



October 2006

Thayer's Thoughts

News from the Secondary School

School is off and running.....Kicking off the month of October is Homecoming Week. Beginning Monday, October 2 and wrapping up with a dance on Saturday, October 7, the student council is in planning stages for the week. The theme this year is "Disney". Each class will pattern their float and posters around the movie they selected. Seniors will work with the theme from Aladdin; Juniors—Lion King; Sophs—Lady and the Tramp; Fresh—Toy Story; 8th—Incredibles; and 7th—Cinderella.

Friday's activities include a parade beginning at 1:30 pm and a pep rally located in front of Gregory's insurance. Various skits and coronation will take place. The elementary school will be invited to participate. We are hoping that the elementary will join in singing each theme song as it is pulled into position. In case of inclement weather the pep rally will be hosted in the gym.

The Dance is Saturday night from 8 p.m.-12 a.m., cost to the students is \$4 for single or \$7 for couple. Pictures will be taken for a nominal fee. Chaperones will include faculty,

Dress up Days

- Monday-Camo/Favorite Disney Character
- Tuesday—Twin /Backwards Day
- Wednesday—Mardi Gras/Sunglasses
- Thursday—Cowboy-Indian /Hat
- Friday—Spirit

student council officer parents and royalty candidates.

MAP Testing

Sophomore students take time out to play with the elementary students during the week of MAP testing. Grades 7-12 competed against each other for over-all class improvement. At the time of the printing, it looks as though that the Junior class will be awarded the special surprise from Ms. Thayer. More information on individual results will be sent home with the students when available.

Fall Writing—time to practice those writing skills. Each class will be given a prompt to write either a narrative, descriptive or persuasive argument. Students have one hour for the rough draft and one hour the following day to polish the piece. During the Teacher Assessment Day on October 26 (no school for kids), the full K-12 faculty will use the 6-traits method and score the student work. These results will then go back into the classroom where teachers can polish areas of



need. Fall writing is scheduled for the window of October 17-19. Hopefully all students will be present.

Parent/Teacher Conferences—for the Junior High and High School will be held on Wednesday, October 25 beginning at 2 pm. The office will provide a copy of your son/daughter schedule so that you can visit with each individual teacher. . The conferences are held in the individual classrooms —no appointments are scheduled. If you feel that you need more than 5 minutes, you may want to think about scheduling a separate appointment on a different day. Conferences run through 8 pm. I hope that you can attend.



K-12 Planet

Thank you for your patience. I am not sure how a summer can cause a program to give the school fits; however I believe we have the system up and working. You may want to take your son/daughter progress reports and check it against the posted grades on K12 planet. There may be more grades listed on the web-site than on the progress report since it is updated daily. The most current assignments are posted at the top. If you have signed up and have not yet received an email about your log-on you should shortly.

WORDS TO THINK ABOUT



The biggest room
in the world is the
room for
improvement.



What you get by
achieving your
goals is not as
important as
what you become
by achieving your
goals.



You can't have a
better tomorrow
if you are
thinking about
yesterday all the
time.

Fostering Education

OCTOBER HAS ARRIVED

We are off to a fantastic start to the school year. It is hard to believe that it is October. The kids have done a great job of adjusting to their new classrooms and teachers. The teachers are constantly striving to help each child reach their fullest potential. I'm very pleased with how things have begun. I feel truly blessed to be surrounded by so many caring students and staff.

MAPS TESTING

The students just finished with their MAPS testing that we do in the fall of each year. **I was very impressed and pleased with the effort that I saw. The kids are really starting to understand the importance of this testing. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE STUDENTS!** Their preliminary results have been extremely positive.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please remember to save the box tops that are found on many different food items. They allow us to earn money for our school. This is another great way to help our school.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

6th K- 6th grade is going to Chadron State College to watch a play called "The Jungle Book". We will be back in time for lunch as we will be going to the homecoming parade at 1:30 p.m.

17th 2nd and 3rd grade travel to CSC for an author discussion

17th 4th grade fieldtrip to 1888 Historic School in Harrisburg

17th – 18th -19th The kids will continue to practice their writing skills using a fall prompt .We are following the state writing format that will be used in the spring. Please make sure they are in attendance.

25th – Kids will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. today. **Parent/Teacher Conferences will run from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

26th – No school for kids. Teachers will score the students' fall writing samples.

