



STAFF-COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER



FACILITIES

Over Christmas Break Chris Segroves, along with his crew, took on the challenge of changing out 2,480 bulbs in the school district. Chris took advantage of an Avista rebate allowing us to install bulbs that save 4 dollars per bulb per month. Our district will receive a check from Avista for 37,000 dollars and our cost for the bulbs was roughly 32,000 dollars. We are very excited to see the savings in our upcoming electrical bills.

COUNSELING

Betsy Cowin and Carlee Crockett have been very busy over the past few months. Not only are they counseling our students, but also setting up the Core team and making arrangements for pre-qualified students to receive counseling services from Quality Behavioral Health on campus.

The Core team has been set up to build partnerships with a variety of agencies that might be able to assist our students and their families in need. The Core team will meet monthly with the following agencies: Quality Behavioral Health (QBH), Division of Children and Family Services, Americorps-WWCC, YWCA, Walla Walla Community College, Juvenile Court, EPIC, Asotin County PA, QBH (CSAP/Housing), Asotin County Sheriff's Office, and Asotin County Health District.

By having QBH come out to our campus, rather than having the families travel to their location, reduces the number of classes the students miss during their counseling sessions. In addition, because of the convenience for our students and families our hope is that the students receive the counseling more consistently.

SNOW DAY

The certificated staff and school board has agreed to make up the day of school missed due to the snow. The District will be sending out an updated school calendar which includes changing April 27th from a half day to a full day and April 28th will be a half day of school rather than a day off.

Sincerely,

Dale Bonfield

MEET OUR STAFF



Jason Emery has taught at Asotin Middle School for four years now, and one of his favorite things about Asotin is the community. Mr. Emery loves that everyone is close and willing to take care of each other. “They’re a great group of kids that come from good families,” said Mr. Emery. The opportunity to create a good identity for students is the reason why he first wanted to teach. For middle schoolers a good identity is fundamental in their developments, and Emery loves that he can help prepare his students for high school and beyond. He also helps high schoolers by coaching football and golf. Even though I haven’t had Mr. Emery as a coach or teacher, I have only heard good things about him; especially from his golfers. As part of the Asotin Student Body, we thank you Mr. Emery for the time and dedication you put into your job.

Zane Trzil



Interview with Ms. Crockett school psychologist/ Elementary counselor:
Ms. Crockett has been working at the Asotin-Anatone School District for one and a half years now. She has taught at various other schools that have been significantly larger than Asotin, which helps her enjoy Asotin even more. She enjoys the smaller community to work in, and feels that it helps to develop more personal bonds; and people know each other on a better level. She also enjoys the slower pace that comes along with a smaller district. Ms. Crockett also feels the staff is outstanding to work with and the level of collaboration is incredible. She drew inspiration to be a psychologist from growing up with a brother who suffered from cerebral palsy and wished to help those in need. Lastly, she is thankful for having the opportunity to work here and has zero plans on leaving.

Rylan Erickson



Since she started teaching here, over four months ago, Mrs. McVicars has already proven to be an exceptional addition to Asotin Elementary school, and a pivotal cog in the well-oiled

machine that is the teaching staff here in our school district. Prior to her current job here at Asotin, she has also taught at Highland Elementary School, where she held that position for two years. Mrs. McVicars teaches fourth grade English, which stems from her first degree in journalism. “I actually got my first degree in journalism. I’ve always just been more excited by words and stories than by numbers and science, which I like, but not as much as writing and reading.” Her excitement and passion for the subject she teaches is one of many facets that makes Mrs. McVicars the wonderful teacher her students look up to. When several of her students were asked about what they thought about Mrs. McVicars, among many of the wonderful remarks, two stand out above the rest. “She would have to be one of the best teachers in the world,” and “She’s the best fourth grade teacher I’ve ever had.” Not only do her students respect her, they look up to her, and think very highly of her.

Sam Hedding

ENROLLMENT

TWELFTH	47.20
ELEVENTH	49.80
TENTH	61.00
NINTH	45.00
EIGHTH	54.00
SEVENTH	60.37
SIXTH	53.00
FIFTH	46.53
FOURTH	46.00
THIRD	56.00
SECOND	41.00
FIRST	37.00
KINDERGARTEN	44.00
TOTAL	640.90

PERSONNEL REPORT

New Employment 2016-17

Josie Johnsen-MS C-squad volleyball

Kayla Lunders – MS C-squad volleyball

BUSINESS MANGER'S REPORT

Budget Review

Treasurers Report and Cash-flows are attached for each fund

State Auditor

Tentatively Scheduled in Mid-Feb.

