



Bobcat Bits

Hemingford
Public Schools
May Newsletter

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 year as principal of the elementary. The support I've received from everyone has been fabulous.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please remember to visit our school website for the latest happenings. The address is: www.hemingfordschools.org

INTERNET SAFETY

I've listed some useful Web sites with information about how to keep children safe while they use the internet.

www.webwisekids.org

www.safekids.com

<http://kids.getnetwise.org>

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.

WORDS TO PONDER

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 6th - 6th Grade Up-Shift Day (8:30-10:30)

May 6th - Kdg. - 5th Up-Shift Day (2:30-3:00)

May 7th - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Scottsbluff

May 9th - 4th Grade Field Trip to Fort Robinson

May 16th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Mammoth Site

May 19th - Kindergarten Grade Field Trip to Scottsbluff

May 19th - 1st Grade Field Trip to Scottsbluff

May 21st - Field Day for Kdg. - 6th 8:45 - 11:15 a.m.

May 21st - Students Dismissed at 11:30 a.m. for summer

vacation 😊

COMMUNICATION

Together we can make a difference for kids 😊

Call us with any questions at 487-3330.



Thayer's Thoughts

Wow!! The end of the school year is just around the corner and it seems that just last week I was writing in the beginning of the year newsletter. It is mind-boggling to see all the final preparations in progress. The completion of the Prom seems to signal to the students that the end is near. While growing up, the Shrine Circus coming to town was the signal for me that school was almost over.

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.



UPSHIFT DAY FOR GRADE 6

Tuesday, 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.

Senior Schedule for Last Days

- May 7 Wednesday –Final Testing
May 8 Thursday—AP Exam 8:00
May 8 Thursday – Grades Posted
No Class for Seniors unless they are finishing work needed for graduation credit.
May 8 Thursday – Honor Night
May 9 Friday – **in Gym**
- Receive Cap and Gown
 - Practice with Band
 - Cap and Gown Pictures
 - Senior Slide Show
 - Draw for Seating
 - Hang Class Picture
- May 11 Graduation—**2 pm**



Upcoming Events

- **May 1:** NHS Induction -- 5 pm
- **May 1:** FCCLA Banquet -- 7 pm
- **May 5:** Sports Banquet -- 6 pm
- **May 9 :** FFA Banquet -- 7 pm
- Last Day of School – May 21st 11:30

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.**

Semester Test Schedule

The final days for testing will be on Tuesday, May 20 for Periods 4-7 periods and on Wednesday, May 21, students will test during periods 1-3. These tests will during their regularly scheduled class period. Checkout sheets will be given to the students earlier in the week to have completed before leaving for the day.

Class Schedules for Next Year

The process continues and I am working on the schedules for next school year. The goal is to have them complete prior to the end of school and sent with the report cards. If needed, changes may be made prior to school beginning in August.



Wade's World

ART - I hope you get the opportunity to see the Dimensions Box Butte County High School Art Show at the Carnegie in the next couple of weeks. We are busy matting and framing - thank you to Mr. Karney and his students for making frames for several of our pieces. The students have some nice work and we have two seniors represented in the scholarship division. Britt Anderson won the Mary Ustohal Scholarship at the Box Butte Art Society Show in February.



Art Show
Carnegie

WORLDSTRIDES 2009 - is well underway! The first load of cans brought \$250! (Thanks Brooke Hannaford and Taylor Forgey for doing a great job of not only loading the cans, but also cleaning the area around the bin.) May 3rd is the Paint-a-thon. Please support these students as they incorporate community service into their fundraiser. They will be priming four panels for the Diorama, then painting a garage for a lady who could use some help. They need to wear old clothes and bring paint brushes and empty buckets/cans for paint and cleanup. Rags would be helpful also. May 13th is the Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company dinner which they serve and the 25th is the annual Alumni dinner at the fairgrounds. Wear a white shirt WITH NO PRINT and khaki shorts (the LONGER version) or pants. If our t-shirts are in by then we will wear those. Lisa Janssen and Brad Olson will accompany students to Washington, D.C., in the spring of 2009.