27th – No school for kids or staff.

Elementary News

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please plan to attend your child's parent/teacher conference on Wednesday, October 25th. Conferences will run from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. This is a great time to discuss with the teacher your child's strengths and any concerns you may have. I hope to see all of you in attendance. Thanks for your support! **Remember it takes all of us working together to help your child.**

ACCELERATED READING

We use the accelerated reading program to supplement their reading in the classroom. I used this program when I was a teacher. I found it provided the kids with great opportunities to enhance their reading. You can help by asking your child questions about their AR book or letting them read to you. **First AR store will be Friday, October 13th.**

Let's continue the great communication that we have established. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns.

Mr. Foster, Principal

Giorgi's Gym

Physical Fitness testing will be taking place during elementary PE classes in October. Please make sure that your student wears athletic shoes on PE days since we will be doing the mile run/walk for aerobic fitness. Along with the mile, we will be testing arm strength - push-ups - abdominal strength and endurance - curl-ups - flexibility - sit & reach test - and each student's height and weight will be recorded.

What's happening in Elementary PE:

5th and 6th grades finished up softball skills and are working on football skills.

3rd and 4th grades finished up throwing and batting skills and are working on football skills and then will be working with playground balls.

K - 2nd grades are working on manipulative skills with different objects and then will be working on movement skills.

Be sure and check out the fitness calendars on the school's website under Elementary PE. It's a great way to keep the kids moving after school.

Here's something to do at home when the weather gets bad and to brush up on counting, rhythm, and alphabet skills:

Rainy Day Mile: Starting on the left foot, begin walking in place. Each time the left foot touches the ground, say a letter/number as directed (see below). If the students complete the entire set (listed below) twice, they will have gone about 1/3 of a mile.

March A to Z
Jog A to Z
March 1 to 50
Jog 1 to 50
March A to Z
March 1 to 50
Jog A to Z
Jog 1 to 50
March A to Z

Speech is Important...

Speech and Language
Development of the 12- to
17-month Old

From 12 to 17 months of age, your child...

recognizes his or her name
understands "no"
understands simple instructions
points and gestures to call attention
to an event or to show wants
imitates familiar words
waves good-bye and plays Pat-a-Cake
uses "mama" and "dada" and several other words, usually nouns
practices words
likes to make the "sounds" of familiar

animals and things
gives a toy on request
laughs a great deal
hears and discriminates among many sounds
shows a great deal of affection – makes noises and pats parents affectionately
places a small object in a cup on command
scribbles imitatively with a crayon
attempts to communicate by mixing jargon with real words
vocalizes for enjoyment

You can stimulate your 12- to 17-month-old child's speech and language if you...

read colorful books to your baby, naming objects and actions
and asking your child to point to objects
encourage imitation games such as Peek-a-Boo
recite nursery rhymes
use short sentences with your baby
imitate your baby's movements and vocalizations
reward and encourage early efforts at producing new words
act as if everything your baby says is meaningful

talk to your baby about things you are doing together – such as

describe bathing, dressing, eating, shopping, car riding, and so on
as you share these activities
teach your child to take turns as you look at one another while you "talk"

Of course, this is not an extensive or all-inclusive list, but there are many good activities listed here to help 'extend' or 'expand' the development of your child's speech and language.

Michael Olson, Speech-Language Pathologist

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming in Hemingford pool was fun!!

The Cottonwood students went the first 2 weeks of school.

The pool was clean, new, and cool. We swam with Ben, and our teacher was Mrs. Haas. We learned to dive, back float, front crawl, and other fun things. We took underwater pictures that turned out really good. The pool was awesome! My favorite to learn was the back crawl!!

By Taeller Ansley

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is a sport that the Junior High girls love to play. Everyday after school in practice the volleyball players work hard, so that they can be better at the real thing! When the whistle blows, you keep telling yourself that you will hit that ball over that net! "GO BIG RED" the crowd would say. In the beginning of practice, the players are all energized! Afterwards they are all tired, but they learned a lot, trust me I know because I'm one of them. People don't play it because it's a sport, they play because it's what they do!

By Samantha McCoy

C O U N S E L O R ' S**O**

Seniors and Juniors should be busy looking into the future. Here are some activities that they should be thinking about.

