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WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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Levi Collins
Principal

Principal's Corner

The third quarter of this school year has come to a close and we have started our final quarter of this school year. I am quite proud of all the accomplishments of our students this school year and we want to ensure that our students finish the school year strong. With important end of the year assessments coming up soon, we want to remind everyone to continue working hard and continue to represent our community and school in a positive manner.

We are proud to announce that we have a special school sponsored event coming up called Rachel's Challenge. Rachel was a victim during the tragic Columbine school shootings and her family has started a movement and program with a vision to "...see school(s) free from harassment, bullying and violence where teachers are free to teach and **STUDENTS ARE AWAKENED TO LEARN**" Representatives from Rachel's challenge will be at our school on April 15, 2019 with goals to reduce bullying and help teach our students and staff how to be kind and helpful to all. This special event will take up the majority of the school day and a special community event for all community members will be held in the evening at 6:30 pm. We would like to invite everyone to attend and have conversations to end violence, bullying and insensitivity. Please join us and this cause to improve our community. Look for more information in local flyers and on our school Facebook page.

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 informed 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 receiving 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.

Track has begun here in Ten Sleep and we are excited to support our student athletes in their upcoming meets this season. Show up to the meets when you can and give your support to the students as they compete in their various events. Good luck Pioneers and keep working hard to represent our community!

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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Show your child how to deal with failure in positive ways

Sooner or later, your child will experience failure. The way you react to that failure can help shape his character and school success.

To help your child bounce back from setbacks:

- Remind him that you love him unconditionally. Your love isn't tied to his performance in school.
- Focus on the positives. Mistakes are actually opportunities for learning. Help your child think about what he can learn from these experiences.
- Praise what you can. "Most of your answers were correct on this test. That's an improvement."
- Be realistic. If you know he's doing his best and he still doesn't bring up a grade, don't let him think you are disappointed. Instead, focus on creating a plan for improvement.
- Move on. Don't dwell on the failure. When parents spend too much time talking about setbacks, children can have a harder time moving on.
- Don't argue with your child's teachers or coaches to try to get them to change a decision or a grade. Your child needs to learn to respect their decisions.
- Don't take over. If your child earned a low grade on a writing assignment, talk about ways to improve, but don't offer to write the next paper for him.
- Be a role model. Handle your own mistakes and failures in positive ways.

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Experts offer three strategies to motivate underachievers

It's frustrating when you know your child has the ability to succeed but seems not to want to. This is the trap of underachievement.

Experts suggest parents do three things to get kids back on track:

1. Show your child you care about him as a person, not just a student. If a rousing lecture about getting better grades were the trick to motivation, there would be no such thing as an underachiever. Make time to talk to your child about his life, go with him to see a favorite movie, play a board game together. This helps him feel valued—an important step toward getting him motivated.
2. Recognize improvements. It might not thrill you if your child brings home a low C on his social studies quiz. But if his last quiz grade was a D, he's made progress. A pat on the back with a simple, "You brought your grade up. I believe in you!" can work wonders.
3. Harness the power of friends. If your child doesn't want your help, consider enlisting the help of one of his friends. "Grant is in your social studies class. Maybe the two of you could study for the next test together. I can make a pizza if you want to have him over on Friday."

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Studies show that a strong work ethic leads to success

In today's competitive workplace, it's not enough for your teen to possess the specific skills a job requires. He also needs to have a strong work ethic.

In one survey, 75% of business owners said they were concerned about the lack of work ethic in their new hires. Employers are often forced to let people go because of:

- Tardiness and absenteeism.
 - Failure to follow instructions.
 - Inability to get along with coworkers.
- With a strong work ethic, your teen will be able to avoid these pitfalls. A work ethic consists of:
- Dependability. A company needs to know that your teen will show up when he is scheduled to and that he will do his work. Your teen practices dependability when he shows up for school and his classes prepared and on time.
 - Initiative. An employer will expect your teen to be able to work on his own, follow directions and keep himself motivated. Your teen displays initiative when he completes his work without being nagged by you or his teacher.
 - Interpersonal skills. A company needs its employees to know how to communicate effectively and work on a team. Your teen works on interpersonal skills every time he participates in a group project.
- Remind your teen that he has the opportunity to strengthen his work ethic every day in school!

