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### Where we Think, Learn, Achieve and Care



January is a month for extraordinary focus on academics. To that end, attendance is critical. It would be great to have our attendance percentage for January be the highest

of the year. In this newsletter are recommendations for when a child should not attend school due to illness. If your child doesn't meet these conditions, we want him or her here if at all possible. We solicit your support and encourage you to reinforce or renew good habits.

### **Essential Skills**

At home, children should be reading at least twenty minutes a day. Mastering math facts should be a definite focus. There are a lot of fun, easy activities to help children learn their math facts. If you need help or ideas, please contact your child's teacher.

#### **Contact Information**

The New Year is a great time to update all your contact information. If you have not been getting periodic emails and phone calls from the school, that means we do not have what we need to contact you. Communications during emergency situations will be done through email, telephone messages, and also at twitter@EtnaElementary. The District twitter is twitter@lcsd2wy. Bussing information can be found on Facebook under LCSD2 Transportation. Lastly, I would encourage you to friend the PTO Facebook page to stay connected with their many happenings.

#### **Geography Bee**

This year we will take the top ten qualifiers from a preliminary completion (test) as finalist for the Geography Bee. This is a change from having one representative from each class. We believe this will give us a stronger field of contestants than in the past. *Interested students are invited to participate in a Geography Bee Prep Class as part of Etna Enrichment Express.* This class is not required to take the qualifying test, but doing so should help students be better prepared to succeed in the Bee.

#### **Bus notes**

Please see the attached bus note form. Our transportation department faces logistical and geographical challenges every day. To help them get all students home or to an alternate bus drop SAFELY and efficiently, please use this note (make copies as needed or request from the school). Filling out ALL of the information requested on this note will secure safe and orderly passage from the school to the correct bus drop for your child.

### **Bus Passes**

Parents, to ensure your children are bussed to the correct location please include this information or use these passes for bus notes. Thank you!



### **Alternate Stop School Bus Pass**

Lincoln County School District #2 Transportation 307-885-7146

This pass must be filled out completely and given to the bus driver upon entering bus.

School:
animat:
Phone:
Date:



# Alternate Stop School Bus Pass Lincoln County School District #1 Transportation 307-885-7146

This pass must be filled out completely and given to the bus driver upon entering bus.

Students Pail Name:	School:
This student has permission to ride route #:	animat:
forday(s), starting on this DATE:	
to this ADDRESS:	
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Authorized \$ignature:	Date:

# Calendar

- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/9,10,16,17,23,24 After School Enrichment Classes 2:40 3:55 p.m.
- 1/18 Etna Geographic Bee Qualifying Test
- 1/19 No School
- 1/23 LCSD2 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee at the District Office
- 1/25 Etna Geography Bee at 12:45 p.m.
- 1/26 No School
- 1/27 IPSSSDR Dog Sled Races in Alpine (Greys River Parking Lot) at 9:00 a.m.
- 1/31 LCSD2 District 6-8 Grade Spelling Bee at the District Office





A fever of 100 degrees F. or higher (using a fever reducer and then coming to school is not an acceptable practice).

Sudden onset of:

- 1. Diarrhea 2 or more episodes in 12 hours
- **2. Vomiting** 2 or more episodes in 24 hours

A combination of two or more of the following:

Large lymph nodes, body aches, temperature over 100 F, chills, rash, sore throat, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain.

Any **bacterial infection** until treated for 24 hours.

Redness and Discharge in or around eye(s).



# Congratulations!





Congratulations to our Etna Elementary Key Kids for December who each displayed one of the 8 Keys of Excellence in an exemplary way.



Jena Young & Torie White have earned the

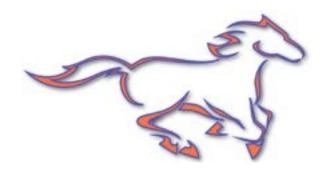
**Indian Paintbrush Award** for reading all fifteen titles nominated for this Wyoming Children's Book Award.

### Back row (l-r):

Trevan Jenkins, Anna Haderlie, Torrie White, Daejon Parmer, Layne Hubbard, Hailey Valentine

### Front Row:

Zoey Scherbel, Jack Shumway, Zack Thompson, Avynlee Burton, Bridget Scaffide, Asher Hainsworth



PTO News

The Etna PTO will be kicking the New Year off with *Celebrating the Arts* in January. We are looking for people who are interested in sharing their artistic abilities with our students for inspiration and new ideas! Our goal is to display student projects during parent-teacher conferences in February. We have many great activity ideas, but we need volunteers to make it happen. Please feel free to call or text Ami 307-413-6938 if you can help. More details to come in 2018.....



Please join us on Facebook "Etna PTO"



Thank you to Representative Marti Halverson for her visit to Etna Elementary School for "Take Your Legislator to School Day". We enjoyed her visit and appreciate her service to our state and community.

## Mrs. Price's class declares Independence!

Mrs. Price's 4th grade class held a reenactment of the Second Continental Congress on whether or not the American Colonies should declare their independence from Great Britain. After the debates had been heard by the delegates from the 13 colonies, a vote was conducted. The results were 9 to 8 in favor of declaring our independence from our mother country.



## The Patriot Perspective

### Patriots! by Scarlet Weber

Liberty is us, liberty is life. We need freedom. The American Colonies should declare independence from Great Britain because our rights are being taken away, we have no representation without representation, and we have paid with our lives to keep our land.

One reason American Colonies should declare independence is because people have rights, government can't take away our property. And if we have independence we could start stores or companies and be rich. This would be fair because we would make our furniture and

clothes and work but we can't because we we are not independent. They just want to give away all our money to the King. For example, we paid with our lives for the war, and they make us pay for it again so that King George The Third can buy himself fancy clothes or an elegant palace while we have nothing because King George has all of our money.

