

Northern Lights

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

Notes from the Principal

How many of you are familiar with the school district's vision, mission, and goals? What are the vision statements for each of the three schools? There will be a quiz next Friday.

Seriously, there are mission statements along with a vision and goals for the district and each of the three schools have a vision statement aligned with the district vision. These are readily available on the district and school websites, and I have asked that a copy of the district goal placemat be included in today's folder.

Please pay particular attention to the goal statements on that page. We as a district are in the midst of revising our strategic plan. Part of that process is to take a look at each of those goal areas and examine what we are doing well and what we can do better. Last night, the District Accountability Committee (DAC) met in Saratoga and began discussing what we are currently doing. Your DAC representatives are:

HES: Teacher representative Sarah Jones; Parent representative Amelia Young

Medicine Bow: Teacher representative Shelly Cooper; Parent representative Tara Johnson

Elk Mountain: Teacher representative Cathy McAtee; Parent representative Katrina Durfey

First of all, I appreciate the time, involvement, and effort that these people are putting into this committee. Secondly, the key word is "representative." They are there to represent your thoughts and questions as parents. As we go through this process, we would appreciate any input you have on any of these goal areas.

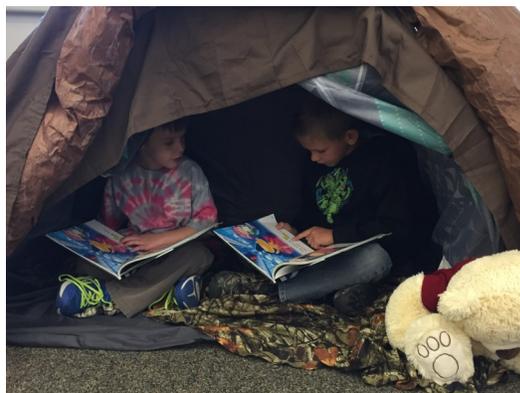
Please contact myself or any of the representatives. You do have a voice and it is important for the children and for our schools. Also remember that the school board does move the board meetings around the district because they value your input. We host the board meeting at HES this month and you are encouraged to attend.

I mentioned that these documents and statements are available on our website. Our district and school websites are undergoing a complete makeover which will make them more visually appealing, and most importantly more informative and easier to update. Please stay tuned and take a look as the new website comes to life. Have a great weekend!

-Mr. Shipp



Elk Mountain students learn about fire safety



Kindergarten students love reading in the bear den.

Next Week

•Monday

10:00 Visiting author Cowgirl Peg at Medicine Bow (Medicine Bow, Elk Mountain, and HES K-1)

2:45 BOCES Board Meeting at HES

4:00 School Board Meeting at HES

•Tuesday

•Wednesday

•Thursday

•Friday

Regular School Day