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# Northern Lights

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

## Notes from the Principal

After our short two day return to school last week everybody is back in the swing of things with a full week. Today marks the last day of the first semester so there is a lot to accomplish and exciting things to happen in the second half of the year.

Our Elk Mountain and Medicine Bow kids took the DIBELS reading assessment yesterday and Hanna Elementary will take part this coming Wednesday. I'm excited to see the improvement from the beginning of the year. The second WY-TOPP interim assessment window opens on Tuesday and while we have four weeks to have our students participate, we hope to have these substantially completed in the first two weeks of the window. First and second grade will also participate this time joining the 3-6 graders who took the fall assessment. The Wyoming Department of Education promised with the change to WY-TOPP that our students will spend less time assessing than they did with the combination of MAP and PAWS. While we are still learning about WY-TOPP, our goal is to use the results to make our instruction even more effective for our students. Teachers will share the results with you and as always, please call if you have questions or comments.

On another note, we started off our series of early childhood parent workshops yesterday evening with some great information from our speech pathologist Ms. Sloan. These workshops are free to all parents who have preschool-aged children and give some great ideas for cognitive and physical growth. Childcare during the sessions is provided as well as treats and all participants are entered into a drawing for an iPad and will receive a kindle fire tablet for attending the majority of the sessions. If you have or know of people with kids from ages 3-5, you will all benefit from attending.

**The next workshop is on January 23.**

Happy New Year to all. I look forward to seeing you all in your schools.  
-Mr. Shipp



Research shows that reading to a therapy dog can lead to positive growth in reading.

## Next Week

### •Monday

4:00 School Board Meeting at Medicine Bow

### Tuesday

### •Wednesday

### •Thursday

4:30 Junior High Boys Basketball at HES

### •Friday

**Regular school day for staff and students**

Junior High Boys Basketball at Rock River



Thanks to a generous donation from donors choose, Ms. Glaser was able to get new instruments for Medicine Bow students.