Enrollment by FTE:

Student Services

Budget:	82
Monthly Actual:	82
Yearly Average:	82.75
Difference:	$.75 \times \$6100.78 = \4575.59

Elementary

Budget:	270
Monthly Actual:	270.53
Yearly Average:	275.37
Difference:	$5.37 \times \$6252.65 = \$33,576.73$

Middle School

Budget:	150
Monthly Actual:	167.37
Yearly Average:	167.17
Difference:	$17.17 \times \$6252.65 = \$106,358.00$

High School

Budget: 200
Monthly Actual: 203
Yearly Average: 205
Difference: 5 x \$6252.65 = \$31,263.25

Total Regular ED: Up \$171,197.98

Coaches Union

We have met with the coaches' union to begin working on contract language. We are gathering language from other districts to compare. We are also preparing a spreadsheet to show them the actual costs of Asotin's Athletics so they are aware of the costs.

Certificated Retirement Incentive

I have sent out the certificated retirement incentive letters. They will need to respond by February 3rd and will be brought to the Board in February.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Nicholas – Elementary School

1. Family Night LCSC Basketball February 11th
2. February 16
3. Third grade Presidents' Day program
4. Thank you to Mrs. Knoll
5. Outstanding Martin Luther King Assembly
6. Spelling Bee February 15

Mr. Heley – Middle School

Another outstanding semester is coming to a close in the Middle School. We are enjoying a very strong academic year; the 1:1 Chromebook program has proven to be invaluable. The

teachers continue to design innovative and engaging lessons to promote student achievement. Furthermore, we are pleased with the progress we are making with our intervention programs. Mr. Baldus and Mrs. Barkley have led the RTI efforts in math and ELA, respectively. We are seeing tremendous growth from the students; we expect to see this carryover on the SBA tests in the spring. Additionally, we are piloting a science intervention class during second semester. Instead of merely focusing on knowledge-based lessons, we are designing our curriculum based on guided inquiry and scientific thinking.

The Middle School continues to work on creating a culture. Our goal is to teach them to be responsible and respectful citizens. We have continued to promote character with our reward activities, ASB-led activities, and our acquisition of games for promoting collegiality at lunch. Albeit small tweaks, it is all an effort to exemplify our mission statement: Asotin Middle School creates a safe learning community that empowers all students to take responsibility for their physical, social, emotional, and academic success.

Mr. Uhling – High School

Winter Sports are coming to a close at the end of the month they will be going into District play.

1. End of the First Semester is Friday the 20th.
2. Currently working on class schedules for 2016-17 school year.
3. Looking forward, we may need a math para pro to help with math interventions at the high school.
4. Formulating initial plans at having assessment be our focus for PD days this spring and into next school year.
5. Dual enrollment meeting is 25 Jan 2017 at 6:30.

GOOD NEWS REPORT

Corey Mullins	Corey, I personally want to say "THANK YOU" for keeping our sidewalks clear of snow and ice. We went to a concert at Lewiston high school last week and the sidewalks there were horrible. Good work! Doran Williams Transportation Cloverland Route
Music Dept.	Excellent Christmas concerts for middle school, high school, 4th and 5th grade, and K-3 musical, plus the Asotin Christmas Parade.. Also -

	middle school and high school choir singing at retirement homes in the valley.
Blake Magnuson Cody Whitmore Braden Jagannath (Alternate) and Dillon Hurst (Alternate)	Selected to represent the East team in the Earl Barden East/West All-State football game for 2A, 1A, 2B and 1B schools
Our Bus Drivers!	I would like to give a big shout out to our amazing bus drivers! They have done a remarkable job getting our students to and from school safely during treacherous weather conditions. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicate group of people working for our school.
Kinsie Miller/ Thomas Martin	Big Country News Athletes of the Month for January
Parker Hollingshead	Big Country News Academic Student of the Month for January
Mr. Harris' First Grade Class	All 277 rainbow trout eggs hatched without any complications. The eggs are now in an Alevin stage. They have yolk sacs that will be their food supply for about two weeks. This allows them to hide from predators in the gravel until bigger. The class has been amazed to see the process from eggs to Alevin. They are very proud "first grade parents" of their fish.
Mr. Harris's First Grade Class	After STAR math assessment, and Early Literacy assessment, every student in the class has made gains from the first of the year testing. A job well done to all the hard work from each and every student. Mr. Harris is very proud of the class.
Chris Segroves	<p>You nailed it. I have not turned my heat off all day. A perfect 69 degrees. YOU DA MAN! Thanks for all you have done for our school. It has been great to have someone who is talented as you are and a "Jack of all trades" for the district. You have done some amazing things to the schools.</p> <p>This room (109) has been the hottest room for years and no one could figure it out. You took the time and put a lot of effort into figuring why. The breaker would have to be shut off to keep it from getting 80 degrees. You figured out there was a part in the unit that was wrong, and took care of it. I thought I would share with our administration on what you did. You would keep checking with me until it was set, and the breaker would not have to be turned off. It</p>

