

WASC Newsletter

Second Quarter newsletter-WASC Board-May 2011

Student Council is a critical piece to the Leadership Puzzle!!!

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WASC CALENDAR 2011

<i>May 4</i>	<i>Middle School Training</i>	<i>Casper,</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Conference Site</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>Honor Council books due</i>	
<i>June 25-27</i>	<i>Star Conference</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>
<i>July 11-15</i>	<i>SLC</i>	<i>Casper</i>
<i>August 10</i>	<i>Third newsletter due</i>	
<i>September 11</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Riverton</i>
<i>September 12</i>	<i>WASC Summit</i>	<i>Riverton</i>
<i>September 13</i>	<i>WASC Summit</i>	<i>Casper</i>
<i>November 7-8</i>	<i>56th Annual Convention</i>	<i>Evanston</i>

*Whether you think you
can or whether you think
you can't, you're right.*

Henry Ford

WASC - Student Council News Story

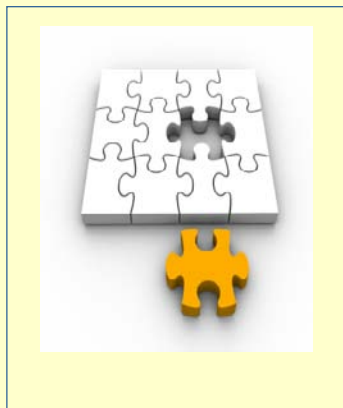
By Katrina Pasek

And Jessica Neary

A purpose of Student Council is to help their community as well as their school. The Cody High School Student Council extended their giving this year to other communities in distress. The devastating shooting in Tucson, AR, impacted the CHS Student Council to act. Christina Green, the nine-year-old girl who died in the shooting, was a Student Council member at her school, Mesa Verde Elementary School. Mesa Verde Elementary School created the Christina-Taylor Green Memorial Scholarship in memory of her. CHS heard about the scholarship and decided to help by raising money. Called "Tuesday for Tucson", jars were placed in the main office and we raised \$350 in one day. Because of the amount raised for Tuesday for Tucson, CHS Student Council made a move to unofficially begin Wish Week a little earlier. If every student and faculty member brought one dollar, they could raise \$(2600). St. Patrick's Day was the designated day to "Bring Your Green". Student Council members went to every classroom with a bag and students and teachers were asked to give a dollar or any change from their pockets. \$(2600+) was collected that day. Wish Week was from April 11 to April 15 and includes May 3 and 4. CHS' Wish Kid is J.D. from Riverton who wishes to meet the creator(s) of the Halo video games. The themes used were sushi day, plaid day and Halo day. His wish has been fulfilled, and a second wish is nearly funded - for Rahne from Riverton, who would like to meet Tinkerbell. One of the highlights of our Wish Week was JD's participation in the opening assembly, which also included visits from previous Wish Kids Skylah and Samantha.

*"The journey is the
reward."*

-Chinese Proverb



-- Thanks Kbc

- Karen Carney

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The phrase "student council" is what most of us use to describe our student government. But for us at Campbell County High School, we are a lot more than that. We are a family.

This year, our family was faced with the hardest obstacle we have ever come to face. Harder than organizing any blood drive, than collecting any number of cans, than being under any kind of time crunch to complete WASC paperwork or plan Homecoming. On March 19th, 2011, we heard the news that would change our lives forever. On this date, our Student Body President, Taylor William Bear affectionately known as "T-Bear", passed away as a result of a self-inflicted gun shot wound.

Words cannot express the shock, hurt, and devastation not only our school but our community feel. T-Bear was the most influential, caring, and talented person any of us have ever known to walk the CCHS hallways. The world lost an amazing person, brother, son, friend, and athlete. T-Bear had such a bright future; he was a 3X State Wrestling Champion, All-American, and President not only of our Student Body but also of our school's chapter of National Honor Society. It is difficult and for us to understand why he would make such a final decision, nor not ask for any help to prevent this from happening, but as a student council we are working to increase Suicide Awareness and Prevention within our school to help prevent tragic situations like this from happening in the future.

We do not plan to focus on the negative; instead we want everyone to remember the great impact T-Bear had on all of us during his life. He could brighten anyone's day with his kind words, and anyone who knew him knows that he had the most contagious smile ever seen. We will never forget the great memories we have made.

We know T-Bear would have wanted us to continue to do our best in improving our school and community. As a family, we have come together even more through these tough times to finish the year off with our second food drive, several Make-A-Wish fundraisers, a 1st Annual Talent Show, as well as street clean-ups and an End of the Year Celebration in the future.

All of this would not be possible without the outpouring of support we have received from across the state. Words can not express how grateful our council, school, and community truly are for helping us cope with our loss.

Special thanks go out to Kelly Walsh Student Council, Sheridan Student Council, and Natrona Student Council. Your kind words and support are so much appreciated. We also would like to thank the numerous wrestling teams from across the state that came to show their support at Taylor's service.