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Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for making the third Quarter Honor Roll. Great Job!!

"A"

Seniors: Kinley Erickson, Matthew Fenton, Kelli Holiday, Savanna Jackson

Juniors: Zayne Cooper

Sophomores: Payton Casteel, Lindsey Holiday, Anna Powell

Freshman: Elizabeth Bleicher

Eighth Grade: Kinley Anderson, Walker Cooper, Josie Decker

"B"

Seniors: Brayden Fettig, Katon Fox

Juniors: Molly Charney, Bryley Moore

Sophomores: Elizabeth Lungren, Brian Rice, Aidan Searfoss

Freshman: Brian Shoopman

Eighth Grade: Eli Mitchell

Seventh Grade: Isabelle Fox, Jacob Holiday, Carter Lungren, Elektra Shoopman

Congratulations to Coach Sarah Novak for being named Wyoming Five Rivers Conference Coach of the Year!!

State Art Symposium

Good Luck to our Art students who will be competing in the State Art Symposium in Casper April 25th thru the 27th. It is the only show like it in the nation where all the schools in the state compete against one another.

Kindergarten Roundup

We are planning a Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, April 18th. If your child is of kindergarten age, (will be five years old by September 15, 2019), we would like to have him/her come to school to meet the teacher, Mrs. Schwarz, and get acquainted.

The hours of the Roundup will be 7:58 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Please call the school and let us know if your child will be attending. Those students living in the country are encouraged to ride the bus to school that morning. However, please call the school so that he/she will know that you have a child who will be riding.

We would like to meet with all parents in the kindergarten room at 11:30 a.m. to discuss kindergarten readiness. This meeting will last about twenty minutes. Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. if you would like to come early and eat with your child. Adult meals are \$3.00.

If you know of someone in our district who did not get a letter but has a child entering kindergarten, please ask them to call the school. We would like to have all students entering kindergarten next fall attend the Roundup.

If your child is not already attending Pre-school here, please make sure you have completed a registration form and bring it along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record when you come to pick up your child.



Board Briefs

Washakie County School District #2 School Board Minutes

February 11, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Jared Lyman.

Adopt Agenda: Terril Mills made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chuck Powell. Motion carried 5-0.

Guests and Patron Comments:

Reports and Recognitions:

Student Recognition: Mr. Collins recognized the January Students of the Month: High School Lindsey Holiday, Middle School - Elektra Shoopman, and Elementary - Porter Stiffney.

Business (Consent Agenda Items): Minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved. Board members received copies of the statements and bills for review. Mona Sindelar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 5-0. Authorization to pay the following vouchers: General Fund warrants #21832-21884 in the amount of \$240,203.93; Federal Fund warrant #3896 in the amount of \$6,217.45; Depreciation Reserve Fund warrants #1002-1003 in the amounts of \$7,536.19; Hot Lunch Fund warrants #1505-1510 in the amount of \$11,056.25; Teacherage Fund warrant #1506 in the amount of \$138.00; Activity Fund warrants #2776-2783 in the amount of \$1,351.43.

Approved prepaid bills: General Fund warrants #21818-21826 in the amount of \$4,120.80; Federal Fund warrant #3893 in the amount of \$842.21; Hot Lunch Fund warrant #2775 in the amount of \$475.97.

Business (Discussion/Action Agenda Items):

Rec. District Request for Transportation for President's Day Ski Trip: Chuck Powell moved we approve the use of two buses and two drivers by the Rec. District for their annual Family Ski Day on February 19, 2019. Seconded by Terril Mills Motion carried 5-0.

Out of State Travel Request for Ag Classes to the MATE show in Billings: Chuck Powell moved to approve the out of state travel request for the Ag classes to attend the MATE show in Billings on Thursday, February 14, 2019. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 5-0.

2019-2020 School Calendar: Chuck Powell moved to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar as submitted by the Calendar Committee. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 5-0.

Legislative Update: Mr. Phelps updated the board on various bills being discussed in the legislation this year.

