

Northern Lights

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



Notes from the Principal

As I observe in our three great schools, many students are now involved in research projects whether it be for Science Fair and Expo or in other topics. Students are spending time online to find information and some of this research is also taking place at home. Students also spend time online doing other things and it is safe to say that technology has changed how students learn and how they socialize. Millions of kids in all age groups are online every day—at home, at school, at friends' homes, at the library—and many are creating online content. To keep your child safe online (from the Elementary Parents newsletter):

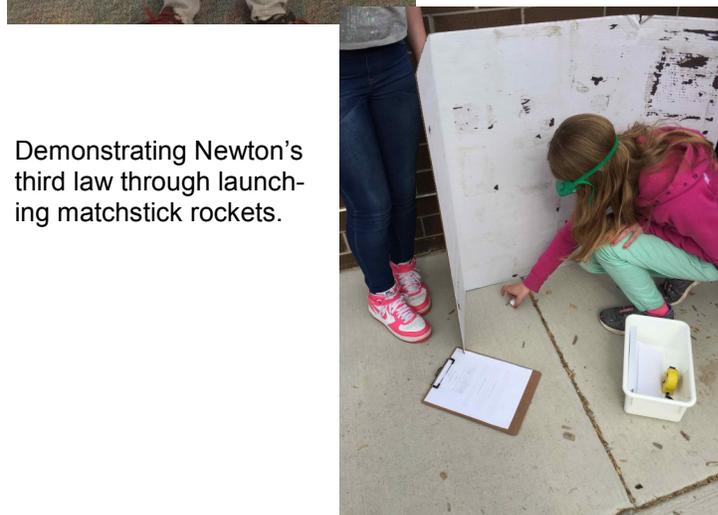
- Discuss rules and expectations. -Use software that helps to protect kids, but supervise carefully, too. Only allow your child to communicate with people you both know when he's online.
- Set limits on screen time, such as 10 hours or fewer per week. Remember that screen time includes TV, computer and video game use.
- Do not allow your child to reveal personal information online, such as his name, phone number, school, passwords or location.
- Keep Internet access out of your child's room. Only let your child go online if you can see what he's doing.
- Learn about websites your child wants to visit. Are they safe? Do you approve of their content?
- Encourage your child to be honest with you if something inappropriate occurs online. React calmly if this happens. Report your concerns to the authorities.
- Stay informed about online safety. Visit sites such as www.fosi.org (Family Online Safety Institute) and Netsmartz.org for more tips.

In summary, students need to be able to use the Internet effectively in order to be successful in today's world. Safe and effective use is also the responsibility of the parents, teachers, and of course the students. Adult involvement is the key to responsible and effective use and I hope you found these tips helpful.

-Mr. Shipp



Getting creative with a show and tell of elk antlers



Demonstrating Newton's third law through launching matchstick rockets.

Next Week

•Monday

•Tuesday

5:00 Early Childhood Workshop at HES

•Wednesday

12:30 Elk Mountain/Medicine Bow career day at Elk Mountain

•Thursday

6th Grade Orientation at HEM

•Friday

Teacher Inservice-No school for students