



HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Hawk Happenings – September 2023

Principal: Lynn McNeill ♦ Assistant Principals: Emery Bishop & Jennifer Spencer

Important Dates in September

- 9/5: Morning Mile Club Begins
FFA Parent Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 9/6: Elementary Chess Club @ 12:30 pm
Jr. Beta Club Meeting @ 12:45 pm
HOME Volleyball v. Oak View @ 4:00 pm
PTSA Spirit Night at Bev's Café 5:00-8:00 pm
- 9/7: FFA Student Meeting
OPEN HOUSE
- 9/11: School Advisory Council @ 2:30 pm
HOME Volleyball v. Lincoln @ 4:00 pm
- 9/13: Middle School Chess Club @ 12:30 pm
- 9/20: Elementary Chess Club @ 12:30 pm
AWAY Volleyball v. Kanapaha @ 4:00pm
- 9/21: Boosterthon Kick-Off Day
- 9/25: HOME Volleyball v. Hawthorne @ 4:00 pm
- 9/27: Middle School Chess Club @ 12:30 pm
Green Club Meeting
AWAY Volleyball v. Ft. Clarke @ 4:00 pm
- 9/29: Fun/Color Run

Middle School Sports

Volleyball season begins on September 6th with a home game against Oak View beginning at 4:00 pm. Once again, our teams are under the direction of Coach Caballero (boys), Coach Rone (girls) and Assistant Coach Akers (girls). Please come out and support both teams. You can find a schedule of games on our HSCS website.

Do you want to volunteer?

Volunteers must complete an application every year. Go to our school website: www.sbac.edu/highsprings and click on the volunteer tab to complete the application. Volunteers must have an approved application to help in the classroom, attend class parties or go on field trips.

PTSA News

This year's Boosterthon Kick-Off Day is September 21st. The Boosterthon Fun Run/Color Run will be held September 29th.

Our first SPIRIT NIGHT will be held at Bev's Burger Café on September 6th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Elementary Media News from Ms. Ensminger

SSYRA Reading for Pleasure Program!

The SSYRA program for third and fourth grade readers. All but one of the titles are in, however supply is limited so I encourage students to also visit the public library. The public library has multiple copies of fourteen of the titles. Several are available as ebooks and a few are available as audiobooks.

Who selects these titles- A group of media specialists who are members of our professional organization (FAME) along with a representative from the DOE read a hundred recommended books, discuss, and develop a list of fifteen for third-fifth and fifteen for sixth-eighth. They develop lists that have a balance of reading level and genres to make a list that will appeal to a wide audience.

How it works- Students read the book and then take a quiz with me. Students can take quizzes with me before school starts when I am not on duty, when I am not teaching other classes, during media class when time allows and after school. I email the classroom teacher with the student name/book title/score.

Incentives- Brag Tags were popular last year and so I purchased these as well as the necklaces. Unfortunately, I am unable to replace lost tags.

Bookmark- Upon passing the first quiz a student receives a SSYRA bookmark.

SSYRA Bulletin Board- Students build a "chain" of titles they have read after passing each quiz.

Poster- Students who read ten books will receive a poster.

T-Shirt- Those that read all fifteen will earn the SSYRA t-shirt. These readers are announced on the morning news.

Celebration! - In May we will celebrate all readers of three or more titles (from the current year) at a TBD time when they will also vote for their favorite book!





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Please plan to join us on September 7th, 2023 for Open House!

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
6th – 8th Grade: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

There will be a Title I Parent Meeting beginning at 5:30 pm.



During the week of September 18th through September 22nd, High Springs Community School will do our part in helping students recognize warning signs of loneliness and spread awareness of acceptance and inclusion by participating in Start with Hello Week. Start with Hello is a program created by Sandy Hook Promise that works to end school shootings and create a culture change that prevents violence and other harmful acts that hurt children. Activities will be done throughout the week to support the cause. Students and staff are encouraged to wear green on Wednesday September 20th as a symbol of unity, inclusivity, and solidarity with Sandy Hook Promise. For more parent information please visit: <https://sandyhookpromise.app.box.com/s/lik4zuf1uffwsmo08ovwxtfchakkddm>.



Students should not be dropped off before 7:15 am. Teachers and Staff are not on duty prior to 7:15 am.

Crosswalks should be used when moving from any parking lot onto campus. Crossing through the drop-off/pick-up lanes during morning and afternoon dismissal should be avoided.

In the mornings, K-3 students and any older siblings (4th-8th) are to be dropped off at the elementary front car drop-off area. This area is under the overhang in front of the student services building. Students should not be dropped off before the vehicle they are riding in gets to this point. All other 4th-8th grade students without younger siblings should be dropped off at the back car drop off area. If you are parking and walking your K-3 student, please park in the front of the campus. K-3 students should not be dropped off nor be walked onto campus from the bus loop area.

No animals, including dogs, are allowed on campus at any time unless they meet the requirements set forth by the School Board's policy (8390) as it relates to classroom animals or service animals.

FAST Testing

Progress Monitoring #1 has begun.

K-5 grade students will receive a copy of their ELA and Math FAST PM #1 results in September. If you have questions about interpreting the results, please contact your student's teacher.

Students in 6th-8th grade will be receiving ELA and Math FAST PM #1 results once testing is completed at the end of September. If you have questions about interpreting the results, please contact your student's teacher.

Progress Monitoring #2 and #3 results for all grades, K-8, will be posted in Skyward Family Access



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