

Elementary Principal Report

January 2024

Summer School

This year summer school will be held from June 3rd to June 27th. Instruction will be provided 3 hours a day for 4 days a week (Monday - Thursday) for 4 weeks (16 total days). Mrs. Thomas, with the help of 3 paraprofessionals, will be planning and implementing lessons to help close academic gaps and prepare students for the next school year. We will use our established MTSS process to identify and invite students to attend summer school. Decisions will be driven by analyzing academic data and considering student needs.

Upcoming Field Trips / Learning Opportunities

There are a couple of learning opportunities coming up in February. First, the Region IV Youth Leadership Conference will be held at UNK on Thursday, February 28th. The conference is limited to 2 students from fourth, fifth and sixth grades. In order to be selected, students were required to write an essay. The essays were reviewed by a selection committee, and 6 students were chosen to represent our school at the conference. This will be a great learning experience for these students. Josh Erickson of Team Concepts will be the keynote speaker at the event. The second learning opportunity will be an Ag Safety Day to be held at Southern Valley on March 15th. Our fifth and sixth graders will be attending this event. The Ag Safety Day is being organized and sponsored by the Harlan and Furnas County Extension offices. Some of the safety topics being covered that day include: chemicals, electrical, farm equipment, fire, pto, water/sun, tractor, first aid, grain bin, seen & be seen, mental well-being, and seatbelt safety. I am also working with elementary teachers to schedule a spring field trip for each class.

Elementary Talent Show

The elementary students had a little talent show on the last day before Christmas break. A big thank you to Mrs. Leising, Mrs. Sharp and numerous volunteers for organizing this fun event. This was a great way for students to showcase their special talents. We had all kinds of performances including, but not limited to, instrumental, vocal, comedy acts, dancing, gymnastics, cattle roping, a rock specialist, hula hooper, and a talented ventriloquist. It was a lot of fun and may just develop into an annual event.

Staffing

Mrs. Kara Krejdl will be starting her teaching career here at AHPS in the third grade. A big thank to Mrs. Sue Helms for teaching the first semester for us. Mrs. Julie Jones has switched roles from kitchen/custodial to be a paraprofessional in kindergarten. I would like wish Mrs. Sonia Diaz the best of luck and thank her for working for us in the first semester.