



HAWK TALK

Upcoming Dates

MAP Window	December 2nd - 18th
No Early Release School out at 3:30pm	December 18th
End of Grading Period	December 19th
No School	December 20th
Winter Break	December 23rd - January 3rd

Counseling

By Monica Spalka

If you are interested in being an angel this holiday season please take a tag off our tree. They will be placed on our tree starting the week of December 2. Please wrap the toy and clothing article for the child you chose by Friday December 20. There are forms for you to fill out when you pick up a tag on the table by the tree. They need to be turned in to Mrs. Spalka.

Principal's Corner

By Lea Anderson

Dear Huffaker Families,

What a beautiful Fall we have had and especially at Huffaker's fabulously attended Harvest Festival! Thank you for your support and participation! Our students have been amazing ROCK stars following how to be Responsible, Organized, Caring, and Knowledgeable. They will be rewarded by participating in our 2nd Reward Day on Nov. 20th. Students will begin earning their 3rd round of 100 stamps beginning on Nov. 14th! Your support in talking with your student about how they are doing towards this goal is much appreciated.

I hope you enjoy some family time during our Thanksgiving break – Nov. 27th – 29th. December will bring our winter MAP

testing for our first through sixth graders starting Dec. 3rd and going through Dec. 18th. Please note there will NOT be an early release on Wed. 12/18 and students do not attend school Fri. 12/20. This will be a teacher work day.

I am thankful for our wonderful community and supportive families! Thank you for making Huffaker the best school!!

Mrs. Anderson

Talent Show

By Kelly Roper

We have decided to move this year's Talent Show to January. Talent Show will take place January 24 from 7:00-8:30 in our Multi-Purpose room. Winter break has always created a difficult barrier for kids to put together and practice their group talents since auditions tend to happen right after we get back from vacation and spring is a very busy time for many families. This year auditions will take place before vacation. Everyone will know whether their act was chosen for the talent show before going off to vacation, and they will receive feedback about what they might need to work on in order to perfect their act. Audition applications will be due on Friday, December 6. Open auditions will take place immediately after school on Tuesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 12. This is such a fun event for everyone, and we cannot wait to see all the new talents this year!

Dolan Science Award

By Nina Walker

Our 2nd grade class wants to thank the Huffaker community for your help and support in voting for our class in the Dolan Auto Class Project. We created a video on the evolution of education and were competing with 24 other classes to win. We feel very fortunate to have won \$5,000 to use for STEM in our classroom and are so excited to get it ordered. Thank you all again for your support. If you would like to see the video it is on the Huffaker website.

School Zone Safety

This has been a great start to the year. Thank you to the families who continue to help create a safe environment at drop-off and pick-up. Please remember children cannot arrive unsupervised to the school before 9:10 am unless they are at breakfast or Judy's. Red zones are not for dropping children off. Please use the drop-off area or park in a safe designated area and allow the crosswalk helper to cross you and your children. In the afternoon please use extra caution exiting the pick-up area. As the season changes, please remember to slow down. Many people are still doing u-turns on Wheatland, cutting off the buses and other cars. U-turns in an active school zone are illegal and create a driving hazard for everyone else driving and exiting their vehicles.

Judy's Kidz Klub is holding a camp at Huffaker on Friday, December 20th, the last day of school is Thursday, December 19th. To sign up go to www.signupgenius.com and search angelinawg@gmail.com. The camp registration will show up. Children can only attend the camp if they have signed up online at signupgenius.com.

A Salute to Veterans

By Sara Schweppe

The Salute to Veterans was a phenomenal success. A huge thanks goes to Huffaker PTA for their generous funding that allowed us to honor veterans and active duty personnel and Huffaker staff for their help and support. The Colors were posted by TSgt Bird and SRA Hughes who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks to Captain Searles who sang a powerful, stunning rendition of the National Anthem, SSgt Connell who performed Amazing Grace that brought tears to the adult eyes and the kids LOVED her. Colonel Hammons, Commander of 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, whose presence was poignant, is also the father of two Huffaker Hawks, Brennan and Heidi. His awesome responsibility includes the readiness of 1,100 airmen all of whom provide tactical air delivery capability to State of Nevada, combatant commanders and provide large scale aerial firefighting by employing the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System. First Sergeant Schweppe was active in logistical planning and was a captivating emcee at this year's ceremony. Major Crandell's magic shows were the hottest ticket in town. Major Young provided an enlightening and informative presentation. Audiovisual support was provided by SMSgt Macomber. The participation of the Patriot Guard is a memory that will forever be in our minds. To all veterans and military personnel we Thank You. A SALUTE TO VETERANS was a time to pay our respects to those who have served. We stand UNITED in our respect for you, our veterans.

Huffaker PTA

By Allison Isaia

The Huffaker PTA and families have been hard at work fundraising to support essential programs at our school. These programs include but are not limited to weekly instruction in Physical Education for our children, Musical Instruments and Equipment to enhance their learning experience, our Masterpiece Art Program that allows each classroom to receive art education from a passionate volunteer, and our Field Trip fund which allows our children to move outside the confines of the classroom to learn in our community. Please remember, without these fundraising efforts and your participation, these important programs would not happen. Many thanks! This year, we were lucky to fill-in our fundraising gaps with an awesome grant from the Nevada Urban Indians. With their help, we have purchased one Gaga Ball Court for our upper elementary. It has been a huge hit! We hope your children have been coming to you raving about Gaga Ball! We will also be fulfilling some "wish list" requests to help further enhance your children's school experience. Those include additional Gaga Ball Courts for the elementary and primary playgrounds. The list doesn't stop there as we have additional money to spend. The PTA Executive Committee has some ideas that we will be bringing to the next PTA meeting for your input and vote. Please join us on December 18th at 6pm, in the school library. Help us decide where your fundraising dollars go! We thank you for supporting your child's school! We hope you might consider helping us celebrate the holidays at Huffaker Elementary. We are planning a 12 Days of Christmas Celebration for the staff and teachers. Please consider bringing a holiday sweet treat on Thursday, December 5th and a breakfast item on Thursday, December 19th. Please visit UptoUs.com for more details and to sign-up!

