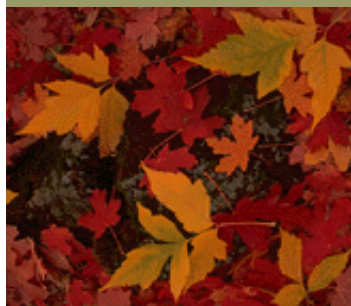


# Thayer's Thoughts



## Bobcat Bits

I am so very proud of the way students worked during MAP testing; preliminary results indicate positive gains for our school. Students were challenged to raise their own individual score in the areas of math, science, reading and language arts. More information on individual results will be sent home with the students when available. Testing continues in the month of October. Juniors will participate in the ASVAB (Oct 2) PSAT- (October 17—optional for Juniors); PLAN for Sophomores (October 18) and Fall Writing.

### THEME: Super Heroes

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. In case of inclement weather the pep rally will be hosted in the gym.

The Dance is Saturday night from 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m., cost to the students is \$6 for single or \$8 for couple. (Semi-formal dress) Pictures will be taken for a nominal fee. Chaperones will include faculty, student council officer and royalty candidate parents.

Fall Writing—time to practice those writing skills. Each class will be given a prompt to write which will be 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 25 (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 9-11. Hopefully all students will be present.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**—for the Junior High and High School will be held on Wednesday, October 24 beginning at 2 pm and concluding at 8 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. I hope that you can attend.



### K-12 Planet

Thank you for your patience in getting parents active. I worked on the student portion first; however I believe that all accounts are active 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 please email Mrs. Thayer at [pthayer@panesu.org](mailto:pthayer@panesu.org)



**ACT Prep Class** <http://www.actstudent.org/>

An opportunity that juniors and seniors are taking advantage is the ACT prep class. It has been incorporated into the school day during SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) time. Those individuals that plan on enroll-

ing for the October ACT work on a ACT practice test twice a week in lieu of their reading time. After the practice test, the teachers from the various content go over the problem areas with the students. Also during this time, Mrs. Hucke is providing test taking strategies for the students. The plan is to provide these mini sessions prior to each testing period. Students can also go to the ACT website (address above) for additional questions.

### JOSTEN'S

It's time to be ordering items for seniors and to show the sophomore's class rings. Jostens will be here on October 8 to provide the information and then they will return on October 15 for the orders. For seniors, you need to be thinking about announcements and quantity if you plan on ordering. There are many options for seniors and the school does not have a requirement about graduation announcements format. A \$50.00 deposit is required for both the class rings and announcements at the time or ordering.

### Dress up Days

Monday-Culture/Bed Head

Tuesday—Old West/Hat

Wednesday - Super-Hero/Sunglasses

Thursday—Villain/Knight

Friday—Spirit/Support Your Troops

# Fostering Education

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## OCTOBER HAS ARRIVED

We are off to another fantastic start to the school year. It is hard to believe that we are into October and almost done with one quarter of school. 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 started. 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. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE STUDENTS AND STAFF!** The preliminary results have been very positive.

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

5<sup>th</sup> - No School – Teacher In-service

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> - 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.

16<sup>th</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> grade fieldtrip to 1888 Historic School in Harrisburg

17<sup>th</sup>—End of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

24<sup>th</sup> – **Kids will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. today.** Parent/Teacher Conferences will run from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

25<sup>th</sup> – No school for kids. Teachers will score the students' fall writing samples.

26<sup>th</sup> – No school for kids or staff.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please plan to attend your child's parent/teacher conference on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please remember to visit our school website for the latest happenings. The web address is: [www.hemingfordschools.org](http://www.hemingfordschools.org)

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Mr. Ron Foster, Principal**

[rfoster@panesu.org](mailto:rfoster@panesu.org)

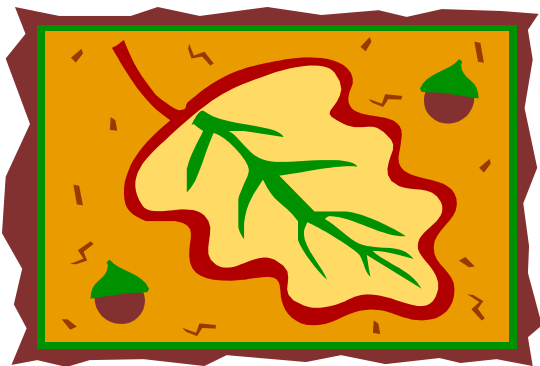
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## Activities in Full Force