PLASTIC BOTTLES - The response to this project has been amazing!!! I do not dare leave my room. Seriously, I was sick one day - came back the next and could not walk in the door!!! As of April 18, we have over 130 BIG, 30-gal bags full. And an angel named Jennifer Lashley came one day and offered her horse trailer and her time to haul a load to Scottsbluff. She and her family helped load it from the warehouse and have parked it for us in Hemingford to hold the many bags we have. I even find bags on my doorstep. The community always responds to our needs. Thank you to all. The kindergarten are going neck to neck with the first grade to earn the pizza party. The third grade is close behind them. We will see



Bingo Night

The sixth grade class had a successful Bingo Night. Our class made enough money to pay for our trip to Lincoln, NE. We enjoyed Bingo Night and we hope you were satisfied. Thanks to everyone who attended Bingo Night and/or donated prizes. With the money, we will be able to visit the Kearney Arch, The Big Apple, Memorial Stadium, Capitol Building, Air and Space Museum.

The sixth grade class is very excited about the trip and has been looking forward to it for a long time. The field trip will be May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We will keep you posted on how the field trip goes.



The 6th Grade Class



If You Think Your Child Has a Speech Problem

Your child's speech begins with early vocalizations at 2 or 3 months, followed by babbling (playful, vocal sound) around 5-to-7 months, and then jargon (strings of sounds or syllables produced with a variety of stress and intonation) from 8-to-24 months. These various types of vocalizations usually continue through the child's first 50 words. By 12 months, the child is starting to string the sounds together to form "true" words.

How intelligible is your child's speech to a stranger during his early years? There is a broad range, but typically a child at 19-to-24 months of age is 25%-to-50% intelligible to strangers. At 2-to-3 years, the child is 50%-to-75% intelligible. At 3-to-4 years, the child is 80% intelligible. At 4-to-5 years, the child is 90%-to-100% intelligible to a stranger, though a few articulation errors may be present.

Individual speech sounds are developed gradually. Many studies have reported the ages at which children typically produce each speech sound in the first or final position in words. A child may produce a sound correctly 50% of the time for months and sometimes a year or two, before the sound is always correct. According to A. Pena-Brooks and M. Hedge, in *Assessment and Treatment of Articulation and Phonological Disorders in Children* (2000; Austin, TX: PRO-ED), the following sounds can be expected to be produced correctly at these ages:

By age 3: /h, w, m, n, b, p, f/

By age 4: /d, t, y (as in 'yes'), k, g, ng (as in 'ring')/

By age 6: /l, j (as in jump), ch (as in chair), sh (as in shoe), v/.

Errors with /r, s, z, th (as in thing), th (as in father), & zh (as in garage) persist.

By age 8: Child matches the adult standard for the production of all consonant sounds.

You can help your child speak more clearly if you...

Use short sentences but don't use baby talk.

Model correct speech for your child.

Pronounce words slowly and correctly for the child to hear and imitate

Look at your child when you both are talking.

Let the child watch your face, lips, and tongue as you form sounds and words, prolonging the speech sound the child has difficulty saying - for example,

"Where is your sssssock?"

Repeat new words and sounds over and over, and use them often in your conversation with the child.

Make a scrapbook with your child; cut out and paste pictures of objects the child learns to say or recognize.

give cues/prompts, such as "Try that name again," or "It's not 'thoap', it's soap."

Praise your child when sounds are correct, especially if the sounds were previously difficult for the child.


You should take your child to a Speech-Language Pathologist if...

Your child does not produce speech sounds appropriate for his or her age.

Strangers have difficulty understanding your child's speech is he or she is 3 years or older.

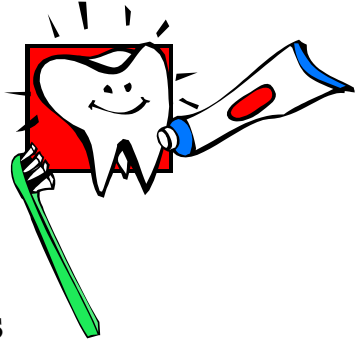
your child's teacher reports that other children make fun of your child's speech.

your child shows frustration with his or her speech.



Contact Mr. Olson
Speech Pathologist
Hemingford Public
Schools





Dental Days

This day provides dental care for children without dental insurance. Care is provided by dental students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry in collaboration with local dentists and local dentists and hospitals.

June 6 and 7, 2008

Panhandle Sites: Alliance, Chadron, Sidney and Gordon

Transportation may be available.

