

From The Superintendent:

Tuesday, November 6 is a day that will be vitally important for the future of this state. On that day, Kansans will elect a new Governor. The big unanswered question is; how many Kansans will actually be involved in making that choice. In the August primary, less than 30% of eligible voters acted on the civic right and duty to cast a ballot in that election. If there were ever a prime example of the importance of every vote, it was the Republican primary this past August. That primary was decided by less than 400 votes. It took several days after the election to declare a winner. In essence, approximately 15% of the eligible voters determined which candidate would be on the November ballot. I encourage each of you to learn all you can about each candidate. It is important that we know what each candidate truly stands for in order to make an informed decision. My challenge to each of you is; do NOT allow 30% of our people make the decision which direction our state takes over the next four years.



From The Principal:

School Communication Platforms

As the weather is reminding us, we are getting closer to winter and the increased possibility of delays and cancellations associated with the season. The Wheatland School District utilizes a number of methods to relay urgent messages such as delays, cancellations, and emergencies to parents and community members. The SchoolMessenger system, which sends an automated message out to phones, will continue to be our primary means of reaching those directly associated with the school. Information on delays and cancellations is also reported to local news stations such as KWCH, KAKE, and KSN. Recently, we introduced the SchoolWay app which you can download directly to your phone or tablet. The SchoolWay app is an excellent choice to receive traditional alerts as well as updates on activities, schedule changes, and accolades in our schools. See the information included under “Looking Ahead...” on the previous page to get started with the SchoolWay app today!

While Wheatland faculty members regularly post updates, reminders, and happenings of our schools on Facebook, it is important to note that the Wheatland School District does not have an “official” account or page. The “Fans of the Thunderhawks” group that many of us frequent for school-related information is a community page in which all fans of our Thunderhawk schools (both Wheatland and Grinnell) should feel free to use. Appropriate pictures and accurate score updates are always appreciated if you have them to post, but please keep in mind we do not have a staff member assigned to updating Facebook. The members of our growing journalism staff, however, are committed to keeping our communities up to date with the latest school-sponsored stories, pictures, and events in our area newspapers. You can find our coverage in The Gove County Advocate, The Sheridan Sentinel, and The Oakley Graphic.