Hello Bobcat fans! We are well into our Fall activity season with football, volleyball, cross country, marching band, and one act play coaches/sponsors and students working hard to put a product on the field, court or stage we can all be very proud of. I would encourage students to engage in as many activities and clubs as they can during the school year. Activities are truly a worthwhile adventure for young people. They learn a great deal about real life experiences through the trials, tribulation, and triumphs of the collaborative efforts required by succeeding as a group. Also, thank you for all your support so far this Fall. We have awesome fans cheering on the Bobcats and offering words of encouragement. If you get a chance, take a minute to thank your son's or daughter's coach or sponsor. They will appreciate your kind words. Thank you, again and Go Bobcats!

Sincerely,

Randy Hiemstra/Activities Director



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Bargain price for 112 pages of  
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Call the school at 487-3328 for  
more details.

### News from Neeffe

#### FCCLA IMPORTANT DATES:

*October 3: Officer meeting during lunch*

*October 8: FCCLA meeting at 7 pm in the FCS room.*

*October 9: Magazine and gift sales representative will be here.*

*October 10: Big brother/sister will be creating Halloween masks.*

*October 9-16: SELL, SELL, SELL!!! Magazine and gift sales! Parents, renew your subscriptions through FCCLA!*

*November 2: FCCLA hosts a Halloween dance!*

#### FCS CLASSES:

The Family and Consumer Sciences classes have started out fantastically! Here are a few highlights! *8<sup>th</sup> grade Living Arts has completed their cross-stitch projects and are beginning our foods unit. We are making foods that are artistic.*

*Independent living classes have been researching and doing a Power Point presentation on a career of their choice.*

*Foods I. have been learning nutrition of foods.*

*Foods II. is doing a Pro-start curriculum from the National Restaurant Association and have been updating their resumes and creating their own food service portfolios. They are now learning about customer service.*

*Life Skills class has been working on a FCCLA project "Power of one", which they are learning how they can be the best that they can be.*

We are pleased to announce this year's one act:

## **ROMEO AND ~~JULIET~~** **Beatrice and Toto, Too**

By: Claudia Haas

Additions and rehearsals are just around the corner and we are looking forward to getting started on this great back stage comedy. We hope you are able to join us for our public performance on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This play is sure to be a treat for all young and old!

Enclosed is a copy of the rehearsal schedule. We will do our best to minimize the changes and stick to the times as much as possible. We want to thank you in advance for supporting your students in this activity. We hope to inspire them to be creative problem solvers on and off the stage!

Mrs. Bryner & Mrs. Thompson

### Bobcat Pride

We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping to make our Boosters so successful. The support you are giving us is helping to support our youth.

We are still offering our Booster Memberships at \$10 per family and you get 2 license covers free as a thank you for your support. We are also taking orders for our Bobcat blankets. They are made by the Boosters and are a great size. They are \$35 and would make wonderful Christmas presents. We also just received a new shipment of Bobcat shirts and hoodies and hats. Their prices are as follows:

#### **Shirts**

Available in your choice of either red or grey.

T-shirts - \$10, Long Sleeve T-shirts - \$15, Hoodies - \$25

#### **Hats**

Available in red

Velcro - \$15, Flex Fit - \$16, Stocking hats - \$10

We only have a limited supply of these so they will go fast!!

We still have some window decals left. They are 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.

We would also like to offer our Bobcat license plate covers to our high school students at 2 for \$5

These items are available at our Spirit Shop, located at the FB field, or by contacting Barb Jespersen at 308-487-5527



# Tracks

Notes from Mr. Ningen, Superintendant

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Harvest season is upon us, as well as weather changes and a full slate of after-school activities. I write this month to ask for your assistance if you are a parent.

I am happy to see parents and children attend ball games together. It is a great way to spend some quality time together cheering on our sports teams.

## FOOTBALL GAMES

There are a number of students that get loose from their parents as soon as possible to go and play catch west of the game field, an area that has some space, fair lighting, and some cables and irrigation pipe that border it.

Because this area is close to the game, within view of parents, and is patrolled through-out the game by home-field personnel, I would ask only that parents stop over themselves now and then to check on their children, if they are not with them already.