To register contact Judy Stewart – School Nurse at 487-7425 OR Panhandle Public Health District at 866-701-7173

A pre-exam by a participating local dentist is required at least 3 weeks in advance. There is no charge to

How to Help Children Deal With Self-Injury (Cutting)

A child presenting symptoms of self injury/harm should have a comprehensive evaluation. It is important to look for other disorders which may be present; such as, attention-deficit hyperactive disorder(ADHD), learning disabilities, mood disorder(depression, bipolar disorder) and anxiety disorders

Concerns? Call Nurse Judy or Mrs. Hucke

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS OF SENIORS

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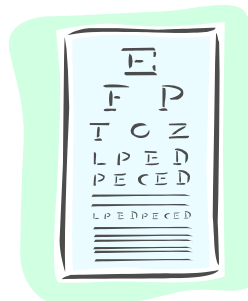
Please consider getting your child immunized against Meningitis, a potentially fatal infection of the brain and spinal cord.

Students living in close quarters (college dormitories) are at risk.

How do you catch it?

- Living in close quarters, such as dormitories
- Being in crowded situations for prolonged periods of time
- Sharing eating utensils and drinking glasses
- Kissing
- Smoking or being exposed to smoke
- Activities that may weaken the immune system, such as staying out late and having irregular sleeping patterns

Call your health care provider today to schedule an appointment!



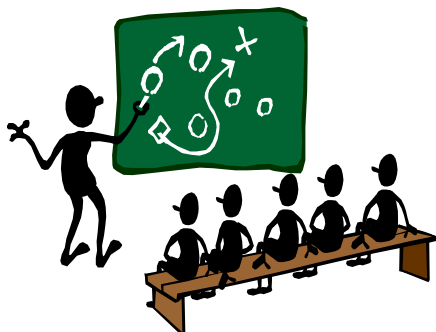
- No vision health insurance?
- Children not covered by Kids Connection or Medicaid?

Please call Nurse Judy (487-7425) for a certificate for a **free** vision exam and a **free** pair of glasses if needed.

There are income guidelines that must be met. Go to www.sightforstudents.org to check eligibility.



Coaches Corner



Physicals- June 11, 2008
July 16, 2008
Times: 10:00 a.m. -12:00
Use front doors and meet
In the Lobby.

It's hard to believe that May is just around the corner and we will be putting the final touches on another school year. We have several items we'd like to make parents and students aware of for the Summer months.

First, we will again offer physicals for students in grades 7-12 who participate in athletics. All students must have physical exams before they are allowed to begin practice for the 2008-09 school year.

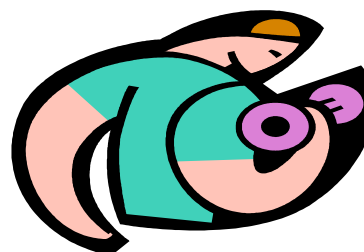
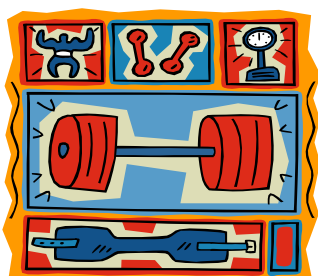
The tentative dates for next years physicals will be Wednesday, June 11 and Wednesday, July 16 from 10:00 A.M. to noon. Students are asked to come in the front doors and meet in the lobby.

Also, we would encourage all students to take advantage in Summer conditioning and open gyms. Please see your coaches to find out the times the weight room will be open and check out your open gym schedule. Remember, athletes are made in the off season!

SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM SCHEDULE

The weight room will be open starting Tuesday, May 27th through Friday, July 25th.

Monday - Friday
6:45 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.
Monday - Thursday
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.



When entering the weight room, please use the north entrance to the locker rooms



Chords from Chesley

The Hemingford Music Program has had a busy spring going to Panhandle Conference Contest and District Music Contest. Students performed well at both.

Those receiving Division I ratings at District Music Contest are:

Beau Hartman-Bari Sax Solo
Taylor Jespersen-Vocal Solo
Britt Anderson-Clarinet Solo
Taylor Jespersen-Baritone Solo
Percussion Ensemble
Jake Yardley
Taylor Yardley
Travis Kittelmann
Tanner Lembke
Cody Minich
Stephanie Whipple

Mixed Instrumental Trio
Katoya Rosentrater
Bethany Wacker
Emily Sample
Woodwind Trio
Megan Roland
Kelli Frahm
Sammy Huss
Kaitlyn Jespersen
Flute Duet
Rachel Kaman
Gina Jespersen



District Music Contest

Our spring concerts K-12 will be April 29th beginning at 6:00p.m. for the K-6th grades and 7:30p.m. for the 7th-12th grades. This concert will feature instrumental and vocal pieces. The lower levels will present a variety of musical selections including singing, World Drumming, Orff Instruments, and Level I and II Band. The large 7th-12th grade groups will perform contest selections and small groups/solo performances and awards will be given.

