

Spring Newsletter



President

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone has had a good year and is having a strong finish to all their plans and projects. As the year winds down, I would strongly encourage schools to share their successful projects from this year with the state by submitting a report to the newsletter. This is also a great way to add to your schools' honor council book for next year and get more involved at the state level. I am really looking forward to hearing what our schools have done. Especially if your school has held fundraisers for the Make A Wish foundation, please share this information. The work WASC schools do with this organization truly shows that it is possible to make a difference in the life of another. The work the student leaders in our state have done and continue to do for this foundation continues to amaze me!

I'd also like to ask councils who have not got in contact with their regional representatives to do so before the end of the school year so this contact can be in place for the beginning of the next school year as we head into summits and convention. The WASC board is working on some new ways to improve communication and we will keep you updated throughout this process. If you have any questions or comments feel free to ask me or the rest of the board. My e-mail has changed and you can now reach me at meghan.kolf@gmail.com.

With graduation coming soon, I would like to say thank you to the seniors for all their hard work throughout their high school careers. I sincerely hope that your memories from student council will be a highlight of your time in high school. I would also like to thank all the advisors for their hard work this year. The time you invest in your students and the extra effort you put forth is truly phenomenal and there is no way this organization could exist without you!

Summer vacation is just around the corner and that can only mean one thing...SLC! I cannot stress enough what an awesome opportunity this is. Not only will attending benefit the individuals who do so, but it will also benefit their councils and ultimately their student bodies as a whole. This is a unique way to meet some of the strongest leaders in the state and improve your own skills as a leader. It's also just a time to make new friends and have a lot of fun. I hope to see many of you for a great week this summer!

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that even though your school year is ending, there are still opportunities to use your gift of leadership in your communities. We are the future leaders of our generation and even today we have the power to make a difference! Whether it is in your personal life, the life of another, or your community, never let an opportunity to make the right decision pass you by. I hope everyone has a fantastic summer filled with Motivation&Magic and I will see you soon!

Sincerely,
Meghan Kolf
WASC President



Vice President

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone around the state has had a wonderful winter and are getting ready for an even better spring. Spring time brings not only warm weather and new life but the end of a school year. With everything going on including graduation, getting ready for final projects for final grades and prom many of you are probably busy with many things, but I'm hoping student council also remains a big focus in your life. Senioritis and the urge to not do any more school work is probably dawning on us all but there is still time to do more fundraisers for charities such as make a wish or anything else your council was planning on doing for this school year. Spring means upcoming elections and I hope that everyone who can will consider running for a new position on their schools student council and encourage others to do the same. Spring time also means that it is now time to register for SLC a truly amazing leadership experience and i hope everyone has the opportunity to go. To wrap up, even though the school year is ending, we as young leaders still have a lot of time to do many great things in your school and community.

Sincerely

Trey Pierson



Secretary

Hello Student Councils,

I hope everyone is having a great and wonderful spring, the state board has many exciting and fun filled activities for are student leaders across the state to participate in. Also many of you know SLC is coming up very fast, we would like for this year to be the best year that SLC has ever had. SLC is a great experience and a great time to meet other student and advisers from across the state, this is one of are many exciting and fun filled activates that the board is planning. Its still time to send your region or school information for last newsletter, this one will be sent out around the end of September, the information can be one school elections, Make-A-Wish, and any other activates your school is planning. And I will be taking information up in tell the 8th of September.

I wish all of the student and there advisers a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely

Matthew Herron



Mary

Advisers

Happy Spring to all Advisers!

We truly have to celebrate Wyoming this spring when the snows that were missing in our part of the state arrived in late March. At least the grass may be green for a few weeks this year.

I hope you have had a good third quarter for student council activities. My own council was involved with Read Across America this year and had a wonderful time. Even those high school kids who don't do much recreational reading enjoyed reading to elementary students.

We are making plans for the summer for WASC activities. Our national conference in Denver will be attended by 3 adults and 7 students. Then we need your support for SLC. We hope the numbers are even bigger than last year.

Hopefully before this is distributed, we will have a convention site for next year. Due to complications, Douglas will not be able to host. I contacted several of the larger schools and it looks like we may be able to go back to Kelly Walsh High School next November. If that isn't possible, we may need to look at a hotel setting. This is an association concern that advisers need to discuss next fall. Perhaps if we used hotels, small schools like mine could serve as conference hosts even when our school site is much too small for the conference. As soon as details are available on conference, I will be in touch so you can make hotel reservations this spring.