Another reason that we should have freedom and be prepared for war is because we have taxation without representation. We should have the ability to choose and we would not have the king choose for us and treat us like we can't choose. We started riots because you chose for us and we did not like what you chose for us. The king always makes us mad because he makes us like his slaves and we have to do everything for him. We should have freedom, we will fight for freedom. We should have war.

Last of all, we should have freedom because we have paid our lives to keep our land. And we had to pay for other things that we don't need to like the quartering act in 1765, we had to house 10,000 soldiers and give them beer, oil, salt, and we had to wash their clothes. This costed a lot of money. And then in 1767 we had to pay tax for glass, paint, lead, paper, and tea. If we had freedom we would not need to pay as much because we could choose our own government and have our own laws and they would not charge as much. Having freedom means a lot to us and we will fight for freedom. We all should have freedom.

In conclusion, we should have freedom because our rights are being taken away, we have no taxation without representation and we have paid with our lives to keep our land. We need liberty. On March 23, 1775 Patrick Henry said "give me liberty or give me death." I believe that this is the only way to get freedom.



The Loyalist Perspective

### American Colonies Should Not Declare Independence by Amelia Green

The Massachusetts colonist are getting out of hand. First the Boston riot and not too long ago, they dumped 342 chests of our tea into Boston Harbor. I think it was called the Boston Tea Party. I can't believe they thought their silly costumes fooled us. The American colonies should stay loyal to the crown because the colonies are too far away from Great Britain to have representation in parliament, taxes are due to French & Indian war which was fought to protect the colonies, and the American colonies would be weak without Great Britain.

One reason why the American colonies should stay loyal to the crown is the colonies are too far away from Great Britain to have representation in parliament. For example, If they are too far away and the French and Spanish are attacking it would take 2 months for a letter to reach Great Britain and it would take 2 more months for our British troops to get to the colonies. It would take 4 months for our British troops to get to the colonies if the weather is good. The Mother country knows what best for the colonists.

Another reason why the American colonies should stay loyal to the crown is taxes are due from the French & Indian war which was fought to protect the colonies. For example, my father fought in that war 17 years ago and is still mad at the colonist for not paying for it. He fought with his life to protect those colonies. King George Ill is taxing the colonies to get the money they were meant to pay for 10 years ago.

My last reason why the American colonies should stay loyal to the crown is the American colonies would be weak without Great Britain. For example, Great Britain has a trained army and the colonies don't. If they become their own country they might not survive. Who gives them all their supplies? Great Britain! Who protects the colonies? Great Britain! Great Britain has always protected the colonist since they started living there.

To sum it up, the American colonies should stay loyal to the crown because they are too far away from Great Britain to have representation in parliament, taxes are due to the French & Indian war which was fought to protect the colonies, and the colonies would be weak without Great Britain. If we go into war to many lives will be lost for no good reason. Do you want that to happen again?

## Etna Enrichment Express!



We had a successful Family Code Night on December 7. A big thanks to Ben Olivas for doing an outstanding job leading us through the code activities and providing great pointers. Thanks to Tina Allen, Mercy Dickey, Shilo Wolfley, Lisa Luthi, Kari Price, and Brijytte Sevigny for helping with coaching and making the night run smoothly. It was marvelous to have so many wonderful families join us! We had 25 families with a total of 76 people coding together and enjoying pizza from Tootsies! Thanks to SVI for advertising for us and publishing information about this night in their December 6 edition. I hope you saw the article. For those of you would like to do some coding at home, the curriculum we used is from Code.org at <a href="https://www.FamilyCodeNight.org/Start">www.FamilyCodeNight.org/Start</a>. If you click on "After Family Code Night," you will find handouts with further information.

Our next session of Enrichment Express will be January 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24. Registration forms were sent home in December, but will be accepted until classes begin. Class size is limited and students will be assigned classes in the order the forms are receive in the office. We are always looking for class ideas and instructors. If you have expertise any area and would like to help with a class, or if you have a suggestion for a class topic, please contact Christine Turner (cturner@lcsd2.org, 307-880-2583).

Morning fitness will continue each morning with those students who arrive on the first busses. This is a great way to get ready to begin each day of school! Studies have shown that aerobic exercise improves brain functioning. We would like to encourage all students to participate in physical fitness activities before and after school to help improve academic achievement.

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Please enjoy these submissions from our fabulous Etna students.





























EES Student Council members had a great time trimming the Wells Fargo Bank walls with homemade Christmas decorations made by our students.

















**Jood Drive** written by Klare Dwyer

The food drive was a huge success! Everyone pitched in to help people in need. They were very involved and excited to help. The student council representatives were so pleased to go from class to class and see the large amounts of food that students brought in to donate.

The student council loved seeing all of the food under the Christmas tree in the library grow and grow. The tree was quickly overflowing with items. When you walked into the library you would instantly look over to the tree and all of the items the students brought in. Our amazing school donated over 1,000 food and household items! When the student council made an announcement at the end of everyday they were very surprised by how fast the numbers grew, and so was everyone else!

On Wednesday afternoon, members of the student council went to the Food Bank at the Thayne Community Center and began unloading food. It was quickly overflowing and this brought smiles to everyone's faces! The Food Bank had so much food donated, it really made every student involved feel good inside. The employee who helped us unpack all of the donations was ecstatic!

This was such an amazing food drive, you Mustangs really did your part and donated food! We really hope that this experience will help you guys learn to help others! Thank you Mustangs you definitely went out and did some amazing work!