Prior to looking to next year we will round out this year with a Sunday Graduation performance from both the Band and Choir along with a special selection from a small group. What a great year class of 2008!

We need your instruments! Hemingford Public Schools is asking anyone who may have a band instrument that is not in use for their help. Check your closets, basement and attics! We will have a large group of incoming students who will be needing instruments for band in the fall. If you have an instrument that you would like to donate we would love to have it! We may also be able to offer a fee for your instrument! We need your instruments, PLEASE!

Social Studies

Students in grades 7-10 have been busy studying social studies during the last quarter of the school year.

In Mr. Naden's classes, the seventh grades have studied the historical importance and impact of Medieval Europe, as well as early African and Asian Empires. The Asian Empires involve the origins of modern-day India, China, Cambodia, and Japan.

The eighth grade has been studying the development of America from the War of 1812 to the prelude years of the Civil War and will finish with the period of Reconstruction by the end of the school year. In addition, the class has completed its required testing of STAR (Standards That Are Reported) standards that involve the subjects of economics, government and civics, and history and geography.

Ninth graders learning about American history have been concentrating on the impact of The Great War (W. 1), the "Roaring '20's, Great Depression, and the historical significance of World War II. During the past week, students have individually or teamed to research important events of the war, resulting in descriptive posters, power point presentations or essays about their historical events.

Sophomores in World History during the last quarter have progressed thought the importance of learning about 19th century European nationalism and its impact on such new nations of Germany, Italy, and Russia. The class is currently studying the significance of the Great War and is completing projects on historical significant event as that happened during that war. The remaining portion of the school year will be used to learn about the rise of dictatorships after the First World War, the world-wide impact of the Great Depression, significance of World War II, the Cold War, and its aftermath.



Physical Fitness Testing

Fitness testing will be taking place the first week 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. Also, have them show you how to do a push-up and check their form - they need to keep their body straight and bend their arms to a 90 degree angle.

5th - 6th Grade Track Meet

The fifth and sixth graders are participating in a track meet in April and May during their PE class. They are learning about the different track events and competing against the other grade; boys vs. boys, and girls vs. girls. Keep an eye on the Ledger for results



Luau Time - May 21st

The annual Field Day will be held on the last day of school with LUAU as the theme this year. The 6th graders will be running the events, and the rest of the elementary students will be put into teams, each led by a 5th grader. The field day will start at 8:40 and end at 11:15 with school being dismissed at 11:30. Parents, friends and family members are encouraged to come and watch, but will not be allowed to participate.

Have a wonderful summer and be sure to get outside and exercise!



Football News

Due to the positive responses received from several parents and students from the lower grades, we will be running a flag football league for all interested boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 next fall! Information will be sent home with all the boys and girls some time within the next week, and we hope to have more than forty kids participate. If we are able, we



would like to set up a league of at least four teams with a minimum of ten kids per team.

If you want your child to participate but did not receive the information, please contact me at the school.

Thanks again for your efforts to support us in everything we do.

Patrick Robinson
Teacher/Coach

English News

We have finished STARS testing for the school year, and all indications are that students tested well in the English content area! We are also eagerly anticipating our state writing assessment results and, hopefully, all the students tested will exhibit proficiency for the descriptive and persuasive essays submitted to the state for review. Good news should be forthcoming very soon!

Patrick Robinson



Red Cross Swimming Lessons



Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be held June 23rd-July 3rd. Registration will be the week of June 9th-June 13th. You may register during pool hours only, phone registrations cannot be accepted. Swimmers must be at least 5 years old to participate.



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Parents and Students: It has been brought to my attention that what students put on MY SPACE and FACEBOOK are looked at by prospective college admissions officers and employers. They go to these two sites when they consider someone for college admission or employment just to see what their "character" is. **Parents** - It is very important that you know what your child is posting on these types of sites. **Students** - How do you want other people to perceive you? Summer is coming up and more time may be spent on the computer. Make sure that what is published on the internet is how you want others to perceive you.

Last ACT test needs to be registered for by May 9, 2008. The test will be administered on June 14, 2008.

Juniors: Thousands of scholarships are available to help students pay for college. Students who earn the most scholarships complete at *least* 30-40 applications.

6th graders: May 6th is up shift day. It will run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

