

Northern Lights

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



Spring Forward
Fall Back
Remember to
set your
clocks back
one hour on
Sunday!

Notes from the Principal

Next Week

- Monday

Mr. Shipp in Elk Mountain in the morning and Medicine Bow in the afternoon

Lifetouch picture retakes

- Tuesday

1st Quarter Awards Assembly at 2:30

- Wednesday

Mr. Shipp in Saratoga for Principal's meeting

- Thursday

- Friday

Teacher Inservice Day-No School

Enrichment-Carbon County Museum -

"Detecting Details"

As I walk around the building(s) this morning, it appears that everything is normal. Students are hard at work improving their reading and math skills. Teachers are teaching lessons or working with individuals and small groups and answering questions with another question. Students are asking questions, writing, and doing all the things they need to do to learn. It seems to be a very routine morning, though we know that it will all change this afternoon when everybody joins in on the Halloween activities.

I believe that we are very fortunate to have days like these. As you know, many schools across the country no longer allow taking time for holiday celebrations. Of course, every minute we have with your students is important, and it can be hard to justify the loss of instructional time. However, it is also important that kids, and adults, have a chance to be creative, try different things, and just be and act like kids. Taking the time to play together can improve attitudes so that when it is time to work, that time can be more productive. As I said, the classrooms this morning are very much business as usual.

Thank you all for your great attendance at parent-teacher conferences. As usual, by the time we have a few reschedules, we will be at or near 100% in attendance. Of course, please don't wait until the end of the third quarter to call or visit the school. Knowing that parents and teachers are working together is very important to your child.

-Mr. Shipp



The University of Wyoming "Science Posse" worked with some of our students on Science Fair ideas during our Friday Enrichment



Hanna second graders estimate and count the number of seeds in their pumpkins. They also measured and weighed the pumpkins, demonstrating how math skills can be integrated



Hanna students enjoy choosing a pumpkin from the "pumpkin patch." Thanks to Mary Cushing and Elsyse Collins for making this possible.