Advisers

Hope the end of your school year will be a productive one for council activities and we look forward to meeting your council members at SLC.

Mary

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## SUMMIT MEETINGS

The fall summit meetings will be held in Riverton and Casper. This year Ann Postlewaite, from Minneapolis , will join us for leadership training. We have worked with Ann in Region IV meetings. She is the executive director in Minnesota, active on national boards, and has directed the national summer camps. I know she will bring exciting, motivating leadership training for our students. Plan to attend on September 14 and 15.

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WASC Calendar

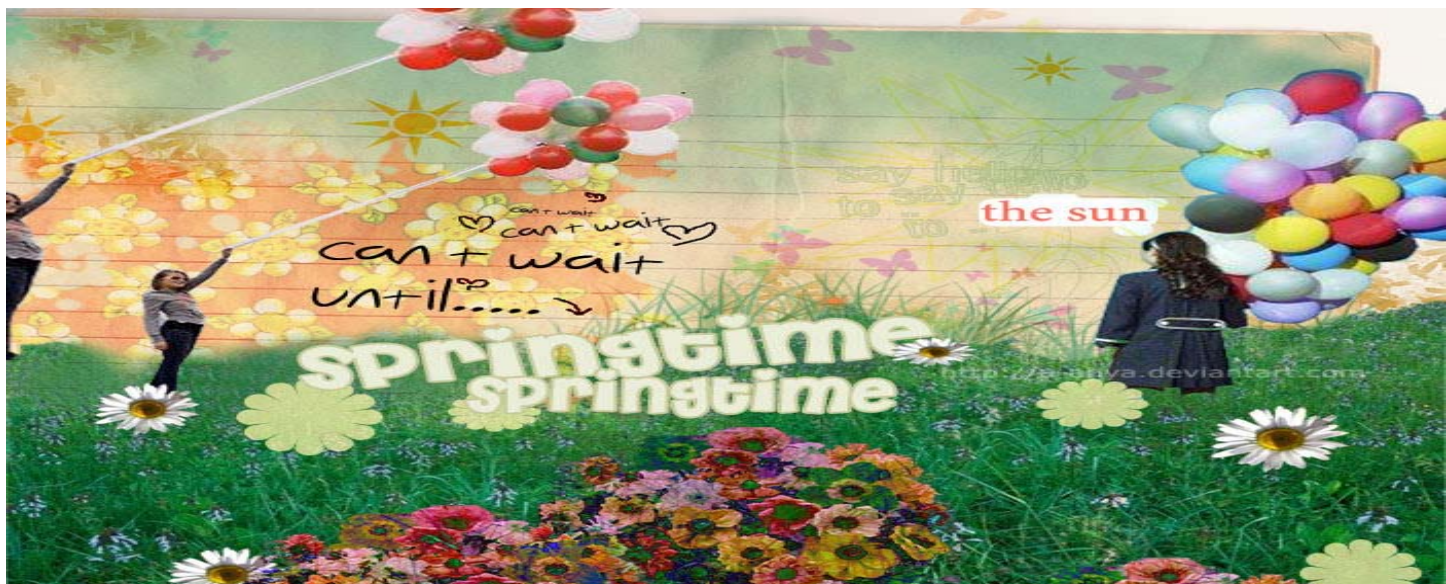
April 10	Second newsletter deadline	
June 15	Honor Council applications due	
June 26	NASC Convention pre-trip	
June 27-30	NASC Convention	Highlands
Ranch HS, Denver CO		
July 13-17	Summer Leadership Conference	Casper College
August 10	Third newsletter deadline	
September 14	WASC Summit	Riverton
September 15	WASC Summit	Casper
November 9-10	54 th Annual Convention	TBA

Amy

Advisers

Just a quick reminder that Summer Leadership Camp registration is due June 1, 2009. Remember to invite your Key Club, National Honor Society, and other service organizations to SLC this year. SLC will be held on the campus of Casper College from July 13-17, 2009. Delegates will need to arrive between 12:30-1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13th and be picked up at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17th. The cost for the camp is \$300 and includes all meals, housing, and transportation up to the mountain on Wednesday. SLC is an incredible experience and will enrich your student council immensely. Please consider sending as many students as you can find to SLC this year. Remember, we teach leadership skills, teamwork, problem solving, communication, project organization and the delegates make life-long friends. Please help your students have a great summer and benefit your student council too.

Quote from Sophia, "I didn't want to go at first because I didn't know anyone. On Friday, I didn't want to come home because we were having such a great time."



