

Hemingford Public Schools

Bobcat Bits



Fostering Education

September, 2007

WE'RE OFF!

The first part of school has been a little hectic. It was great to see all of kids with their faces filled with smiles and anticipation of the first day. I've made it around and met all of the new students enrolled in our school and said hello to everyone else. My words for this year are "**RESPECT and PERSONAL SPACE**". I spoke to the kids about how we are going to help each other succeed this year. We'll be there to encourage, help, and give them whatever they need to be successful in school and life. I also talked about how they need to help their classmates who are struggling, having a bad day, or just need a word of encouragement. **Together we can make a difference for kids when we have a common goal !**

FRONT DOOR ENTRY

The front door of the elementary will once again be accessible for parents to enter. We have a system that requires 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 this system a try; it will be very easy to get use to. **THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING .**

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.

TESTING

We will administer the fall MAPS tests in September this year to students in Kindergarten -11th grade. The tentative dates are September 10-14 and September 17-21. Please help by making sure your child/ children are in school and have had a good night's sleep. We appreciate the support and encouragement you give your child each day to do their best in school.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Sept. 3rd – No School – Labor Day

Oct. 5th – No School – Teacher Inservice

WORDS TO THINK ABOUT !

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up.

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

People who do things without being told draw the most praise.

COMMUNICATION

Call us with any questions at 487-3330.

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Picture Day!

September 6—High School

September 7—Elementary

(Packets will be sent home with students)

Thayer' Thoughts

What a super start to the year!

Thank you for have your son/daughter ready to return. The growth that occurred over the summer has been so positive. Now that school is rolling, and activities are in full swing, please check out the calendar on the website for the most current information. The Booster Calendar has been a great asset, but a few events have changed since the calendars were printed. Many items are added and deleted on a continuous basis.

Some of the activities with dates yet to be set include:

- **HS Picture Day**

Some of the activities will also be having pictures on this day. Please bring your smiles.



- **One Act Play Workshop/Tryouts:**

Taking on the drama this year will be Tabi (Prochazka) Bryner and assisted by Mrs. Kelly Thompson. More information forthcoming about their plans for the season. Students that are interested and did not attend the meeting on August 22 should stop and see Mrs. Thompson.

Testing – September is the beginning of a variety of testing. Testing window runs from September 10-21st. Junior High and High School students usually test in 2- 2 hour blocks. Teachers use the results for curriculum adjustments and to see the changes in student growth. Questions that you may want to ask your son/daughter about the tests may include:

- Did you have gains in the RIT score? (students get feedback immediately on their results)

- Students will test for Reading and Science and then Math and Language Arts. Ask them which seemed the best for them?
- Ask if they felt like they knew most of the material?
- More importantly—ask them if they gave it their best effort—If so, then whatever they scored is ok.

Junior Testing: ASVAB testing on October 2 PSAT test on October 17 (mandated date)

Sophomores: PLAN test on October 18

It is hard to believe, but we need to start thinking about graduation—**Josten's** will be here on October 8 to provide information to seniors about announcements and graduation items. Ordering will take place on Monday, October 15.



Homecoming

Homecoming Week—September 23-29

- Homecoming Parade 1:30pm (Friday, September 28)
- Homecoming Dance 8-11:30pm (Saturday, September 29)

Hemingford Public Schools has a computerized test preparation program for both the ACT and the SAT. This program is a section of a larger program called NovaNet and is only available through the school computers. Students can focus on specific areas to meet their needs. If parents or students are interested in more information about this program, please contact Mandy Plog, 487-3330.



