

# Northern Lights

Weekly News and Notes from Hanna, Elk Mountain,  
and Medicine Bow Elementary Schools



## Calendar Reminders

- Tomorrow is a teacher inservice. There is no school for students and there will be no enrichment activity for this day.
- There has been a calendar change for the week of October 6. Students will not have school on Monday, October 6, but will attend for a full day on Friday, October 10.
- Tuesday, October 7 will be the official opening of the new Hanna Elementary School. All are invited to the ribbon cutting at 8:00 AM.

## Next Week

### Monday

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Hanna Elementary Picture Day 9:00 am

### Wednesday

JHVB Game @HEM 4:30 pm

### Thursday

Hanna PTA Meeting 3:30 pm

### Friday

JHVB Game @HEM 5:30 pm

JHFB Game @HEM 12:00

No school for students

Enrichment: Water testing in Elk Mountain

## Notes from the Principal

From scholastic.com: Here are some ideas on keeping your child motivated.

If you want your child to be a stellar student, don't limit learning to the walls of his classroom. Although the skills he's learning there are crucial to his intellectual and social growth, your child needs your help to open up the world of ideas. His renewed **joy in discovery** will transfer to his schoolwork, so you'll boost his academic achievement too!

- **Fill your child's world with reading.** Take turns reading with your older child, or establish a family reading time when everyone reads her own book.
- **Encourage him to express his opinion and make choices.** He can pick out a side dish to go with dinner and select his own extracurricular activities. Ask for his input on family decisions, and show that you value it.
- **Show enthusiasm for your child's interests.** If she's a horse nut, offer her stories about riding or challenge her to find five facts about horses in online or in the library..
- **Provide him with play opportunities that support different kinds of learning styles — from listening and visual learning to sorting and sequencing.** Supplies that encourage open-ended play, such as **blocks**, will develop your child's creative expression and problem-solving skills as he builds. Legos are great for all ages.
- **Point out the new things you learn with enthusiasm.** Discuss the different ways you find new information, whether you're looking for gardening tips on the Internet or taking a class yourself.
- **Ask about what he's learning in school, not about his grades or test scores.** Have him teach you what he learned in school today — putting the lesson into his own words will help him retain what he learned.
- **Help your child organize her school papers and assignments so she feels in control of her work.** If her task seems too daunting, she'll spend more time worrying than learning..
- **Celebrate achievements, no matter how small. Positive reinforcement** will inspire him to keep learning and challenging himself.
- **Focus on strengths, encouraging developing talents.** Even if she didn't ace her math test, she may have written a good poem in English class.
- **Turn everyday events into learning opportunities.** Encourage him to explore the world around him, asking questions and **making connections**.

Parenting is a full time job, and so is learning. Staying involved now will pay off in future success. Have a great week!

-Mr. Shipp



Integrating Music and PE: Mrs. Felton leads students in working the parachute to the rhythm of the William Tell Overture.