



ETNA ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY CALENDAR

1/10

Etna Geography Bee
Qualifying Test

1/11

No School

1/15 & 16

Etna Enrichment

1/18

No School

1/22 & 23

Etna Enrichment

1/23

District 4th-6th Spelling Bee

1/24

Etna Geography Bee
1:20 pm

1/25

No School

1/29 & 30

Etna Enrichment

1/30

District 6th-8th Spelling Bee

1/31

4th Grade Field Trip
Helgesen/Stone
Teton Park

1/29 & 30

Etna Enrichment

2/6

4th Grade Field Trip
Price/McKinney/Polly
Teton Park

2/12, 2/13

Parent Teacher Conferences

Attendance

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. It is our hope all students will attend at least 90% of the school days.

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.

Internet safety

No child is immune to inappropriate content on the web. In addition, no child is above improper use of technology. Please know our monitoring software is very effective. We have had to deal with inappropriate use of technology this month and it has proven regrettable for the students involved. Our district hosts internet safety parent nights at least annually. I will be emailing the latest PowerPoint from their presentation last month in the next couple days.

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.

Mr. Klein



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Bus Passes

Parents, to ensure your children are bussed to the correct location please include this information or use these passes for bus notes. For last minute changes please call the school BEFORE 2:00 pm. 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.

Students Full Name: _____	School: _____
This student has permission to ride route #: _____	animal: _____
for _____ day(s), starting on this DATE: _____	
to this ADDRESS: _____	
Contact Person: _____	Phone: _____
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School



Nurse

Eye health is as important as keeping our bodies healthy. It is recommended that children in their first year of life have a professional vision exam and then between the ages of 3 and 5 and annually after that.



Vision Screening was performed at the beginning of the school year. It is a very minimal screening and does NOT replace a professional exam. Letters were sent home to all those that showed signs of needing a more in depth vision exam. If you received one of these letters, please have the optometrist fill it out and return it to the school. I have vouchers for those that do not have vision insurance that covers the eye exam and a pair of glasses if needed. Please contact me for any questions. If your student was enrolled after September 1st and you would like the nurse to do a vision screening, please e-mail me at skhamiltonholderman@lcsd2.org or call 307-885-7110.

In January, we will start a friendly classroom contest to encourage students who have prescription glasses to wear them. Please encourage your student to wear his/her glasses every day at school so they can be rewarded for consistently wearing their glasses.

Sincerely,
Skyla Hamilton-Holderman, BSN, RN
LCSD#2, School Nurse

Message from Dr. Jennings Voss, Optometrist:

Poor vision can influence your ability to perform well at school. Bad eyesight can result in a reduced attention span or difficulty understanding printed material. Wearing glasses at school is very important for children who need them. Most kids who wear glasses need them to either see up close or far away. This can affect school work in many ways; seeing the blackboard, taking tests, reading, and even playing at recess. Children who have good glasses wearing habits will be more focused and able to make it through the school day without feeling strained. Good habits include: wearing your glasses when you're supposed to; keeping them in their case in a safe spot when not wearing them; and keeping your lenses clean for the best possible vision.

When Should Students Stay at Home?

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).

Etna Enrichment Express!



We had two successful Family Code Nights on December 5th & 6th. 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 and Brenda Whitby for helping with coaching and making the night run smoothly. It was marvelous to have so many wonderful families join us! We had nearly 100 people coding together and enjoying pizza from Anasazi's Pizza! For those of you would like to do some coding at home, the curriculum we used is from Code.org at www.FamilyCodeNight.org/Start. If you click on "After Family Code Night," you will find handouts with further information.

Our next session of Enrichment Express will be January 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 & 30. Online Registration links were emailed and forms were sent home in December. We will close registration on January 4th so be sure to sign up early. Popular classes fill up fast!

We are always looking for class ideas and instructors. If you have expertise in any area and would like to help with a class, or if you have a suggestion for a class topic, please contact Colleen Cook at colleen.cook@lcsd2.org or 801-898-4212.

Our newest addition to after school is our tutoring / remediation offerings - Enrichment Extension. We have one more session January 8th & 9th. Watch for more opportunities soon.

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.

Christine Turner, 21CCLC Grant Director
Colleen Cook, 21CCLC Etna Site Coordinator
colleen.cook@lcsd2.org (801 898-4212)

PTO News

Thanks to all those who participated in the See's Candies Fundraiser. There are extra lollipops available for purchase if any one is interested for \$1 each.

Katie Thygerson, our school librarian, is looking for Parent volunteers to preview new books that are ordered for our library. If you are interested please contact her at the school. This is a great way to volunteer!

'Tis the Season

Caroling



Dressing Up



"A Christmas Carol"



4th Grade "The Grinch"



Performing (6th Grade Talent Show)



Serving



In the spirit of giving, the Etna Elementary School Student Council collected canned food and other household items to donate to the Thayne food bank. Each classroom set a goal to work towards, reminding all students that the primary goal was to help those in need. Many classes met their goals, supporting our local community this holiday season. The Student Council would like to share some of their experiences:

Torrie White:

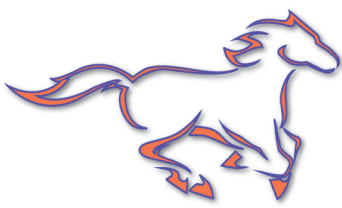
“I really like how we filled up the bins, I was grateful that we got to donate to people that need it.”

Anna Haderlie:

“Everyone was helping and it was fun creating a train from the bus to the building, to the cart...seeing all of the items donated made me glad to be a part of Etna Elementary School’s Mustang spirit.”

Koen Stone:

“I was really inspired by the look on the Food Bank director’s face when we brought in all of the food. She seemed really grateful for all of the items we collected.”



MUSTANG ROUNDUP



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

Back row (l-r):

Brissia Lozano, Anna Haderlie, Holt Olenslager, Lane Hunting, KaeLana Crnkovich, Bailey Sperry, Morgan McGee

Front Row:

Cati Nichols, Jayden Kunz, Mason Kleeman, Tysie Cooper, Janey Young, Ben Kinder



Mustang Club Winners



Torie White, Anna Olofson and Molly Roberts have earned the

Indian Paintbrush Award

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



MUSTANG PRIDE