## CLEAN-UP REQUESTED

The amount of bottles and papers left there by our younger students and children needs to be eliminated, however. Extra trash cans are near-by. As parents, please insist that your children pick up after themselves, just like they do at home.

## WINTER SPORTS & VOLLEYBALL

Looking ahead to basketball and wrestling season, as well as with any remaining home volleyball matches, I would ask that parents bring their children to these games, *but only if they sit and watch the games from the bleachers.*

With our small lobby, the only place for the young ones to play and run is outside, and with our school supervision focused on the game and crowd inside, it prevents us as well as parents from watching them play outside.

The highway in front of the gym, with traffic going back and forth is a danger to young children, especially at night, and even the steps around the gym are places where young children can be hurt.

## TO SUMMARIZE:

*If you bring your children to ballgames this fall to watch the games, try having your children sit with you first, and if that proves difficult, then check on them often as they play nearby.*

*If you plan on bringing your children to winter or indoor ballgames, insist that they sit with you or sit nearby. This will take some practice, but I am certain that we are up to it.*

I appreciate your help. We need to work together to watch over our children.

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## Parents of Title I Students

The Statewide Parent Involvement Conference is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, October 21-22, 2007 in Kearney, Nebraska. This is a very worthwhile conference with many informational sessions offered. Hemingford Public Schools has Title funds available to pay registration costs and hotel room costs for parents of Title I students to attend this conference. If you are interested, please contact Sally Engelhaupt or Mandy Plog at the school for more information.

Also, please be watching for information about the Open House for parents of Title I students planned for Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 2:30PM. We welcome your phone calls regarding either of these events.

Finally, our school may be eligible for status as a school-wide Title I school. Currently, we have a targeted assistance Title I program. If you are interested in more information about the differences between the school-wide program and the

targeted assistance program, please contact either Mandy Plog or Casper Ningen at the school.

Thank you very much for your interest in your child's education!





## Chords from Chesley

### Remaining Fall Pep Band Dates

9-28 Football tune at 6:15 p.m.

10-11 Volleyball tune at 4:15 p.m.

10-19 Football tune at 5:15 p.m.



### Winter Basketball Pep Band 2007/2008

\*Please note that these dates do not include concerts, contests and other similar dates

\*These times are only estimation; therefore times and dates are subject to change.

11-30 Basketball tune at 5:15 p.m. in gym *ready* at 5:30 p.m.

12-14 Basketball tune at 5:15 p.m. in gym *ready* at 5:30 p.m.

1-26 Basketball tune at 4:15 p.m. in gym *ready* at 4:30 p.m.

2-9 Basketball tune 5:15 p.m. in gym *ready* at 5:30 p.m.

2-16 Basketball tune 5:15 p.m. in gym *ready* at 5:30 p.m.

( JV and Varsity Boys Only we play for both)

Band parents will be receiving a letter concerning a parent meeting. The letter will describe hopes for the Spring Band Trip. The music parent officers have set a meeting for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the library. The final decisions for the trip will be made at this time, see you there.

## COUNSELOR 'S

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### **ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS:**

Financial aid should not cost you anything. Consider getting help from these **free sources**.

- FastWeb-www.fastweb.com
  - Libraries
  - FinAid-www.finaid.org
  - Any college's financial aid office
  - www.educationquest.org
  - US Dept. of Education , Ph: 1-800-4-FED-AID
- Web:<http://studentaid.ed.gov>

### **Chatelain Contribution**

Junior Varsity Volleyball Update: Our team is making some significant progress with their fundamentals. In the last couple of weeks of September we have played numerous matches against some quality opponents, and in all matches we have shown improvement. The most important thing that we need right now is some time in the practice gym to work on some things like serve receive and defense.

Mr. Jeff Palmer, a student teacher in the Social Studies department will be leaving us by October 12<sup>th</sup>. All of us would like to wish him the best of luck as he continues his preparations in the field of education. He has been a real asset to our school this fall and both the students and staff will miss him.





The sale of these items not only supports our youth, but also shows Bobcat Pride!!!

These items are available at our Spirit Shop, located at the football field, or by contacting Barb Jespersen at 308-487-5527. All of these items would make awesome gifts that anyone would be proud of!

Thank you so much for all your support!!

The Hemingford Boosters