Vocational Projects Update: Mr. Phelps updated the board on the progress with the architect. The board called a Special Called meeting for February 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to hear a presentation from Karen Kelly at ARETE Designs.

Discussion on Major Maintenance Projects: Mona Sindelar moved to get quotes or bids as required by law for gutters, new windows, and new light switches in the weight room and for refinishing the gym floor. Seconded by Chuck Powell. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Superintendent Evaluation: Mr. Phelps updated the board on the changes in the Superintendent Evaluations as required by state statute.

Personnel: Mona Sindelar motioned to go into executive session at 7:43 p.m. for Superintendent Evaluation and contract. Seconded by Terril Mills. Motion carried 5-0. Board reconvened at 10:31 p.m. Chuck Powell made a motion to approve the executive session minutes as read during executive session. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 5-0. Mona Sindelar moved to extend the contract of Mr. Jimmy Phelps as superintendent until June 30, 2022. Seconded by Megan Truman. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Was Adjourned Chairperson Jared Lyman adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

March Board Agenda Items: Approve Summer Programs. Approve Consolidated Grant Manager. Salary Committee Update. Budget Snapshot. Publish Yearly Gross Salaries. School Vehicle Fleet. Principal's Contract. Set date for budget workshop.

Washakie County School District #2 School Board Special Meeting Minutes February 18, 2019

The Special meeting of the Washakie County SD #2 Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jared Lyman. Present were Jared Lyman, Mona Sindelar, Megan Truman, and Chuck Powell. Absent was Terril Mills. Also present was Superintendent Jimmy Phelps.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adopt Agenda: Chuck Powell made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mona Sindelar. Motion carried 4-0.

Business (Discussion Agenda Items): **Discussion/Action on Proposed New Vocational Building and Dust Collection for Existing Shop:** Karen Kelly from Arete Designs was on a conference call with the board on the plans for the new vocational building and the dust collection system for the existing shop. Discussion followed.

Meeting Was Adjourned Chairperson Jared Lyman adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Counselor Corner

Guidance Lessons:

Character Education Topics

Grade KG, 1st: Honesty and "making mistakes is OK"

Grade 2/3: Friendship behaviors

Grade 4/5: Fairness, honesty, respect

Grade 6: Mental Health disorders, specifically anxiety, and scenarios and role-play with responding to a peer

ACT: The Junior class will be taking the ACT on April 2. All juniors need to be in attendance that day. They will have a late lunch; therefore they will need a good breakfast and snacks. There is one 15 minute break during the test.

WYTOPP spring state testing

will be for grades KG-10. The testing window is April 15 thru May 10. Students need to do their very best to be in attendance for this testing.

Makeup testing is sometimes difficult for the student. So to minimize the strain on the student, attendance is recommended!

Scholarships are in full force. Scholarships are handed out to students. Scholarships are also emailed to students when applicable. Extra copies are available on the hallway scholarship board. Extra copies are available in the counselor's office. Due dates are listed on the school website under counselor: scholarships.

National Honor Society:

The NHS students have been helping with Tuesday and Thursday peer tutoring. They are also doing school wide recycling.

The service events that we are recently helping with are: CSO candy cup delivery, CSO book fair set-up and take-down, and BINGO for books night.

Our February Random Acts of Kindness was to recognize staff members who go above

and beyond and are somewhat "behind the scenes" working hard for our school district. They received a special note and a bag of goodies.

Secret Service Club: The grade KG-4th grade community service group donated items to build a military care package in February. Recently, in March, students learned about selflessness and created an inspirational card for someone in the school who they would like to encourage. They wrote "thinking of you" notes and gave out special candy treats.... Well the sneaky leprechaun handed them out!

The Pioneer Club is off and running. This club is for grades 5-8 who would like to learn and grow. This club is designed to empower students to learn how to create change in their communities through hands on activism and advocacy. The Washakie County Prevention Coalition is supporting this club as well as the Wyoming Youth Prevention Coalition and WASCOP (Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police). This is a great opportunity for students to socialize, express their opinions and ideas, and support one

CSO

Seniors: Please see Mrs. Wiechmann for CSO Senior Scholarship Applications.