	<p>now runs and holds the room at the degree asked by the new thermometer.</p> <p>Thank you, Bill Harris</p>
Donated Guitars	S.A.I. sorority at the U. of Idaho donated three awesome guitars to our music department. Total value \$1000.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Event List</p> <p>2/1/2017 12:00 PM FFA Officer Mtng</p> <p>Location: Unspecified</p>
<p>2/1/2017 6:00 PM GJV v. Colton Home</p> <p>Location: Unspecified</p>
<p>2/2/2017 4:30 PM MSVB @ Nezperce</p> <p>Location: Unspecified</p> <p>C2, varsity</p>
<p>2/2/2017 6:00 PM BB "C" v. Orofino Home</p> <p>Location: Unspecified</p>
<p>2/3/2017 K-8 Talent Show</p> <p>Location: Unspecified</p>
<p>2/3/2017 12:00 PM FCCLA Officer Mtng</p> <p>Location: Unspecified</p>
<p>2/3/2017 12:30 PM - 2:15 PM K- 8 Talent Show - Wilcox Gym</p>

Location: Unspecified

Wilcox Gym

2/3/2017 3:00 PM G/BBB @ Liberty

Location: Unspecified

boys jv 3:00

girls jv 4:30

girls var 6:00

boys var 7:30

boys c at JH 6:00

2/4/2017 3:00 PM G/BBB v. LRS Home

Location: Unspecified

b/g jv 3:00

girls var 4:30

boys var 6:00

boys c 4:30

2/7/2017 3:45 PM MSVB v. Clearwater Valley Home

Location: Unspecified

C2, jv, var

2/8/2017 - 2/11/2017 HSBBB Dist

Location: Unspecified

2/8/2017 12:00 PM FCCLA Mtng

Location: Unspecified

2/9/2017 3:45 PM MSVB @ Kamiah

Location: Unspecified

C1, jv, var

2/14/2017 4:30 PM MSVB @ Prairie (Cottonwood)

Location: Unspecified

jv, var

2/15/2017 - 2/20/2017 HSBBB Sub Reg

Location: Unspecified

2/15/2017 8:00 AM 5th - 8th Spelling Bee Detrick Gym

Location: Unspecified

5th grade - 8:00 - 9:30

6th - 8th grade - 9:40 - 11:20

2/15/2017 12:10 PM FFA Gen Meeting

Location: Unspecified

2/16/2017 3:45 PM MSVB v. Highland Home

Location: Unspecified

C intra squad, jv, var

2/17/2017 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM No School - Teacher In-Service

Location: Unspecified

2/20/2017 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM No School - Presidents Day

Location: Unspecified

2/21/2017 4:00 PM MSVB @ Orofino

Location: Unspecified

varsity jv c 2 squad

2/22/2017 6:00 PM Sr - Mom Dessert Commons

Location: Unspecified

2/23/2017 6:00 AM FFA Appreciation Breakfast

Location: Unspecified

2/24/2017 - 2/25/2017 HSBBB Reg

Location: Unspecified

2/25/2017 8:00 AM Goat/Lamb Weigh In

Location: Unspecified

2/25/2017 8:00 AM Jazz Band Lionel Hampton Fest

Location: Unspecified

2/25/2017 9:00 AM MSVB Tournament @ Prairie TBD

Location: Unspecified

2/27/2017 3:00 PM 1st Day HS Spring Sports Practice

Location: Unspecified

2/27/2017 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Board Meeting

Location: Unspecified

Media Center - High School

2/28/2017 7:00 PM FFA Leadership Night

Location: Unspecified

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“It’s so hard when I have to, and so easy when I want to.”

Annie Gottlier