

# Northern Lights

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



## Notes from the Principal

### Calendar Reminders

- **There is no school tomorrow for staff or students. There is no enrichment activity.**
- Halloween parties will be the afternoon of October 30

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### Next Week

- **Monday**

4:00 School Board meets at HES

1st day of JH Basketball Practice

- **Tuesday**

- **Wednesday**

- **Thursday**

**Mr. Shipp in Saratoga for meeting in the AM**

### End of 1st Quarter

- **Friday**

No School-Enrichment is the UW Science Posse in Hanna

We're two weeks into October and life is busy in our three schools. Students are already talking about their Halloween costumes, in fact some of the kindergarten, first, and second graders have been talking about what they will be wearing on Halloween for the last month. Next week will mark the end of the first quarter, and the week after that we will be hosting our first round of parent-teacher conferences. There is a lot going on, but everybody seems most happy when they are busy.

The opening of the new school in Hanna was a great success and even with some bugs to be worked out, things are going rather well. While the schools in Elk Mountain are not as new, and don't have all the features of the Hanna school, it is important to point out that more than a building, a school is really the people who work, support, and learn there. Each of the three schools, and communities, have their own strengths as well as things that can be improved. Watching students of different grades working together in the two smaller schools is amazing and prepares kids well for a life of working with people of different ages and backgrounds. Students in all three of our schools get a lot of personal attention. Your kids are fortunate no matter which school they attend, and we are working in many ways to continue to make things better.

The School Board will hold its monthly meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the new Hanna Elementary School. Medicine Bow will be hosting its first CEO (Community Education Organization) Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. Elk Mountain will hold its annual Pumpkin Patch party on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Hanna's PTA meets on the first Thursday of every month. Mr. Copeland has established a District Accountability Committee which includes one parent from each school who will report at each of the above school level meetings. As you can see, there are many opportunities to get involved and hear firsthand what is going on in our schools and around our district. Your kids do best when everybody works together.

-Mr. Shipp



Reading in the window at Hanna Elementary



Getting messy with Art in Elk Mountain