Thank you to all that helped with the March book fair. Your assistance and purchases are greatly appreciated!



Preschool Notice

Spring is HERE! We are looking ahead to the future. We would like to get an idea of how many parents are considering Preschool for next year. To be in preschool we will follow the same guidelines as we do for Kindergarten. The cutoff date for the ages is September 15th. For example, if a child turns three after September 15th, he or she cannot be enrolled until the following year. All students must be potty trained as well before attending. If you plan to send your child next year to preschool, please contact Janet Collen at 307-366-2233 x 420 or janet.collen@wsh2.k12.wy.us.

TS VocEd News

Classes are progressing nicely in a variety of areas. The welding class continues to accomplish new skills in different types of welding and projects. The small engines class is continuing to work on strengthening their knowledge of trouble shooting and fixing small engines. The middle school class is doing a very nice job on utilizing their skills on the lathe as well as other woodworking tools. The project class continues to work on developing more complex projects and follow a productive format. The construction class is working on a variety of different structures as well as beginning concrete work. Students are doing a nice job on many of their tasks and I look forward to the progress this last 9 weeks.

Mr. Zollman

National Library Week 2019

Libraries strengthen their communities: celebrate National Library Week April 7-13

This week, the Ten Sleep Library joins libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs and expertise.

April 7-13, 2019 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and campuses. They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and connect.

The Ten Sleep Branch Library helps lead the community by providing preschool story time, after school activities, book discussions, historical programming, art displays and more. A multiple purpose meeting room is also available.

Libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all. They also foster civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Ten Sleep Branch Library at 200 North Fir, call 307-366-2348 or see the library's NEW website at www.washakiecountylibrary.com. Library hours are Monday through Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm and closed Sundays.

The Ten Sleep library will be closed April 19th and there will be no After the Bell program on Monday April 22nd.

Melinda Gates is 2019 National Library Week Honorary Chair!

Melinda Gates has dedicated her life to achieving transformational improvements in the health and prosperity of families, communities and societies. Now she will lend her support to advocate for our nation's libraries as honorary chair of National Library Week. Over the last 20 years, Gates has invested more than \$1 billion through her foundation's Global Libraries initiative to enhance the power of libraries to improve lives. As co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, she sets the direction and priorities of the world's largest philanthropy. She is also the founder of Pivotal Ventures, an investment and incubation company working to drive social progress for women and families in the United States.



Spanish in the Elementary

Muchas gracias (thank you) parents for sending in such yummy, wonderful food during our Comida (Food) Unit for Spanish class. This was an optional activity for all classes. We asked students to share foods from their ancestors' heritage. We had some tasty treats from Sweden, Ireland, France, Germany, and Scotland. We had previously read a book called "Jalapeño Bagels" that spoke of a young boy named Pablo who had to decide what to take to school for International Heritage Day. He finally decides to choose the jalapeño bagels because it combined his father's Jewish and his mother's Hispanic heritage. Thank you for participating! Señora Taylor.



Poison Prevention Tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Each year, approximately 3 million people - many under age 5 - swallow or have contact with a poisonous substance. Most poisonings occur when parents or caregivers are home but not paying attention. The most dangerous potential poisons are medicines, cleaning products, liquid nicotine, button-cell batteries, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, pesticides, furniture polish, gasoline, kerosene and lamp oil. Be especially vigilant when there is a change in routine. Holidays, visits to and from grandparents' homes, and other special events may bring greater risk of poisoning if the usual safeguards are defeated or not in place.

Store medicine, cleaning and laundry products (including detergent packets), paints/varnishes and pesticides in their original packaging in locked cabinets or containers, out of sight and reach of children.

Safety latches that automatically lock when you close a cabinet door can help keep children away from dangerous products, but there is always a chance the device will malfunction or the child will defeat it. The safest place to store poisonous products is somewhere a child can't reach or see.

Purchase and keep all medicines in containers with safety caps and keep out of reach of children. Discard unused medication. Note that safety caps are designed to be child resistant but are not fully child proof.

Never refer to medicine as "candy" or another appealing name.

