

Thayer's Thoughts

Wow!! The final newsletter for this school year. It is tough to see all the final preparations in progress. It seemed like just last week that the juniors became seniors. It is uplifting to watch them mature as the year progresses. I enjoy the various conversations and opinions that they share with me.

For a number of students the countdown has begun but we still have a solid four weeks of instruction. This is a great opportunity for students to make the final push to improve their grades. Unfortunately it may also be a time that students like to mentally check-out and grades fall. Your continued support on homework is appreciated. Parent involvement has been super this year making it a great year—A Big thank you.

MAP Test Results

Preliminary Results show that almost all grade levels 7-11 showed growth in each of the 5 areas tested: Reading, Math, Language Arts, General Science and Concepts and Processes Science. Students should be commended on their seriousness toward these tests. Faculty will use them to look at areas where they can enhance current curriculum as well as validate the course content.

UPSHIFT DAY FOR GRADE 6

Wednesday, May 2 8:30-10:30 am

6th grade students will be in the high school building for part of the morning. At that time, they will visit with representatives from student council and current 7th graders; participate in a building tour, and visiting with next year's teachers. They will return to their classroom for the rest of the day. Lunch will not be open campus that day.



Semester Test Schedule

The final days for testing will be on Thursday, May 17 for Periods 4-7 periods and on Friday, May 18, students will test during periods 1-3. These tests will during their regularly scheduled class period. Checkout sheets will given to the students earlier in the week to have completed before leaving for the day.

Class Schedules for Next Year

Mrs. Huckle and I are working on the schedules for next school year. We hope to have them complete prior to the end of school. If needed, changes may be made prior to school beginning in August.

Senior Schedule for Last Days

May 9 Wednesday –Final Testing

May 10 Thursday – Grades Posted

No Class for Seniors unless they are finishing work needed for graduation credit.

May 10 Thursday – Honor Night

May 11 Friday – **in Gym**

- Receive Cap and Gown
- Practice with Band
- Cap and Gown Pictures
- Senior Slide Show
- Draw for Seating

Hang Class Picture

May 13 Graduation—**2 pm** *Congratulations to the Class of 2007*

Other Senior Notes

Caps and Gowns will be handed out on Friday

Honor's Night—All seniors are expected to attend and will be seated as group.



Upcoming Events

May 3: FCCLA Banquet

May 8: Sports Banquet 6:00 pm

May 15: FFA Banquet

May 18: Last Day of School

Summer Physicals: June 13 and July 11

Fostering Education

IS IT REALLY MAY?

I can't believe that we are into the last month of school. The year just seems like it got started. I have thoroughly enjoyed my second year as principal of the elementary. The support I've received from everyone has been fabulous.

NEW FRONT DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM

The front door of the elementary will once again be accessible for parents to enter. We've installed a new system that will require you to push a button (like a doorbell) and talk to identify yourself. The secretary can then open the door for you. This system is located on the west wall (on the left) by the front door. Please feel free to visit our school. Remember we are very concerned with the safety of our children. Please give the new system a try; it will be very easy to get use to. **THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING .**

TESTING

We administered the spring MAPS tests in April this year. **The kids made terrific, spectacular, and awesome gains in their scores from the fall to the spring. I was very pleased with the results.**

We appreciate the support and encouragement you give your child each day to do their best in school.

GREAT JOB KIDS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS!

WORDS TO PONDER

Being defeated is often only a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.



May 1st - 4th Grade Field

Trip to Fort Robinson

May 2 - 6th Grade Upshift Day (8:30-10:30)

May 2 - Kdg. - 5th Upshift Day (2:30-3:00)

May 8th - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Scottsbluff

May 11th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Mammoth Site

May 17th - Kindergarten Grade Field Trip to Scottsbluff

May 17th - Full Day of School

May 18th - Field Day for Kdg. - 6th 8:45 - 11:00 a.m.

May 18th - Students Dismissed at 11:00 a.m. for summer vacation !

COMMUNICATION

Together we can make a difference for kids !

