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Northern Lights

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

Notes From the Principal

This is a hard newsletter for me to write. When I first came on the scene seven years ago, it was suggested that I included a weekly schedule in the Thursday folder. It evolved into a weekly newsletter and I have tried to use it as a forum to keep you informed, give suggestions, and generally promote positive communication between you and the schools. I hope it has been helpful.

I will miss the kids. Having been here for seven years, there are four sixth graders that I have known since kindergarten. There are also those that were in our schools for only a few weeks. Some have visited me in the office for making poor choices and others have never been "in trouble." I've very much enjoyed getting to know all of them through birthday and classroom lunches, playground duty, and other times just chatting. Our challenge as educators and parents is to preserve and support the curiosity and wonder that they are all born with. They are all wonderful unique individuals and I have high hopes for all of them.

I will miss the staff. There are many who were here long before I came and will be here for years to come. There are those who retired before me and those who were here for only a year or two. I've been blessed to work with amazing teachers and support staff who have always put your kids above everything else. They have worked to find answers for the most challenging kids and to challenge the ones who were in need of an extra push. I know these schools will continue to be among the state's best because of them.

I will miss you, the parents. You've shown confidence in us by sending your kids to us and expecting our best in working with them. We've had many positive conversations and even when we've disagreed, I've never doubted that we all have the same goal of wanting the absolute best for your children. I truly appreciate all of you who have volunteered and donated to help us provide opportunities beyond the classroom walls. I do hope you all will work with the new principal, Mrs. Schneider, to strengthen the parent-teacher organizations in each of the communities.

I have enjoyed the past seven years and will remember fondly my time in Hanna, Elk Mountain, and Medicine Bow. Thanks for your support and friendship, and most of all, best wishes for your wonderful children.

-Mr. Shipp



As always, the concerts in all three schools were fabulous.



Next Week

•Monday

4:00 School Board meeting at Elk Mountain
5:00 HES First Grade Fiesta

•Tuesday

Fort Fun AR award trip for grades 3-6
Laramie Rec Center award trip for grades K-2

•Wednesday

Teton Science in Hanna (Grades 3-6)

•Thursday

Teton Science at Bow River Ranger Station (Grades K-2)
6:30 HES Sixth grade graduation

•Friday

7:45 Elk Mountain End of Year Awards
9:00 Medicine Bow End of Year Awards
10:00 HES End of Year Awards

•Saturday

11:00 HEM Graduation