

Highland Families,

Academics....

Thursday, October 12th marks the end of the first quarter on the academic calendar. This provides an opportunity to communicate with your student about grades, missing work, and attendance. At Highland Elementary, the teachers are implementing a new Math curriculum as well as a Reading Intervention curriculum. A new Language Arts curriculum is being implemented at the High School with the plan to update the Math curriculum next year. At the High School, we will have a late start on November 29th to allow our teachers to collaborate on instructional projects. We believe there is value in the parent/teacher conference, so please try to attend. The majority of the conferences are in the evening on October 18th and 19th. If you haven't already, this would be a great time to get information about your students MAPS scores so that you can measure their progress throughout the year.

Upcoming.....

We have several important events coming up in the second quarter. In mid-October, we will be launching a new website. The goal is to provide as much accurate and updated information in an easy to find format. We also plan to deploy a community survey regarding the school calendar. This will allow stakeholders to weigh in on alternative calendar ideas such as year-round school and the four-day week. The survey will be accessible with a QR code from postcards that will be mailed out as well as hard copies in school and district offices. Once completed, we will share the results of the survey. November 7th is election day. There are several items that will impact our district, including a board election for Director District D which has three candidates. Proposition HH is another impactful bill that we will be following. Ballots will be mailed out from Weld County on October 16th.

Snow Days.....

You will find our school closure procedures on our website but let me give you a recap. We start driving the roads at approximately 4:30 a.m. and decide no later than 6:00 a.m. whether to cancel or have school. If our buses are able to safely travel the routes, we have school. In rare circumstances we will have school even if some bus routes are unable to pick up students. Often, there can be a big difference in weather between Ault and the Wyoming state line. However, the decision to place a student on the bus belongs to the parent. If you don't feel comfortable sending your student, simply call the school office to notify them. If we cancel school, an Infinite Campus message will be sent, a notice will be posted on our website as well as the district Facebook page. We try to notify television and radio outlets, but their coverage is sporadic at best.