Call us with any questions at 487-3330

Seventh Grade Dues

Mr. Olson and Mr. Chate-lain would like to remind all 7th grade parents that their student needs to get their class dues paid to the 7th grade class treasurer by the end of the school year. Please feel free to contact us at school if you have any questions about this issue.

The Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department in co-operation with Regional West Blood Mobile will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Fire Hall Wednesday, May 16, 2007. The Blood Drive will take place from 8:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m. The goal is 40 donors. If you are interested in donating blood, please contact Lisa Haas @487-5512. There will also be a need for refreshments, if you are unable to donate blood, this may be a way for you to help with the blood drive.

Giorgi's Gym

Physical Fitness Testing

Testing will be taking place the end of April/beginning of May. Make sure your child is getting exercise at home – remember at least 10,000 steps a day and an hour a day of physical activity.

Elementary Field Day May 11

The annual Field Day will be held on the last day of school. The 6th graders will be running 10 events, and the rest of the elementary students will be put into 10 teams, each led by a 5th grader. The field day will start at 8:35 and end at 10:45 with school being dismissed at 11:00. Parents, friends and family members are

encouraged to come and watch, but will not be allowed to participate.

FAMILY POWER EXCERPT #3

Creating Change through Goals

Successful behavior change has four necessary elements;

1. A specific, measurable goal that is realistically achievable
2. A plan to achieve the goal – what needs to happen
3. Believing that the goal is important
4. Having confidence that the plan can and will be implemented.

Sample Goals

- Increase family dinners from two to four nights per week.
- Reduce playing video games from two hours per day to one hour per day.
- Change from white rice and pasta to brown rice and whole-grain pasta.

Switch meal beverages from soft drinks or fruit juices to water or nonfat milk.

Miller-Kovach, Karen. Weight Watchers Family Power. New Jersey: Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2006.

Mrs. Giorgi

C O U N S E L O R ' S

O R N E R

Seniors – End of the year activities

- May 9 Finals for seniors
- May 10 Seniors not required to attend unless they need to finish work for graduation requirements
- May 10 Senior Honors Night
- May 11 Seniors Last Day (Checkout, hanging of picture, practice for commencement exercises, cap and gown picture)
- May 13 Graduation – 2:00 p.m. – High School Gym

Juniors – Summer is the time for serious college planning.

- Start narrowing your college choices.
- Update your resume.
- Identify teachers, coaches and community members who will write letters of recommendation for you.
- Look for scholarships.
- Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses.

We're on the Web
hemingfordschools.org

Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be held June 25th--through July 6th. Registration will be held the week of June 11th at the pool during regular pool hours.



Summer School

Hemingford Public Schools is offering a credit recovery program for high school students the week after school is out. This program will run May 21 through May 25, 8:00-12:00 and will utilize the computerized NovaNet system. If parents or students are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kelly Thompson, Peggy Thayer, or Mandy Plog at 487-3328.

Hemingford Public Schools is offering a skill building summer school for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. This program will run for two weeks, July 9 through July 20, from 9:00-12:00. Brianne Moudry has mailed out letters to students in grades K-8th of students who were recommended by teachers, receiving special services, or who have attended before. Siblings of those involved are also welcome to attend. In addition, there is the option for parents of 7th and 8th grade students who have failed classes to require your children to attend this summer school. If parents or students are interested in this opportunity, please contact Brianne Moudry, Ron Foster, or Mandy Plog at 487-3330.