Juniors and Seniors:

___ attend the College Fair or Educational Planning Program in your area.

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January 16 is the Financial Aid Program date. Crawford will be the -- Host Site to Hemingford at 4:00 pm. It will be in the Distance Learning Lab. **Put this date on your calendar.**

Seniors:**N**

___ schedule campus visits.

___ narrow your college choices and be aware of application deadlines and criteria.

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___ register by September 22 for the October 28 ACT.

___ register by September 29 for the November 4 SAT.

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___ register by November 1 for the December 2 SAT.

___ register by November 3 for the December 9 ACT.

Our 7th and 8th Grade Transitions class is taking on a different look this year. The students have 4 1/2 weeks of exploring what they want to do after high school graduation and then mapping out their high school course plan.

In culmination of the first 4 1/2 week session, we had a working lunch for students and parents. I would like to thank all the parents for coming to the meeting and helping your child decide their four year high school plan. It was great to see so many of you attend. I am looking forward to seeing the rest of you eighth and seventh grade parents throughout the year.

Math Adds Up

In 5th grade math the Chapter. We will add and subtract whole numbers first and then we will move on to imputing and outputting whole numbers. Later in the chapter we will move on to adding and subtracting decimals. Then we will look at problem solving. I think that it will be an interesting chapter and that we will learn a lot and enjoy it.

By: Paige Phillips

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Box Tops for Education

Become a supporter right away!



For schools within 25 miles of Hemingford we were 12th out of 14 -

not bad but we can do better!!!



HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL Ranks 12 out of 14 schools | Last year's earnings: \$878 |

This year's earnings so far: \$53 | State percentile: 89 | National percentile: 89

Lets be a STATE top 10 this year!!!

TOP 10 SCHOOLS IN NEBRASKA 2005-2006

Last year's earnings

1.	EPWORTH VILLAGE, YORK, NEBRASKA	\$5,105
2.	ST JAMES SETON SCHOOL, OMAHA, NEBRASKA	\$4,138
3.	ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR, OMAHA, NEBRASKA	\$4,120
4.	BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BLAIR, NEBRASKA	\$3,058
5.	ST COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL, PAPILLION, NEBRASKA	\$2,693
6.	FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA/PTO, BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA	\$2,486
7.	GRETNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRETN, NEBRASKA	\$2,403
8.	ST VINCENT DE PAUL, OMAHA, NEBRASKA	\$2,269
9.	RUMSEY STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PAPILLION, NEBRASKA	\$2,144
10.	FREDSTROM ELEMENTARY PTA/PTO, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	\$2,097



Our goal this year is \$1,250

Help us in 3 ways — Go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com> to see how.

Dave Pelzer meets...

Two winners Katie Hughart and Sammy Huss Sammy won tickets for themselves and a buddy to meet Dave Pelzer Thursday evening at the Gering Civic Center. Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Haas took the girls along with Teonna Schlicher and Kaitlyn Jespersen to have a sophisticated dinner with this #1 New York Times Bestselling author of A Child Called "It" and The Privilege of Youth. When entering the Civic Center they were entertained by live piano and Mr. Pelzer

himself mingling amongst the crowd signing autographs and giving advice. As the students nervously approached Mr. Pelzer he asked them, "What are your goals?". The girls looked at each other not knowing how he wanted them to answer. He prompted them, "You want to go to school right? GRADUATE right?" The girls answered politely. Then he asked them about after high school. The responded that they would like to go to college. Mr. Pelzer asked, "And your goal

for college is to GRADUATE, right?" He continued with advice like, "Stay in school, listen to your teacher, don't back talk or be a class clown."

After enjoying a 'social' for an hour the students were sat at a formal dining table among 400 + other people. All were there to help support CASA. The mission of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, together with its state and local members, is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they can thrive in safe,

permanent homes.

Dave Pelzer was also there to support CASA though his very entertaining speech. In a nutshell his message was: No matter what your circumstances are...NO EXCUSES it's your choice to be happy - "COWBOY UP" - Be nice to each other - Take responsibility for your own actions and quit blaming others - Yes, life can be tough but you must choose to make it better.

