



STAFF-COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER



FACILITIES

The district wrote a grant approximately ten years ago for new sidewalks, a roof, and a reader board. Unfortunately, the panels in the reader board have been going bad for the last couple years. This is the first year that the board is no longer under warranty so the panels are costing the district about \$1,500 every three months. After consulting with the manufacturer, they confirmed that the reader board will continue to have these issues for as long as we keep it.

Due to the maintenance expense, I contacted the Asotin Booster Club and the Asotin PTO to see if they were willing to assist the district in funding a new reader board. Both the Asotin Booster Club and PTO graciously donated money towards the purchase of a new reader board. The colored reader board was ordered on Monday, February 6th. I would like to thank both organizations for their donations and all the work they do to support our schools!

Corey Mullins is currently working on upgrading both the high school baseball and high school softball scoreboards. Due to the age of both boards, they need to be replaced because of ongoing mechanical and electrical issues. Both scoreboards were purchased with levy funds that was approved in our previous M & O levy.

COMMUNICATION FOCUS COMMITTEE

Please take a moment to read the communication focus committee minutes. The committee meets monthly to share what is happening in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and district office.

<http://www.aasd.wednet.edu/site/default.aspx?PageID=1790>

MEET OUR STAFF



Twenty-six years ago, Asotin School District added a person to its staff that would prove to be an irreplaceable facet of the team that makes up the staff here at our school. Sandra Brott started off as a bus driver for Asotin-Anatone School District; and she currently is the middle and high school administrative assistant and has been for the past seven-and-a-half years. She loves being able to get to know the students and the staff at Asotin. She is very passionate and loves talking to the students. Sandra Brott has grown up as a panther, graduating in 1979 and her husband in 1977. Her kids went to this school and now her grandchildren do as well. She is a proud panther, "...our school has a great reputation and I'm proud to say I'm a panther." The students are very grateful for Sandra and the work and time she puts into the school.

-Sam Hedding



Shawn Bowman has been a teacher at Asotin High School for an “excellent” 38 years now. Even though he is retiring this year, the music program will never forget the history and the memories that Mr. Bowman has left along the way. The thing that made Mr. Bowman want to teach is simple, “music is for anyone, no matter who you are music can be for you too”. One of Mr. Bowman's biggest fans, Isaac Beale, said the thing he loves most about Mr. Bowman is his patience and kindness towards others. Isaac wants Mr. Bowman to know that he will be missed and he is always loved here.

-Chase Klappenbach



Mrs. Beggs has been teaching at Asotin for 22 years, and she’s loved every minute of it. After taking a break from teaching to raise her kids, Mrs. Beggs taught at Clarkston in a temporary job. When the job was over, she started substituting at Asotin. When asked about teaching in the junior high, she embraced the challenge, and has worked with middle school kids ever since. Her favorite part about teaching this age group is that, “No two days are the same.” During her career at Asotin, Mrs. Beggs has developed an excellent rapport with the administration and community. English has always been her favorite subject to teach because it’s an area where kids can really grow as writers and they learn to love to read. Although she only has most students for one year, she’s able to remain in contact with them even after graduation. Seeing her former students move on and succeed after high school is the best part of being a teacher at Asotin.

-Travis Cowdrey



Mr. Harris is a great teacher who relies on laughter and comedy to make his class more enjoyable and make students want to learn. He has never taught at any other school. At a young age he knew that he wanted to be a teacher. He noticed how great his aunt's connections were with her students and how much she enjoyed her job. He wouldn't have it any other way. Mr. Harris enjoys the atmosphere here and the great kids that come through his classes. He truly enjoys his job and enjoys each individual connection he has with each student. Mr. Harris truly cares about the future of each and every kid that goes through his classroom. One thing he loves is seeing students come back after many years to visit him. Finally, he loves teaching at Asotin.

-Zach Sokoloski

ENROLLMENT

TWELFTH	46.80
ELEVENTH	48.40
TENTH	63
NINTH	45
EIGHTH	54
SEVENTH	60.37
SIXTH	53
FIFTH	45.33
FOURTH	46
THIRD	54
SECOND	41

FIRST	37
KINDERGARTEN	44
TOTAL	637.90

PERSONNEL REPORT

Resignations

Shawn Bowman-Effective end 2016-17 school year.