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2007-2008 ACT Test Dates

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Wade's World

Wow! Summer was really busy with fundraisers for WorldStrides. The kids made some good money with the Alumni Dinner, Chamber Fun Days in June, wheat shack, fair-grounds cleanup and a few extra things in between. My thanks to Kelly Thompson, my co-sponsor this year, for keeping things going while I was at class in Lincoln. We also sold Indian Tacos at the football scrimmage on August 17 and followed up with a dance after the game. The kids took in about \$700 on that endeavor. Our thanks to Cyndi Campbell for the wonderful fry-bread, the base for the tacos. Jim and Mary Yardley helped coordinate and Kathy Darveau was on hand to build tacos. The students were great to

volunteer and anxious to work. This is a good group to work with and the parental support has been phenomenal. My thanks to all who stayed up late to chaperone the dance! Just a few fundraisers left. Homecoming is September 28 and the DC kids will be raffling tickets for "Cow-patty Bingo". We'll sell wreaths in October and have the Italian Buffet again at the Country Club in January.

I'm happy to report that Roy Huckle, a former student who now teaches in Kingman, Arizona, is bringing a group of 22 juniors and meeting up with us in D.C.! It will be fun for our students to meet the youth from another part of the country AND, as we will be sharing a bus, it will help our costs.

The \$250 deposit is due November 1, 2007 and the final payment is due January 15, 2008. I'm collecting payments on some of the summer fundraisers. We'll get the balance sheets to the students as soon as possible.

Classes are underway and doing well. I have taken Spanish classes in Lincoln the last three summers. They are "total immersion" - all in Spanish. The instructors are amazing - I truly wish I had this opportunity years ago! I have learned a lot and hope my students reap some of the benefits. In art class, the mantra is "Art is a VERB". So far, we are off to a great start!

GIORGI'S GYM

We started out the year with swimming. Many thanks to the administration and the Village of Hemingford for making it possible to use the pool!

Website

Be sure and check the school's website for up-to-date happenings and photos from PE classes. Look under your child's grade level and physical education. Remember that there are also fitness calendars available there. It's a great way to keep your kids moving after school.

Tennis shoes in PE

Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes on PE days:

Time	White Days	Red Days
8:25 - 9:10	5 th grade	6 th grade
12:25 - 12:55	Kindergarten	
1:00 - 1:30	1 st grade	1:00 - 1:45 3 rd grade
1:45 - 2:15	2 nd grade	2:20 - 3:05 4 th grade

5 Finger Food Test

Your child is going to be learning about the 5 Finger Food Test in PE. It's a quick and easy way to check the nutritional content of foods. Help them make sure they chose foods that are at least one finger!

Five Finger Food Test for Nutritional Value

A, C, Iron, Calcium	10% or more	1 finger up for each
Protein	5g	1 finger up
Fiber	5g or 10%	1 finger up
10% fat/serving or 200 calories/serving		1 finger down

If at least 1 finger is left, then the food has nutritive value

Remember to eat right and exercise!

Student Teacher

Hemingford will have a student teacher this fall in Mr. Chatelain's class. Jeff Palmer is coming to us from Chadron State College. Mr. Palmer will be teaching along side Mr. Chatelain in American Government, American History, and 7th grade Social Studies. Mr. Palmer will be at Hemingford until October 12th, at which point he will be finishing out the semester student teaching at Crawford.

