

One town
One school
One family

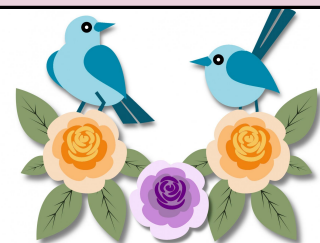
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PRIDE

A note from the principal

MAY!!!! Another year almost in the books! With the end of the year drawing near, we want to be sure and finish strong! It is important for students to be at school every day (unless they are sick, of course). This month is a busy month of sports (High school and Middle School) and testing. It is the time for students to show off what they have learned this year - and for our teachers, it is the time to see where our challenges lie and how to make changes to best fit the needs of our students. We will need your help at home to ensure your student(s) is getting plenty of rest, staying well, keeping up with their academics, and being the best kiddo they can be. I personally think we have THE BEST student population in the state - and I may even go so far as to say they are the best in the United States. This is because of the parental/guardian support they have at home and at school. We firmly believe that the main educator is at home (that's you!) and that it is our job to build upon the work you have begun and will continue to do as they grow. It is my pleasure and privilege to work side by side with you. Please remember, I am here if you need me! ~ Dr. Hunt



ATTENDANCE



Facts

- Participation in early education programs, like preschool and Head Start, lead to better attendance in kindergarten.
- Starting in kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school.
- Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace and in college.



April attendance stats:
Elementary - 89%
High School - 97%



Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence

State Test Taking Tips - how to prepare your students!

1. Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before the test.
2. Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when the testing will take place and plan your preparations.
3. The student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make the student hyper and/or unfocused.
4. Make sure the student is on time (if not early) on the day of testing.
5. Set a backup alarm to avoid the possibility of oversleeping.
6. If you child is sick please contact the school immediately to inform them.

Help your student develop a growth mindset!



Do you have an anxious tester?

1. Try not to put too much pressure on the student. Reinforce that as long as they worked hard in preparation and did their absolute best you will be proud of them.
2. Have the child visualize success. Encourage them to rehearse what it will feel like to get a good score on the test.
3. Work with them to focus on breathing. Stress is often caused by insufficient oxygen to the brain. Work with the student to take time before the test begins to take a number of deep, cleansing breaths, exhaling slowly. Focusing on breathing by taking some time when stress levels rise helps to focus the mind during testing.
4. Try to use positive language when talking about expectations of the test. Do not overinflate the student's expectations but also try to avoid negative wording (e.g. replace "you are going to fail this test if you don't study" with "if you don't study you aren't going to pass this test.")
5. Plan for a fun outing or treat for your child after the test has been completed.
6. Keep a positive attitude about testing in general around your child and emphasize their ability to demonstrate what they have learned!

REMINDERS



Did you know?

Baseball and Softball games:

- 5/4 High school @ Republic 2:00
- 5/7 High School @ Kettle Falls
TBD
- 5/9 Junior High @ Valley 3:45
- 5/9 High School playoffs TBD
- 5/11 Highschool NVVC playoffs
TBD
- 5/12 High School vs Kettle Falls
@ home 2:00
- 5/16 Junior High @ Home (sball
only) 3:45
- 5/16 Junior High @ Springdale
(baseball only) 3:45
- 5/23 Junior High @ Home (bball
only) vs Cusick 3:45
- 5/25 Junior High (sball only) vs
Selkirk @ Home 3:45
- 5/31 Junior High (both) @ Home
vs Wellpinit 3:00

Track & Field

- 5/3 District Champs 2:30
- 5/7 Colville 10:00
- 5/11 Sub Regionals Ritzville 12:30
- 5/20-21 Regional Qualifier TBD
- 5/27-28 State Champs EWU TBD

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2-6

Spring Pictures

Thursday
May 12th

Memorial Day

Monday
May 30th
NO SCHOOL

MAPS testing

June 1-3

Testing Schedule

- 5/5 - AP Human Geography 8:30 am
- 5/6 - AP US History Test 8:30 am
- 5/12 - AP Physics Test 11:00 am
- 5/17 - 4th & 5th grade Math SBAC, 6th
grade ELA SBAC, High School Math
MAPS, Senior Project Presentations.
- 5/18 - 3rd, 4th, 6th Math SBAC, HS
Reading MAPS. 8th grade Science
SBAC.
- 5/19 - 5th grade WCAS, 7th & 8th
grade Math SBAC, Senior Project
Presentations.
- 5/20 - 7th & 8th Math SBAC.
- 5/24 - 4th & 5th ELA SBAC, 7th & 8th
ELA SBAC.
- 5/25 - 3rd grade ELA SBAC, 4th grade
ELA SBAC

Spring Sports Pictures - May 5th

High School Prom- May 6th

High School Graduation

June 11 @ 12:00

Last day of school for students

June 14 @ 12:30

Summer School Registration Packets

Be on the lookout! These will come home at the end of the month.

Our current school day times are:

Monday's - 9:25-1:00

Tuesday - Friday - 8:25-1:00

Students are considered tardy after 8:25 am T-F and 9:25 on Monday.