To see more pictures log on to www.snapfish.com user name: khaas@panesu.org password: Hemingford

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to become
RESOURCEFUL, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE...
partners in education

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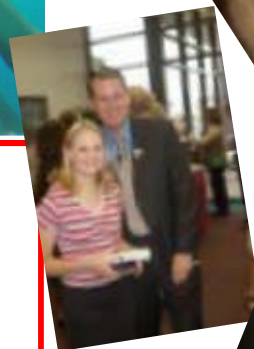
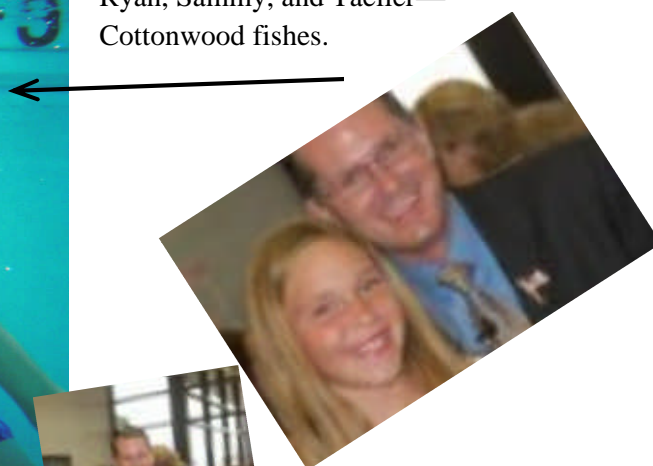
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The ultimate purpose of education is to help each student become an effective citizen in a democracy. Developing and accepting the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship will help students to participate in our varied activities and thus find those things within our school that will prepare them to live a better life and finally take their place in this complex society. Their success at Hemingford Public Schools will be directly proportional to their efforts.



Ryan, Sammy, and Taeller—
Cottonwood fishes.



Katie and Sammy with
Mr. Dave Pelzer

Have you every checked out the site

<http://www.brainbashers.com>

There are some awesome thinking games and even
some eye hand maneuvering with the jigsaw
puzzles.

Photo Pages

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Calendar Events October 2006

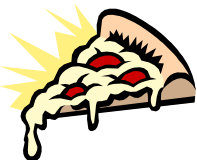




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
Homecoming Week 1	2 7:15 AM One Act Practice Homecoming Week Red Day 6:00 PM JVFB Bayard @ home	3 7:15 AM One Act Practice Homecoming Week White Day 4:30 PM F-JV-VVB Creek Valley @ Home	4 Homecoming Week Red Day	5 7:15 AM One Act Practice Homecoming Week White Day TBD JHCC @ Bayard 5:00 PM F-JV-VVB @ Hay Springs 5:30 PM Boy Scouts	6 Homecoming Week Red Day TBD WTC CC meet @ Morrill 8:30 AM K-6th Grade Fieldtrip to CSC 7:00 PM VFB Perkins County @ home	7 Homecoming Week TBD Oktoberfest Band in Sidney
8	9 7:15 AM One Act Practice White Day 12:00 PM Jostens Rings/Announcements 6:00 PM JVFB @ B'port 7:00 PM FCCLA meeting 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	10 7:15 AM One Act Practice Red Day 5:00 PM JHFB Gordon/Rushville @ home	11 White Day 11:11 AM FCCLA Magazine Meeting 2:30 PM BigBrother/BigSister	12 7:15 AM One Act Practice Dist CC Red Day 5:00 PM JHVB Bayard @ home 5:00 PM VVB Tri @ Morrill w/Bayard	13 White Day 7:00 PM VFB Garden County @ home 9:00 PM FFA Fun & Games Night in old gym	14 Old West Days in Scottsbluff VVB PC @ home
15	16 7:15 AM One Act Practice Start JH WR Practice Red Day TBD Cottonwood School Visits 9:00 AM Jostens Ring/Announcement orders 4:30 PM F-JV-VVB @ Gordon 6:00 PM JVFB @ Gordon (cancelled)	17 All Day 4th Grade Fieldtrip End of 1st Quarter White Day Fall Writing Window 8:30 AM 2nd & 3rd Grade to CSC 6:00 PM FFA meeting @ Ag Shop 7:00 PM Oce Act Practice	18 PSAT Test for Juniors Red Day Fall Writing Window	19 7:15 AM One Act Practice PLAN Test for Sophs White Day Fall Writing Window 4:30 PM JVVb Tri @ Crawford w/Hay Springs	20 State CC Red Day 6:00 PM VFB @ Hershey	21 WTC VB @ Kimball
22	23 White Day 7:00 PM One Act Practice	24 7:15 AM One Act Practice Red Day 5:00 PM VVB Tri @ home w/Crawford & Sioux County	25 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN White Day 1:00 PM Early Out 2:00 PM P/T Conferences	26 No School National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN First Round FB 8:00 AM Teacher Assessment Day	27 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN No School	28 8:00 AM ACT Test
29	30 7:15 AM One Act Practice Host D2-12 SubDist. VB VB Sub-Dist Red Day	31 7:15 AM One Act Practice Host D2-12 SubDist VB VB Sub-Dist White Day				