Check the label each time you give a child medicine to ensure proper dosage. For liquid medicines, use the dosing device that came with the medicine. Never use a kitchen spoon.

If you use an e-cigarette, keep the liquid nicotine refills locked up out of children's reach and only buy refills that use child resistant packaging. Ingestion or skin exposure with just a small amount of the liquid can be fatal to a child.

Never place poisonous products in food or drink containers.

Keep natural-gas-powered appliances, furnaces, and coal, wood or kerosene stoves in safe working order.

Maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Secure remote controls, key fobs, greeting cards, and musical children's books. These and other devices may contain small button-cell batteries that can cause injury if ingested.

Know the names of all plants in your home and yard. If you have young children or pets, consider removing those that are poisonous.

If your child is unconscious, not breathing, or having convulsions or seizures due to poison contact or ingestion, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately. If your child has come in contact with poison and has mild or no symptoms, call Poison help at 1-800-222-1222. For more information visit www.AAP.org

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Time Out from the AD

As one season completes and our student-athletes get a bit of rest the spring season is in wait. The middle school and high school track programs will officially kick-off on Monday March 18 with practice beginning after school. Please remember if you have a son/daughter participating in their first sport of this year, they MUST have a physical prior to the start of practice.

Depending on "ole man winter", the first MS track meet is on April 6 at Rocky. The HS will open up on March 30 in Buffalo. Hopefully you will get a chance to watch a meet. The MS will be running in Worland and the HS is in hopes of being there as well.

Our FFA students are busy going to competitions and practices to hone their skills as they prepare themselves for State FFA starting on April 10. Maybe another state champion in the works!

We had some great recognition for the boys and girls basketball teams this season. The boys lost a highly competitive Pig-Tail game against Dubois. Although they did not make the regional tournament this year they were fun to watch week in and week out as they improved each outing. Senior Brayden Fettig was recognized as an All-Conference Player for the 2018-19 season. In addition to Brayden, the following girls were also recognized as All-Conference players; sophomore Lindsey Holiday, junior Bryley Moore, and senior Kinley Erickson. Kinley was also chosen as the Conference Player of the Year. Fourteen girls from 1A schools are selected to make the 1A All-State Team and Kinley also received this honor. Way to Go PIO-NEERS!

As we push closer to the end of the year we look forward to sunshine with warmer temperatures, track meets, book fair, spring concert, state testing (maybe not so much) and fun in the sun. Thank you all for supporting your student-athletes. Your words of encouragement and presence at events speak volume to our students. Thank you.

Students OF THE MONTH



FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Kinley, Haleigh, and Kayli!

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Ten Sleep School
Supporting Success

Bingo for Books

Bingo for Books will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Ten Sleep School Cafeteria. Dinner will be provided by Subway Sandwiches at 6:00 pm. Please come and eat followed by bingo with your family.

Winners will receive a chance to get two free books per student. Sponsored by Title One.



Hot Lunch

Student meals are \$2.00 for K-6, \$2.50 for 7-12 and extra milk is \$.25. April costs for K-6 will be \$40.00, 7-12 will be \$50.00. By State law, the school cannot extend credit.

Breakfast tickets are available in the lunchroom for students wishing to purchase breakfast items.

Log in to EZ School Apps and sign up to see your student's lunch charges.

Prom News

The Prom this year, "Diamonds are Forever" will be at the Red Reflet Ranch on Saturday April 6th. The Grand March is at 7:30



Yearbook

Yearbooks are \$25.00, please sign up and pay at the front office by May 1st to reserve your copy.

Seniors, please get your pictures turned in by April 15th. Thank you!

All Parents K-12 Encouraged to Attend.

Childcare Will Be Available.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Come hear the inspiring true story about one girl's dream to change the world.



While her life was tragically cut short during the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999, Rachel Joy Scott's shining example of kindness and compassion was not defeated that day. Come hear the inspiring true story of one girl's dream being fulfilled over a decade after her death. The presentation is a powerful reminder of the little things we can do every day to make our world a better place.

All Community Members Invited

Date: April 15, 2019 *Time:* 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ten Sleep School

rachelschallenge.org