Chords from Chesley



The Band, Choirs and Elementary music students have been very busy. The High School students have competed in District Music Contest and put on a Spring Program. At districts rates could be thought of in the following as I=Superior, II=Excellent, III = Good, IV = Fair and V =Poor. The results from District Contest; Robyn Wright, Vocal Solo-II, Kate Kreaonow, Tenor Sax-II, Melissa Cervantes, Vocal Solo-II Meranda Keane and Shawney Wright, Flute Duet-II, Tanner Sorensen, Sha-Nae Orr, Travis Kittlemann, Cody Minich, Todd Prochazka, Jacob Yardley, Taylor Yardley, Adam Jensen, Stephanie Whipple, Tanner Green, Percussion Ensembles-II and III, the

Mixed Trio of Katoya Rosentrator, Trumpet, Emily Sample, Clarinet and Bethany Wacker, Clarinet-I, Michael Bergfield, Trumpet-I, Gina Jespersen and Melissa Cervantes Flute Duet-I, Taylor Jespersen and Jordan Petersen Trumpet Duet-I, the Sax Trio of Kate Kraenow, Tenor Sax, Megan Roland Alto Sax and Brooke Hannaford Alto Sax-I Swing Choir-II, III and III+, Women's Choir II, II and II, Band I, II and II. Congratulations to everyone and a big thanks to Mrs. Shaver for all of her hard work!

The Junior High and High School Concert was Monday night. They featured several solos and small groups from the Dis-

trict contest as well as the Swing Choir, Concert Band and Women's Choir. Students also took some year end awards. Kate Kraenow was awarded the Outstanding Musicianship Award from the Music Parents. Thanks Music Parents! Kassie Boone received the National Choral Award and Melissa Cervantes received the John Philip Sousa Award.

The Elementary Spring Music program is on April 30th. Each grade will be giving a performance. Students have been studying steady beats, music from other countries, recorders, learning by ear and much more. Students will be putting what they have learned on stage!

FFA FARM SAFETY DAY BIG SUCCESS

On Thursday, April 19 The Hemingford FFA chapter Held its annual Farm Safety for Kids Day. The FFA members along with helpers from Mr. Karney's 7th hour AG class and the Alliance City Electric Department gave safety demonstrations in grain handling, large animal handling, electrical safety, household chemical safety and ATV (4 wheeler) safety. Students from the grade school came to the fair grounds in shifts and went through a program which included presentations by FFA members or Alliance City workers at each station and finished up with a puppet show presented by the 7th hour Intro to Agriculture class that showcased and reinforced the farm safety lessons the students had learned earlier. Mr. Karney was very pleased with the presentation this year. "This was by far the best presentation I've seen since I started teaching here. The FFA members should be commended for the great job they did in educating the younger students about how to avoid possible life threatening situations and preparing them for a safe and fun filled summer."



Summer Physicals

Every student in grades 7-12 who participates in athletics is required to have a physical. The Hemingford Clinic offers two dates at the High School where students can get a physical for only \$15. Students are asked to come in the front doors and meet in the lobby – they will then be directed to various classrooms for their physicals.

The dates for this years physicals will be Wednesday June 13 and Wednesday July 11 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you do not take advantage of this, then you are required to get a physical on your own and pay a much higher rate. So be sure to mark these two dates on your calendar.

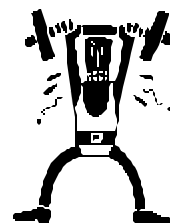
Summer Weight Room Schedule

The weight room will be open starting Tuesday, May 29th through Friday July 27th.

Monday — Friday am
6—8

Monday — Thursday pm
8—10

When entering please use the north entrance to the locker rooms



At age 6 years, your child...

- has correct articulation of most speech sounds
- may still have difficulties with clusters such as 'spl' or 'tr'
- uses adult-like grammar in sentences and conversations
- understands the meanings of most sentences
- names days of week in order and counts to 30
- predicts the next sequence of events and tells a 4- to 5-part story
- tells month and day of birthday, name, and address
- distinguishes left and right
- know most opposites and the meaning of *through*, *away*, *toward*, & *from*
- knows the meaning of *today*, *yesterday*, and *tomorrow*
- asks lots of "why," "what," and "how" questions
- is beginning to read simple words like *cat*, *the*, and *ball*
- is starting to recognize that individual letters in words represent different sounds that form words when put together (for example, c-a-t for "cat")

You can stimulate our 6-year-old child's speech and language if you...