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Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	3 Pancake & Sausage On A Stick Fruit or Juice	4 Pancakes Fruit or Juice	5 Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	6  Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice
9 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	10 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Fruit or Juice	11 French Toast Fruit or Juice	12 Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	13 Cinnamon Roll Fruit or Juice
16 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	17  Scrambled Eggs & Toast Fruit or Juice	18 Breakfast Burrito Fruit or Juice	19 Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	20  Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice
23 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	24 Pancake & Sausage On A Stick Fruit or Juice	25 French Toast Fruit or Juice	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	31 Pancakes Fruit or Juice	<p style="text-align: center;">Menus are subject to change</p> <p>This facility is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. More information may be obtained here or from the Office of Equal Opportunity, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA- related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.</p> <p>The Hemingford Public School provides breakfasts in accordance with the National School Lunch Program. The cost of a breakfast is as follows: K - 6 Breakfast - \$1.00 7 - 12 Breakfast - \$1.00 Adult Breakfast - \$1.25</p>		

Milk is served with all meals

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Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Hot Ham & Cheese Sand. French Fries Pears Dill Spear Alt. – Hamburger Cold Sand. – PBJ	3 Crispitoe Green Beans Applesauce Roll & Butter Alt. – Cheese Stuffed Pasta Cold Sand – Bologna	4 Chicken Gravy / Biscuits Corn Peaches Cookie Cake Alt. –Pizza Cold Sand. – Turkey	5 Corn Dog Tater Bar Pineapple Roll & Butter Alt. – Burrito Cold Sand. – Ham	6 Mac & Cheese Carrots Fruit Cocktail Roll & Butter Alt. – Crispitoe Cold Sand. – Cheese
9 Chef's Salad Corn Applesauce Cornbread & Honey Butter Alt. –Pizza Hot Pocket Cold Sand. – PBJ	10  Tacos Spanish Rice Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. – Baked Potato Cold Sand – Bologna	11 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Roll & Butter Alt. – Salisbury Steak Cold Sand. – Turkey	12 Ready Rib Sand. Coleslaw Pears Pudding Alt. – Chicken Sand. Cold Sand. – Ham	13 Pizza Green Beans Pineapple Cookie Alt. – Quesadilla Cold Sand. – Cheese
16 Wiener Boats Corn Fruit Cocktail Roll & Butter Alt. – Pizza Cold Sand. – PBJ	17 Burrito Lettuce Salad Pears Roll & Butter Alt. – Baked Potato Cold Sand. – Bologna	18 Poor Boy Sand. Tater Bar Pineapple Jello Alt. – Chicken Sand. Cold Sand. – Turkey	19 Chili / Crackers Carrots & Celery Applesauce Cinnamon Roll Alt. – Corn Dog Cold Sand. – Ham	20 Hamburger French Fries Peaches Dill Slices Alt. – Hot Ham & Cheese Sand. Cold Sand. – Cheese
23 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. – Salisbury Steak Cold Sand. – PBJ	24 Chicken Sandwich Corn Fresh Fruit Cookie Alt. –Ready Rib Sand. Cold Sand. – Bologna	25 Italian Dunkers Green Beans Pears Marinara Sauce Alt. – Pizza Hot Pocket Cold Sand. – Turkey	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 Hot Dog / Bun Tater Bar Applesauce Baked Beans Alt. – Chicken Nuggets Cold Sand. – PBJ	31 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Cookie Alt. –Quesadilla Cold Sand. – Bologna	<p style="text-align: center;">Menus are subject to change</p> <p>This facility is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. More information may be obtained here or from the Office of Equal Opportunity, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA- related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.</p> <p>The Hemingford Public School provides lunches in accordance with the National School Lunch Program. The cost of a lunch is as follows: K - 6 Lunch - \$1.40 7 - 12 Lunch - \$1.70 Adult Lunch - \$2.50</p>		

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