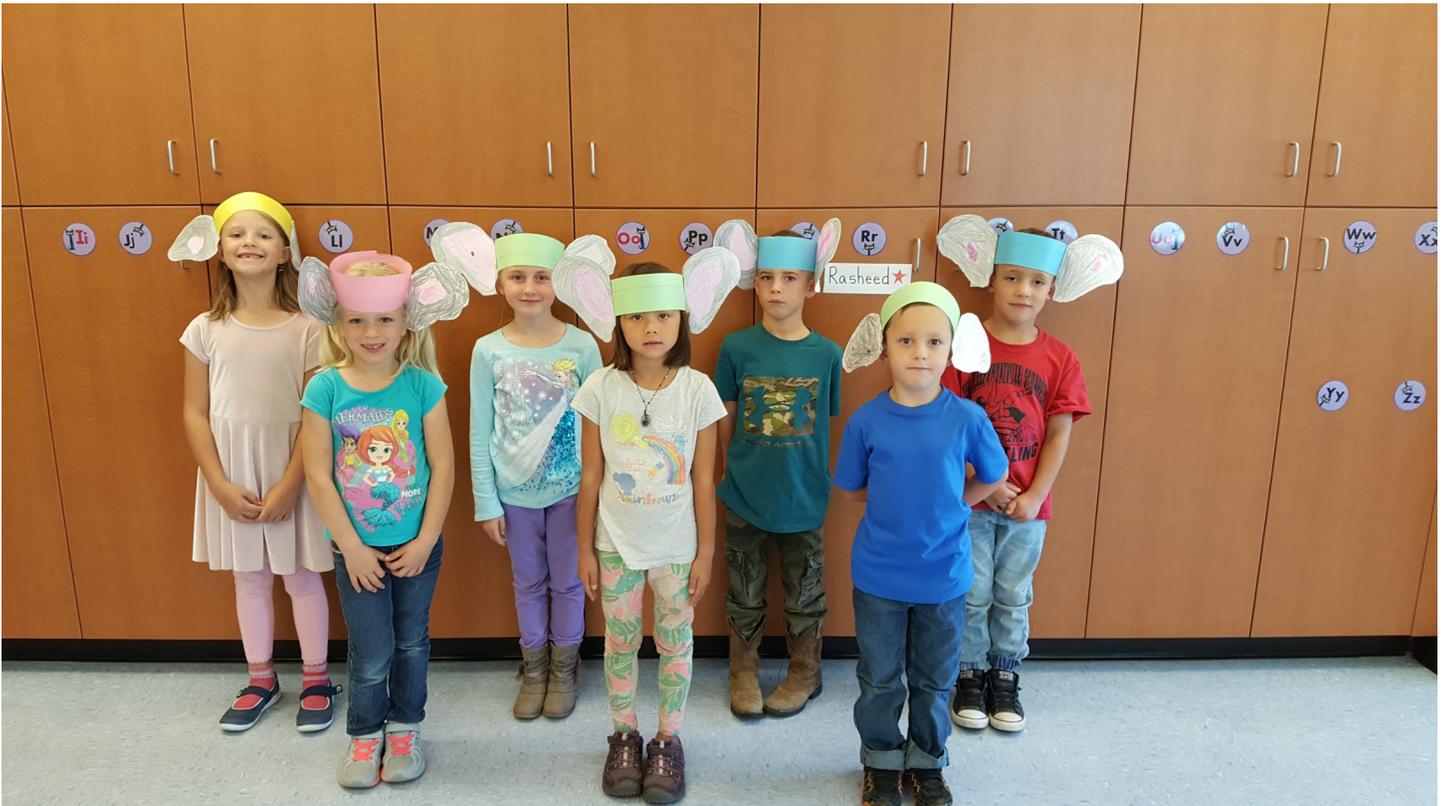
Your teen will have to make all kinds of decisions over the course of his high school career, from selecting classes to facing difficult peer pressure. Help him learn to make decisions that will enable him to succeed both academically and socially.

If your teen comes to you with a problem, walk through these steps:

1. Ask him to describe the situation he is facing. Ask open-ended questions that cannot be answered with just yes or no.
2. Discuss possible choices. Help your teen see different alternatives. Encourage him to make a pro/con list and evaluate the benefits and disadvantages of every option. Talk through how different consequences could affect his goals.
3. Allow your teen to make a decision and carry it out. Later, ask him what he learned from making that choice. Ask if he would make the same—or a different—decision if faced with a similar problem in the future.

Remember: While it may sometimes seem like your teen is challenging your values and beliefs, he still needs your support and guidance to make important decisions about his future. Teens often rebel as a way to assert their independence. But with your support and unconditional love, he will develop the judgment that will guide him to make responsible decisions.