- spend quiet time each day when only the two of you carry on a conversation
- have our child read simple and familiar books to you and read new and more advanced books to him or her
- help your child write his or her own story-picture book
- have your child act out or make up stories or plays
- play games with your child that involve reasoning and conversation
- have your child run errands or do chores for you that involve remembering a list of instructions
- let your child watch special children's videos or television shows and then have him or her retell the story
- have your child contribute to family discussions that involve decision making
- define new words and concepts to your child
- tell a short story about your day and then ask your child to do the same
- have your child "write" new words and sentences each day with refrigerator magnet letters or a marker on a dry-erase board

Many Teens Drink, Use Drugs and Drive

Nebraskans for Student Assistance

A new survey finds that 19% of teens drive under the influence of alcohol, 15% drive after using marijuana, and 7% report driving under the influence of other drugs.

However, the annual Teens Today survey, sponsored by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the Liberty Mutual insurance company, also found that teens whose parents set high expectations and impose serious consequences are less likely to drive while impaired. For example, 16% of teens who say there would be serious trouble at home reported driving drunk, compared to 29% of teens who said they would not face such consequences from their parents. Boys (32%) were more likely than girls (25%) to have driven while impaired, the study found.

"It's quite encouraging to see that parental involvement can significantly improve teen driving statistics, a mission we've been committed to for some time now," said Liberty Mutual executive Paul Condrin. "And through this study, the type of parental involvement that works is clear — parents need to know the laws and teen-driving rules of their state, set clear expectations with their teens about what safe-driving is, and establish and enforce those consequences should those laws be broken or expectations not be met."

Good parenting also can cut down on car crashes, speeding, and distracted driving among teens, the study found. Suggested family rules for teen drivers include no friends in the car without an adult; no driving after 10 p.m.; no use of alcohol or other drugs; no distractions while driving, including eating, changing CD's, handling iPods and putting on makeup; and no cell phone use, including text messaging.

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May 2007

Breakfast Menu

Milk is served with all meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Egg & Cheese Pattie Sausage Links Fruit or Juice	2 French Toast Fruit or Juice	3 Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	4 Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice
7 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	8 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Fruit or Juice	9 Pancake & Sausage On a Stick Fruit or Juice	10 Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	11 Cinnamon Roll Fruit or Juice
14 Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	15 Breakfast Burrito Fruit or Juice	16 Pancakes Fruit or Juice	17 Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	18 Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

Menus are subject to change

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**May 2007
Lunch Menu**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Taco Burger Corn Pears Pudding Alt. Baked Potato Cold Sand. Bologna	2 Oven Baked Chicken Tater Bar Pineapple Roll & Butter Alt. Burrito Cold Sand. Turkey	3 Mac & Cheese Carrots Fruit Cocktail Roll & Butter Alt. Quesadilla Cold Sand. Ham	4 Pizza Pockets Green Beans Applesauce Cookie Alt. Pig in Blanket Cold Sand. Cheese
7 Hamburger/ Bun French Fries Pineapple Dill Slices Alt. Hot Ham Cold Sand. PBJ	8 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. Salisbury Steak Cold Sand. Bologna	9 Corn Dog Nuggets Green Beans Fresh Fruit Roll & Butter Alt. Crispito Cold Sand. Turkey	10 Chili/ Crackers Carrots & Celery Applesauce Cinnamon Roll Alt. Baked Potato Cold Sand. Ham	11 Chicken Sand. Corn Pears Pudding Alt. Ready Rib Sand. Cold Sand. Cheese
14 Grilled Cheese Corn Fruit Cocktail Tomato Soup Alt. Sloppy Joe Cold Sand. PBJ	15 Crispito Green Beans Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. Stromboli Cold Sand. Bologna	16 Chicken Nuggets Tater Bar Pineapple Roll & Butter Alt. Chicken Fried Steak Cold Sand. Turkey	17 Italian Dunkers Carrots Pears Marinara Sauce Alt. Pizza Cold Sand. Ham	18 DISMISS AT 11:00 A.M.
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