Evanston

Another year has passed and Evanston High has been working harder than ever. Under the organized leadership of Student Body President, Sarah Hinckley, the council has made much progress in the short school year. It has been a whirl wind of activities, school spirit, and dedicated work. Every year Homecoming is the most challenging and most school pride filled event for Evanston High School. The students had a blast with the Wizard of Oz theme “Kick Them Back to Kansas,” and many Dorothy pinafores and piggy tails were spotted in the halls during spirit week. Students covered in Red war paint cheered their Devils in the Homecoming football game and the energy there was explosive. After the big event the council has been working hard for their school and for their community by donating supplies for families during Christmas and its persistence in Make a Wish Foundation. The past months the group has been a fundraising machine not only raising funds for Make a Wish but for Build African Schools foundation as well. Make a Wish has entailed a class coin drive, selling sweets, and even extra shifts fundraising at McDonalds and Wendy’s. Creatively a Jail Sit was thought up, which involved students locking themselves up until they could convince passersby to donate money to help with their “bail” money and many more ideas. Overall, this school year has been a huge success thanks to Sarah Hinckley and the group’s advisors. Although a whirl wind it may have been it was one of the best experiences for each of the council members. This year was about not only a focus on the school but the school’s place in the pillars of character. After this year students will see the Red Devil pride reigning like never before.



Newcastle

Year Summary

We kicked off our new school year this summer with a Back to School Bash. We decided we wanted to do something fun to kick off the school year and get the old students and the new students together. Our bash was the weekend before sports started, and we had ice cream and games. We had a decent turn out, and the kids who were there had a blast!

Throughout the fall our biggest activity was Homecoming. This year's event was a little different than the ones in the past. We had our parade on Monday, instead of Friday, which mixed things up for the students. This happened because of a staff concern, but it ended up going off alright. We filled the week with fun activities like Powder Puff Football, and Powder Buff Volleyball. This was the first year to include the Powder Buff Volleyball, and it was a hit! The senior and junior boys played a short game of volleyball one night after a volleyball game. We had volunteer refs, and tons of support from the community! With the fun activities we also included the more serious. Our coronation went off perfectly. We finished the week with a great Friday night football game and a fun dance. Our dance went off without a hitch, and all the students had a blast.

This spring we have had a few projects that we have finished, and we have many more projects to come. We had our Wish Week and it went pretty good. The week came up on us fast, and we weren't completely prepared. Our Wish Week was the week after State Basketball and our school was not quite ready for it. We had some very successful events though. Our Chili Feed went perfectly. We had made some delicious chili, and sold it for five dollars a bowl, which included a drink and cookie! Everyone was impressed with our chili and our effort. Our Wish Week included some fun St. Patrick's Day events. We had a treasure hunt, with prizes at the end. We had a small number of participants, but they had lots of fun searching the school for the next clue.

The year is not over yet, and our final plans include our Literacy and Mentoring projects at our grade school, and implementing RSVP into our school. These projects will take up the rest of year, and I am excited about last couple of months. As the year ends we will be finishing with a reward trip. We have not decided where we are going, but we're sure it will be fun.

Alison Grendahl
Executive President

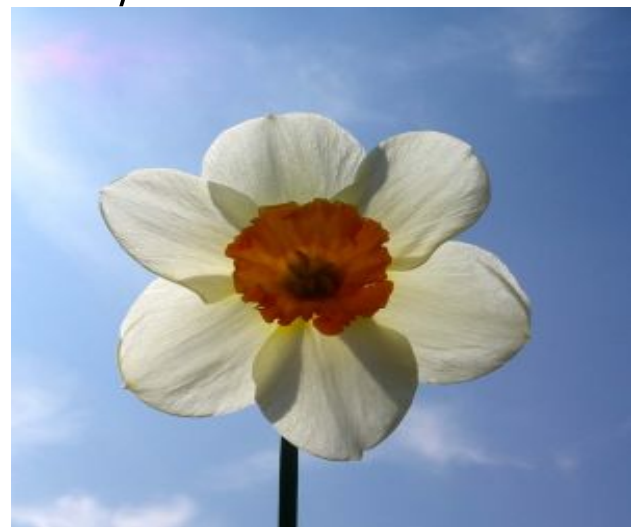


East High School

Community service is a crucial element in being selected into a college, or perhaps even getting additional awards to add to your resume, but East High School seeks the fundamentals of community service and teaching students to make a difference by volunteering, donating money, providing a service, or selling items. We want to define our duties to our community as true because we practice selflessness, engage in an emotional understanding and receive personal satisfaction by lending a hand. With the focus of “Being True to Community Service”, multiple community service activities were developed to teach young adults everywhere that helping can be fun. This school year we conducted Breast Cancer Awareness Royalty Fundraiser, “Make a Raffle”, “Make a Clinic,” and Change Drives. The projects were ran by our council and reached out to other groups in the school to accomplish the overall goal of raising money for charities.