Leave of Absence

Grace Heger—Feb 15-16, 2017 personal unpaid

Student Spring Break Help

Open:

2017-18

HS JV Cheer

MS Cheer

BUSINESS MANGER'S REPORT

Budget Review

Treasurer's report and cash-flows are attached for each fund

State Auditor

Scheduled for March 2nd

Enrollment by FTE:

Student Services

Budget: 82

Monthly Actual: 83

Yearly Average: 82.80

Difference: $.80 \times \$6100.78 = \4880.62

Elementary

Budget: 270

Monthly Actual: 267.33

Yearly Average: 274.03

Difference: $4.03 \times \$6252.65 = \$25,198.18$

Middle School

Budget: 150

Monthly Actual: 158.70
Yearly Average: 160.57
Difference: $10.57 \times \$6252.65 = \$66,090.51$

High School
Budget: 200
Monthly Actual: 203.20
Yearly Average: 204.70
Difference: $4.70 \times \$6252.65 = \$29,387.46$

Total Regular ED: Up \$120,676.15

Coaches Union

Doing research and looking at wording for the contract.

Certificated Retirement Incentive

Shawn Bowman is participating in the retirement incentive.

Food Service Mid-Year Review

We have completed a mid-year review on the Food Service program and found that we have a reduction in revenue over last year. This is due to a reduction in meals being served and our free and reduced rates declining from 38% last year to 26% this year. In speaking with Sue Shoemaker, Food Service Supervisor, the free and reduced rate is due to families moving out of the district. The families that are moving in are not eligible. She has also heard complaints that the meals cost too much, but we cannot control what the State requires us to charge.

In comparing the enrollment between the two years, we started off higher at the beginning of this year and have decreased, but started lower in 2015-16 and increased through January. In looking at the month of January, for both years, we were only five students higher this year so we wouldn't expect enrollment to be a factor. In review of expenditures through the month of January for both years, we show 2016-17 \$33,788 for 5-9 costs and \$32,547 for 2015-16.

Mrs. Shoemaker explained that we are not seeing a decrease, because they still have to plan for extra meals, as we are having meal count issues in the middle school and high school. The superintendent is working with administration and the food service department on this. Extra food is put out the next day as an extra menu item.

In review of salaries—we are showing that we will be over budget by \$6,294, this is due to insurance pooling. People in other departments are not taking insurance so the remaining PSE members receive the extra benefit which is charged off to the program that they are working. There is no additional cost to the district.

In an attempt to increase the number of students eating, the Food Service Department has planned several activities such as: Celebrate Breakfast (breakfast picnic with families), Read

Across America, and additional BBQs. They will also be providing an additional menu choice for grades 5-12.

IRS Penalty

The District is being assessed a penalty for late filing of taxes for 2nd quarter of 2016 in the amount of \$9001.73. This penalty is for two issues. 1) A student worker had the wrong taxes taken out so we had to resubmit and 2) The tax acknowledgement/authorization was filed on time with both the IRS and with the county treasurer. However, Twin River Bank was shut down for computer upgrades on the day that our transfer was supposed to occur. They did notify us, but we failed to realize this would affect our transfer. When the IRS went in they could not get the transfer. The Treasurer's office did not notify the district until May 24th that the transfer did not come out of its account. We re-submitted both tax deposits on May 24th. We are appealing this with the IRS.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Elementary – Mr. Nicholas

READ ACROSS AMERICA February 27-March 3 sponsored by P1FCU and PTO

Silverwood Reading Log

-Students who read at least 600 minutes or 10 hours over January and February will receive a ticket good for one free admission to Silverwood Theme Park. Thank you to Laura Koch for overseeing this program.

Third Grade President's Program

Job well done by third grade teachers and students on sharing Presidential facts to students and parents.

Spelling Bee elementary school results

1st place Sophia Bingham

2nd place James Prasil

3rd place Alice Higgins

Reading Adoption

Teachers are looking at Reach For Reading and Wonders piloting a unit from each to help guide decision to be made this spring.

Science

K-5 teachers are continuing to get trained and implement science kits in their classrooms. These kits allow students a hands-on approach to learning the material.

Time-to-Teach

Both classified and certified staff took part in training to update us on the Time-to-Teach program the elementary school uses.

Middle School – Mr. Heley

The Middle School continues to focus on technology for its professional development needs. At our most recent teacher in-service day (February 17th), the MS teachers met with a representative from Homeroom. Homeroom is an online database that streamlines data (ie. test scores, student absences, grades, etc.) and allows for staff to make data-driven decisions about education. Although it is not a new program, we are planning on using it with fidelity to improve instruction and intervention offerings.