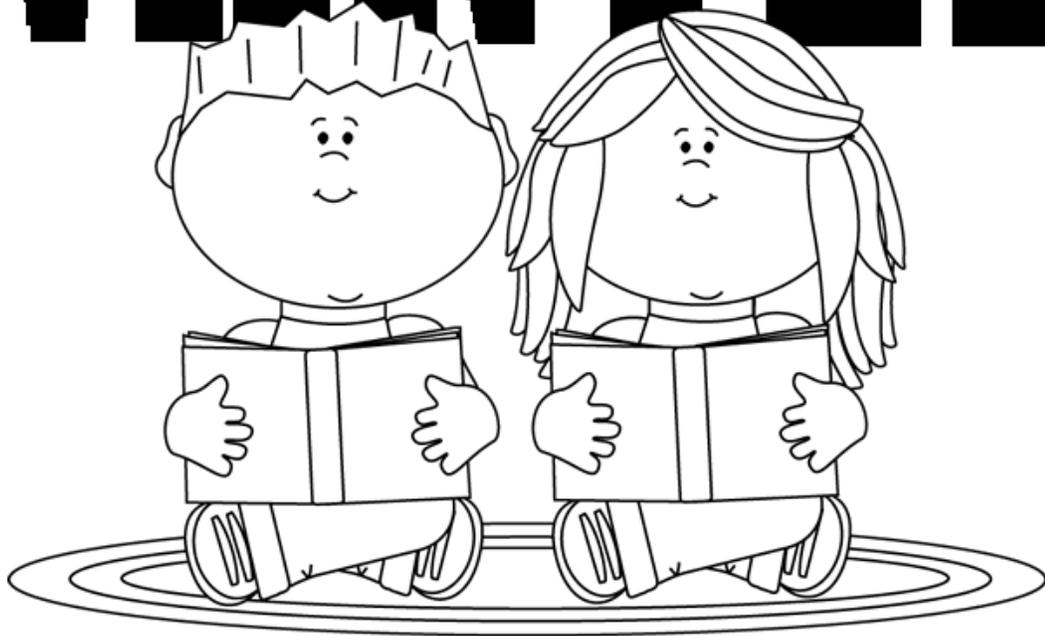
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First Grade Fun!
Above, our listening ears!
Left, the dinosaur at the park.
Right, under the picnic table at the park!



WANTED



READING PARTNERS

Help Ten Sleep School's fourth and fifth grade students become excellent readers by volunteering as a reading partner.

What do reading partners do?

Sit next to a fourth or fifth grade student and listen as he or she reads aloud from books.

How often do I need to volunteer?

Independent reading time is from 1:00-1:20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You can volunteer as few or as many days as you like.

How do I sign up?

Call or email Mrs. L at Ten Sleep School at (307) 366-2223 ext. 125 or kathy.lecheminant@wsh2.k12.wy.us.

Library Corner

We are having FUN now! The After the Bell program is seeing huge success with 5-17 kids coming to the library specifically to participate in activities and fun that have been prepared by Rhonda and Carol. If your child is not signed up for the program please sign up! Come join us Monday through Thursday during the school year. All school aged children are welcome to participate. If you are an older student who would like to volunteer as a helper, come and talk to us. It will help you learn how to organize activities with a large group, learn a few leadership skills, and learn how being a mentor can enrich your life. Join us today!

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" is a quote I see quite often. If you are a parent or caregiver and have a preschool aged child we invite you to participate in Story Time with Veronica every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Stories and a creative art activity help spark the imagination of children.

Friends of the Ten Sleep Library are now taking donations for their annual Harvest Dinner Raffle and Silent Auction. If you have something you would like to donate please bring it to the library so we may display it before the event. The Harvest Dinner will be Saturday October 13th and we hope to see you all there. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 and available at the library or at the dinner.

October 9th is Library Snapshot Day. We celebrate this day in Wyoming Libraries by collecting comments and photos. This helps libraries across the state and the nation tell a story of how libraries impact our communities every day of the year. This could be your "photo moment". Stop in, be counted, and get your picture taken!

Also on October 9th we will partner with the Ten Sleep Senior Center at 12 noon as author Mary Budd Flitner from Greybull Wyoming speaks about her book "My Ranch, Too: A Wyoming Memoir." She will also present in the Washakie County Library the same evening at 5:00 PM. Books will be available for purchase or bring your own copy for autographing.

Nurse's Corner

Goodbye summer. Welcome fall! It's that time of year again, when the air is cooler, days are shorter and the autumn colors are blooming. Unfortunately it's also the start of the flu season. Protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu this season by getting your annual flu shot. According to the CDC, getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. They also report that, "You should get a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial, even into January or later."

For more information on the 2018-2019 influenza season go to <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2018-2019.htm>

October Counseling News

October 22nd from 4:00-6:00 PM we will have a FAFSA meeting in the high school computer lab for seniors and their parents to attend.

The next ACT retake day is October 27, register by September 28.

Guidance lessons are offered in grades K-6. Guidance is a general education course offering, 30 minutes a week. We are working on the following units/topics:

KG/1- Tools for school such as listening and manners.

2/3, 4/5- Learning about one another, working together, and how our choices affect others.

Grade 6- "See something, say something": being observant, working together, and choices.