Calendar Events September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 AM JH-VCC Gering Invite
2	3 No School	4 White Day FFA Officer Lunch meeting @ shop 5:00 PM VVB Tri @ home Sioux Co/Banner Co 5:00 PM FFA Corn Feed 6:00 PM JVFB @ Crawford	5 7:30 AM FFA Impact Workshop @ S'bluff Red Day	6 6:30 AM FFA Meeting @ shop White Day HS Picture Day 7:00 PM Senior and Parent Information Night	7 Red Day ELEM Picture Day 2:00 PM JH-VCC Kimball Invite 3:20 PM JR Girl Scout Troop #145 Meeting	8 Band @ Bayard 8:30 AM JV-VVB @ Gordon/Rush Invite
9 FCCLA Fall Leadership Conf	10 MAP Testing Window White Day FCCLA Fall Leadership Conf 4:30 PM FR-JVVB w/Morrill @ Home 6:00 PM JVFB w/Morrill @ home 7:00 PM FCCLA meeting	11 Red Day FCCLA Fall Leadership Conf MAP Testing Window 5:00 PM VVB @ Kimball/Gordon/Rush	12 White Day MAP Testing Window	13 Red Day MAP Testing Window 4:00 PM JHVB w/Morrill @ home 5:00 PM JHFB w/Morrill @ home 6:00 PM JV-VVB @ Edgemont	14 White Day MAP Testing Window 3:20 PM Daisy Troop Meeting 7:00 PM VFB w/Gordon/Rush @ Home	15 TBD JHVB Alliance Invite 9:00 AM JH-VCC Alliance Invite 10:00 AM VVB Hemingford Invite
16	17 MAP Testing Window Red Day 3:00 PM JHVB @ Bridgeport 5:00 PM JVVB @ Hay Springs 6:00 PM JV FB @ Hay Springs 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	18 MAP Testing Window White Day Progress Reports Go Home 4:30 PM JH-VCC Scottsbluff Invite 5:00 PM JHFB w/Bridgeport @ home 5:00 PM FR-JVVB @ Alliance/Chadron	19 Red Day MAP Testing Window	20 White Day MAP Testing Window 5:00 PM JHVB w/Hay Springs @ Home 5:00 PM JV/VB @ Banner County	21 Red Day MAP Testing Window 1:00 PM VCC @ Torrington Invite 3:20 PM JR Girl Scout Troop #145 Meeting 7:00 PM VFB w/Bayard @ home	22 TBD JHVB PC 8:30 AM JV-VVB Mitchell Invite 9:00 AM JHFB w/Gordon-Rush @ home
23 Homecoming Week	24 White Day Homecoming Week 5:30 PM JHVB w/Gordon/Rush @ Home 6:00 PM JVFB @ Mitchell	25 Red Day Homecoming Week 5:00 PM VVB @ Bayard/Bridgeport	26 White Day Homecoming Week	27 Red Day Homecoming Week TBD JH-VCC Bayard Invite 4:30 PM JHVB @ Crawford 5:00 PM JHFB @ Crawford	28 White Day Homecoming Week 3:20 PM Daisy Troop Meeting 7:00 PM VFB w/Morrill @ home	29 Homecoming Week 8:00 PM Homecoming Dance
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September 2007 Breakfast Menu

Milk is served with all meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
NO SCHOOL Labor Day	Pancake & Sausage On a Stick Fruit or Juice	Breakfast Burrito Fruit or Juice	Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	Cinnamon Roll Fruit or Juice
10	11	12	13	14
Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	Egg & Cheese Omelet Fruit or Juice	French Toast Fruit or Juice	Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice
17	18	19	20	21
Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	Pancakes Fruit or Juice	Scrambled Eggs & Toast Fruit or Juice	Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	Cinnamon Roll Fruit or Juice
24	25	26	27	28
Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	Sausage Gravy On Biscuits Fruit or Juice	French Toast Fruit or Juice	Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice

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10	11	12	13	14
Pig In Blanket Carrots Pineapple No Bake Cookie Alt. Pizza	Taco Burger French Fries Fresh Fruit Pudding Alt. Baked Potato	Chicken Fajita Salad Corn Fruit Cocktail Cornbread Alt. Corn Dog	Stromboli Coleslaw Pears Roll & Butter Alt. Quesadilla	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Peaches Tomato Soup Alt. Crispito
17	18	19	20	21
Sausage Gravy On Biscuit Green Beans Applesauce Cookie Alt. Pizza Hot Pocket	Bobcat Taco Lettuce Salad Pineapple Roll & Butter Alt. Baked Potato	Chicken Sandwich Corn Fresh Fruit Pudding Alt. Ready Rib Sand.	Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. Pizza	Hamburger French Fries Pears Dill Slices Alt. Hot Ham & Cheese
24	25	26	27	28
Hot Dog / Bun Tater Bar Pineapple Baked Beans Alt. Chicken Nuggets	Tostado Pizza Corn Fruit Cocktail Cookie Alt. Quesadilla	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Coleslaw Pears Garlic Bread Alt. Salisbury Steak	Frito Pie Carrots Applesauce Roll & Butter Alt. Corn Dog	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. Burrito

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