The 2017 MS Spelling Bee was a tremendous success. We had a record number of participants take part in the annual event; 39(!) spellers put their skills on display. The overall winner was Brooke Hill (7th grade) and the runner up was Rylan Holland (6th grade). Brooke will move on to the Regional event in Lewiston on March 11th. Some of the words included the following: ebullience, gendarme, syncope, and pirouetted. Thank you to Holly Ferrell and Sue Beggs for organizing the event!

High School– Mr. Uhling

A) Mid-Term was Friday Feb 24th.

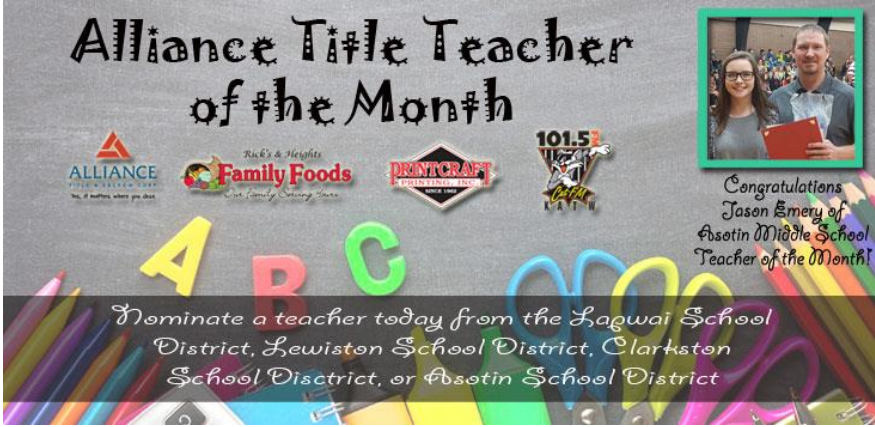
B) Winter sports are finished for both boys and girls basketball and spring sports start on the 27th.

C) We have 70 total students taking dual enrollment credits this year. That is 67% of our eligible students that are enrolled in college course work through this program and they are combining for roughly 450 total credits.

D) The new baseball/softball scoreboards will be going up shortly

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Music	The following Asotin Jazz Band members have been chosen for Southeast Washington Honor Jazz Band: Reno Bowen, Aaron Boyea, Kayne Kime, Hunter Gordon, Mason Dvorak, Kolby Kaufman, David Daily, Owen Blair, Isaac Neace, Jordan Cooper, and Kaleena Yoder.
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FCCLA	Several FCCLA members attended the Regional STAR Event Competition in Colfax on 1/20/17. April Bennett, Zoe Bingham, Sidney Bloodsworth, Samantha Elben, Cana LaVelle, Kiana Lawson, Jasmine Martin, Joy Reinhardt, and Megan Stachofsky all evaluated and/or facilitated with projects.
Delaney Overberg & Rachel Simpson	Earned Gold at FCCLA Regionals for their project educating 2nd grade students about the dangers of smoking. They will represent Region 9 at the State Leadership Conference.
Rayne Parot	Earned Silver at FCCLA Regionals for researching and job shadowing at a Veterinary Clinic.
Rose DeBruin	Earned Gold at FCCLA Regionals for her project encouraging people to promote positivity. She will represent Region 9 at the State Leadership Conference.
3rd grade	We have officially started our President's unit! Students are getting excited about sharing their information about their president at our Annual Presidents' Program on Feb 16th @ 8:15.
Cheer	Placed 1st Place -2A All Girl Show at the Maniac Cheer OFF 1/28/2017
Jason Emery Teacher of the Month	 <p>The poster features the title "Alliance Title Teacher of the Month" in a stylized font. Below the title are logos for Alliance, Family Foods, Dentcraft, and 101.5. A photo of Jason Emery and a woman is in the top right corner. Text on the poster reads: "Congratulations Jason Emery of Asotin Middle School Teacher of the Month!" and "Nominate a teacher today from the Lagwai School District, Lewiston School District, Clarkston School District, or Asotin School District".</p>
Heather Koch, Emily Elskamp, Maria Prasil	Representing Asotin at the Regional Knowledge Bowl competition.
Jason Erickson	The library would like to thank Jason for all his help and hard work and assistance.
Elementary Spelling Bee Winners	Sophia Bingham - 1st place James Prasil - 2nd place Alice Higgins - 3rd place