***MAKE A RAFFLE:** “Make a Raffle” entailed going to businesses and clubs to collect donations to make gift baskets to raffle off each week at East High School home basketball game. Reactions from the receivers of the gift baskets were genuinely happy, and surprised. Participants received satisfaction by helping to raise \$280 for Make A Wish.

***MAKE A CLINIC:** Friday night, January 16, 2009, was the basketball clinic. Each child participant received a bundle of gifts. East High School basketball players volunteered their time, as well as the Jr. T-bird coach, Mr.. Shields. January 17, 2009, was the cheer/dance clinic.. The cheerleaders of East volunteered their time and taught a performance that the children performed at the girls’ basketball game that afternoon. The proceeds went to Make A Wish, totaling \$930. Beyond the money, though, the volunteers got to be role models and share their skills with the community.



***ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:** Businesses around our community expressed their passion for our charity and cause by putting forth donations of \$496. They wanted to be a part of spreading the word of community service to their working environment.

***MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** To close the year of busy volunteering, DECA conducted a ceremony about the importance of giving back to people we care about within our community. DECA members transformed the raindrops into a garden to represent the transformed students of East High School, because students contributed in raising \$2,188 for Make a Wish Foundation. They now hold a new understanding of “Being True to Community Service”. We blossomed into something beautiful by being so active with community service.

Green River

Dear Wyoming Student Councils,

This year the GRHS student council has made huge leaps and bounds towards new school involvement and obtaining goals that we set. We discussed that our Make-A-Wish goal would be \$15,000 or three wishes and we went on to raise more than \$20,000! It was the first time in 5 years that we were able to beat Rock Springs! Sweetwater County raised collectively over \$42,000! That is a lot of wishes coming true! GRHS Student Council just finished their School Service project on May 9. We were able to clean up the school by removing dirt and picking up garbage. We also worked on the Student Recognition wall and started on the Senior Wall where all the graduating seniors paint their names. In April,

we also had a very successful school exchange with Farson! We went to their school and helped with their Make-A-Wish breakfast. We also got to go to their classes in the morning and finished the day with lunch and games. It was great making new friends while helping out their school. It has been a very busy school year, but overall the GRHS has had a very successful school year and we hope the 2009-2010 school year will be even better. Look forward to seeing everybody at WASC!

Sincerely,
Colter Herreid

Farson

Farson-Eden High School is enthusiastically involved in Make-A-Wish. We started our Make-A-Wish activities on April 13. Our activities involve all classes in our school and our community members. Here is a sample of what we have been doing:

Penny Wars throughout the whole school.

Dress-A-Teacher for prom. We have jars in the office with four male faculty member's names. The one with the most money gets to wear a prom dress on 4/24/09.

Ugly ornament that is dropped off in yards. The owner's of the yards pay to have it moved to another location.

Flower contest for the elementary. We are selling flowers for \$.10 for elementary students. The class with the most flowers gets an ice cream cone as a treat.

Every Weds., we are selling sundaes to the whole school during their lunch periods.

Bake sales every day during middle and high school lunches.

Breakfast for students, staff, and community members on 4/23/09.

Students may pay \$1.00 to wear a hat all day.

Dinner/dance/pie auction on 4/25.

Local businesses are selling Make-A-Wish stars for \$1.00 and putting them on windows and walls.

Green River High School StuCo is going to be participating with our student council on 4/23 to help us cook and serve the breakfast. Then they will attend classes with us, and we will finish off the day with a pizza party and information exchange meeting. Thanks to GRHS StuCo.

We are planning on a movie night for high school students on 4/30. We will view “Twilight”. StuCo will serve popcorn and drinks.

We have sponsored “Student of the Month” for the high school students for each month. Faculty members vote on a student who they feel has shown great academic achievement. Students fill in an interview, which is published in the Rock Springs, *Rocket Miner*, along with their picture.

We are planning a rewards trip in May for high school students who have met the criteria. Also in May, we will celebrate our success as a Council by having a nice dinner. We have had an awesome year!

Respectfully submitted by Brandie Skorcz, Reporter—FEHS StuCo.