Testing: fall interim WYTOPP testing is coming to a close. Grades 2-10 were tested in reading, writing, and math. (writing for 3,5,7,9 grades only) MAP testing will begin shortly. Grades KG-11 will be tested in reading, writing, math, and science. (Science in grades 4, 8, 10)

Halloween Costume Contest

Mountain View Assembly of God will host another Noah's Ark costume contest right after the Trunk or Treat festivities. At 6:00 PM, those wishing to enter the contest must come dressed as one of the following: Bible character, animal, fruit, vegetable, plant, glazy item...anything created within the Genesis account. There will be great prizes given in all age categories from INFANT to ADULT!! We can't wait to see the creative costumes that will be on display! For more information, please contact Gloria Phelps at 281-923-7909.

Hot Lunch

Student meals are \$2.00 for grades K-6, \$2.50 for grades 7-12 and an extra milk is \$.25. October costs for K-6 will be \$42.00, 7-12 will be \$52.50. By state law, the school cannot extend credit.

Breakfast tickets are available in the lunchroom for students wishing to purchase breakfast items. Cookies are \$.50 and the other items are \$.25.

If you would like an application for free and reduced lunches, please contact the school office.



Board Briefs

Washakie County School District #2 School Board Minutes August 13, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairperson Jared Lyman.

Adopt Agenda: Jane Thurston moved to adopt the amended agenda with the following additions: Item 5 Letter H - remove the amended Speech Contract and replace with Approve Out of District Student; Item 6 Letter A- add Approve Out of State Travel for Middle School Football; all other items on the agenda will move down. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 3-0.

Guests and Patron Comments:

Reports and Recognitions:

Annual Audit Report: Mr. Seckman reviewed the annual audit with the board and answered any questions.

Standardized Test Report: Mr. Collins updated the board on the MAP testing results.

Business (Consent Agenda Items):

Superintendent: Mr. Phelps superintendent report was included in the packet.

Minutes of the July 17 and July 30, 2018 meetings were approved. Board members received copies of the statements and bills for review. Terril Mills made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Jane Thurston. Motion carried 3-0. Authorization to pay the following vouchers: General Fund warrants #21326-21367 in the amount of \$101,485.93; Federal Fund warrants #3870-3873 in the amount of \$2,642.74; Major Maintenance Fund warrant #1242-1243 in the amount of \$4,931.00; Teacherage Fund warrant #1481-1487 in the amount of \$7,577.81; Activity Fund warrant #2741-2742 in the amount of \$430.80.

Approved Prepaid Bills: General warrants # 21324-21325 in the amount of \$223.25 and Federal Fund warrant # 3869 in the amount of \$500.00.

Approved Isolation Requests: Mills, Fenton and Tharp families.

Approved Bus Routes for school year 2018-2019 are the Canyon Route, Upper Nowood Route, and Lower Nowood Route.

Designate Jimmy Phelps as Federal Program Director for the 2018-2019 school year for the following programs; Consolidated Grant, IDEA VIB and VIB Five year Old (special education), Title I-A, Title II-A (Professional Development), and Title IV.

Approved Out of District Student.

WDE Audit Report.

Business (Discussion/Action Agenda Items):

Approve Out of State Travel for the Middle School Football Team: Jane Thurston moved to approve the out of state travel request for the Middle School football team's trip to Broadus, MT on August 25th, as presented. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Annual Audit: Jane Thurston moved to accept the annual financial audit as presented by Mr. James Seckman. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Transportation for the Football Team: Jane Thurston moved to approve that the school provides transportation to Worland for the football players this school year. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Second Reading 5.46 Homeless Students: Terril Mills moved to approve on second reading Policy 5.46 Homeless Students as presented. Seconded by Jane Thurston. Motion carried 3-0.

Approve Student Handbook: Terril Mills moved to approve the 2018-2019 student handbook as presented. Seconded by Jane Thurston. Motion carried 3-0.

Discuss New Vocational Building: Mr. Phelps discussed with the Board of Trustees moving forward with an architect for the new vocational building.

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Sign Out Sheet

**A reminder to please sign your child in or out at the front office anytime your child needs to be away from school. This is the best way to account for your child during the school day.

Thank you.



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Discuss Firearms Personnel Authorized to Carry policy: School Attorney Scott Kolpitke and Sheriff Steve Rakness were available to answer questions.

Executive Session: Jane Thurston made a motion to go into executive session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss potential lawsuit with attorney. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 3-0. The board reconvened at 9:10 p.m. Terril Mills made a motion to approve the executive session minutes as read during executive session. Seconded by Jane Thurston. Motion carried 3-0.

First Reading Firearms Personnel Authorized to Carry Policy: Terril Mills moved to table the policy until the September Board meeting so all board members would be available to vote. Seconded by Jane Thurston. Motion carried 3-0.

September Board Agenda Items: Review Federal Grant Status. Review Transportation Fleet. ACT Results. WyTopp Results. First Reading of Firearms: Personnel Authorized to Carry Policy.

Meeting Was Adjourned: Vice-Chairperson Jared Lyman adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.