Middle School Spelling Bee Winners	Brooke Hill, 7th grade - 1st place Rylan Holland, 6th grade - 2nd place
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event List

2/27/2017 - 3/3/2017 Elementary Read Across America Week

Location: Unspecified

3/1/2017 Class Picture Day Elementary

Location: Unspecified

3/1/2017 Elementary Crazy Sock Day

Location: Unspecified

3/1/2017 12:00 PM FFA Officer Mtng

Location: Unspecified

3/1/2017 6:00 PM GBB Banquet Cafeteria

Location: Unspecified

3/2/2017 Elementary Fun Hat Day

Location: Unspecified

3/2/2017 - 3/4/2017 HSBBS State

Location: Unspecified

3/2/2017 - 3/4/2017 Robotics Comp @ W. Valley

Location: Unspecified

3/2/2017 6:00 PM BBB Banquet Cafeteria

Location: Unspecified

3/3/2017 Elementary Pajama Day

Location: Unspecified

3/3/2017 12:00 PM FCCLA Officer Mtng

Location: Unspecified

3/6/2017 2:45 PM - 3/9/2017 7:15 PM Missoula Children's Theatre Practice

Location: Unspecified

3/6/2017 6:00 PM HS Band & Choir Rehearsal at Clk

Location: Unspecified

3/7/2017 - 3/10/2017 FCCLA State Conference

Location: Unspecified

3/7/2017 Speech, Spelling and Math @ Rosalia

Location: Unspecified

3/7/2017 9:00 AM FFA Sub Dist @ Palouse

Location: Unspecified

3/7/2017 3:00 PM Golf Jamboree

Location: Unspecified

3/8/2017 12:00 PM FCCLA Mtng

Location: Unspecified

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Location: Unspecified

3/9/2017 1:30 PM BB Jamboree Home

Location: Unspecified

3/9/2017 6:30 PM Sr. Parent Mtng HS Library

Location: Unspecified

3/10/2017 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM Missoula Children's Theatre-School Performance

Location: Unspecified

3/10/2017 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Missoula Children's Theatre Community Performance

Location: Unspecified

3/11/2017 12:00 PM SB/BB v. NW Christian Home (2)

Location: Unspecified

3/11/2017 8:00 PM MORP

Location: Unspecified

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Location: Unspecified

3/11/2017 8:00 PM MORP Cafeteria

Location: Unspecified

3/12/2017 Daylight Savings Time - Spring Ahead

Location: Unspecified

3/13/2017 6:00 PM HS Honor Concert Colfax

Location: Unspecified

3/14/2017 3:00 PM Golf @ Quail Ridge

Location: Unspecified

3/14/2017 4:00 PM SB/BB @ Pomeroy

Location: Unspecified

3/15/2017 12:00 PM FCCLA Mtng

Location: Unspecified

3/16/2017 - 3/18/2017 Robotics @ Ellensburg

Location: Unspecified

3/16/2017 8:00 AM MS Music Fest @ Gar/Pal

Location: Unspecified

3/16/2017 3:30 PM BB v. Grangeville Home

Location: Unspecified

3/16/2017 4:00 PM SB v. Potlatch Home

Location: Unspecified

3/16/2017 5:30 PM JVS v. Potlatch Home

Location: Unspecified

3/18/2017 10:00 AM HS Track @ Lapwai

Location: Unspecified

3/21/2017 8:00 AM HS Music Fest @ Clk

Location: Unspecified

3/21/2017 2:30 PM BB @ Coeur d' Alene

Location: Unspecified

3/21/2017 4:30 PM SB v. Colton Home

Location: Unspecified

3/23/2017 4:30 PM BB v. Genesee Home

Location: Unspecified

3/24/2017 6:30 PM FBLA Game Night

Location: Unspecified

3/25/2017 12:00 PM HS Track @ Colfax

Location: Unspecified

3/25/2017 12:00 PM SB/BB v. Lind/Ritzville Home (2)

Location: Unspecified

3/27/2017 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Board Meeting

Location: Unspecified

Media Center - High School

3/28/2017 8:00 AM FFA District Leadership

Location: Unspecified

3/28/2017 3:00 PM HS Track @ Lapwai TBD

Location: Unspecified

3/29/2017 12:00 PM FFA Gen Mtng

Location: Unspecified

3/30/2017 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mr. AHS

Location: Unspecified

3/31/2017 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Early Release - End of 3rd Quarter

Location: Unspecified

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.”

— **Mitch Albom, Tuesdays with Morrie**