All we ask is to continue to keep the Bear family, our student council family, wrestling family, and our community in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We know the rest of this school year, as well as next year will be hard for us, but we also know with the support of our community, our state, and each other we can make it through.

"It isn't a goodbye, just a see you later"

In loving memory of Taylor William Bear

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Thank you very much,

CCHS Student Council

Letters from the Board

Hey all you leaders!

Now, I know, it's that time of year where the thought of summer takes over the mind, but don't let that halt your leadership influence; It's not the end of the school year yet, and there's still time to help out your school and student body...Have an End-of-Year dance, throw a Summer-starter barbecue, fundraiser for the incoming council, etc. Get creative and have fun.

As the year is winding down, I give thanks to our forever-inspiring seniors. You guys are the ones who push us to be great and your influence will last for years to come. By moving on, you leave the juniors the opportunity to step up and fill your shoes, a daunting task, indeed. Because of you, we are the leaders we are today. Truly, thank you for everything you guys have done, keep your leadership alive, and good luck in your chosen paths.

Another thing to be thinking about as the year comes to a close is SLC, July 11th-15th. I cannot stress enough how great this camp is and how much this program needs applicants. Please consider applying or reapplying this summer, as without an increase in campers, this amazing leadership (and) growth opportunity will cease to exist. It is, candidly, "the single most significant learning experience" of your high school career. The knowledge you receive there not only benefits you, but your school as well, as you pass on your learnings. Please make room this summer for this great happening.

Lastly, don't forget that Honor Council Applications are due June 15th, so be getting those made. Have a fantastic finish to school and, hopefully, I'll see you at SLC this summer!

Sincerely,

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Darien Gostas

WASC Newsletter from Amy

We are gearing up for another exciting year for Summer Leadership Camp. We will be at new facilities, Centennial Junior High and Parkway Plaza in Casper, have new food options from the Parkway Plaza, and new program content. Our AC's and JC's are excited to plan a great week for you. Of course, our favorite pieces will still be there - our trip to the mountain, the Olympics, and leadership lessons galore! Don't forget to send in your registration by June 1st to Amy. Registration forms are available at www.wyasc.org under forms. Dates are July 11-15 and cost is \$300. Email Amy at kassela1@yahoo.com with any questions.

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

Peter F. Drucker



Dear Advisers,

May 2011. . . how did you get here so soon? Though on those interminable days when the windy is blowing at gale force strength, I believe 24 hours is stretched to at least 28, the big picture of time just flies along.

We are gearing up for WASC season and with the addition of our new event for middle level students, May, June, July, September, and November will be busy. I appreciate board member Ben Schanck's willingness to direct our first middle level event and then in July, Amy Kassel and Lindy Ellis will take on SLC. With our officer team, I'm confident we will have great summits in the fall and a powerful convention.

We have twelve people heading to St. Louis for the STAR Leaders conference. It marks a huge change in the national conference. It is for National Honor Society members as well as student council. The speakers and workshops should provide inspiration and instruction for us all.

The end of the year wrap-up for student council often includes electing new officers and representatives and making plans for the next year. Use the information at the NASC.us site to help gain some new ideas and inspiration to get moving in the right direction. I encourage you to pay your national dues in the near future. The dues statements have already been mailed and it's much easier to do it in May than remember it next fall.

Remember too that the WASC board is anxious to be a resource for you as well. Have a wonderful, refreshing summer and never forget the impact you have on your council and the impact the council has on its school.

Mary

*"Success is not final,
failure is not fatal: it is
the courage to continue
that counts." - Winston
Churchill*



Dear Advisers,

It is hard to believe that the year is beginning to wind down! Needless to say, the WASC board has been working diligently throughout the year on a number of different projects. First, and foremost, we are excited to launch a new program geared toward middle school leaders. The Middle Level Leadership Seminar will be held in Casper on May 4. Approximately 65 seventh and eighth graders will be in attendance. Our officers and regional representatives have placed a great deal of thought and time into this new project. We look forward to filling you all in!

“You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.”
– Charles Buxton

Summer Leadership Conference is fast approaching! The dates for this year’s conference are July 11 - 15. The board, in conjunction with SLC staff, have been working to give our conference a “facelift”. Obviously, Dr. Earl Reum will not be physically present, however, his spirit will live eternally through SLC. The conference will not take place at Casper College this year. Instead, our day sessions will be held at Centennial Junior High School (which is comfortably air conditioned!) with our evening sessions being held at the Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. Students will also bed down for the night at the Parkway. Please send us your leaders! We are excited for the new changes and cannot wait to share them with your delegates. For more information, please visit <http://www.wyasc.org> and click on the “forms” link.

Through my own council at Kelly Walsh, we had the amazing opportunity to participate in a council exchange with the Camels of Campbell County High School. Leaders from both councils were blown away by the work each council conducts and were excited to spend time in each other’s schools. Our thoughts and prayers are with the students and staff of Campbell County High School, as well as the community of Gillette, as they mourn the death of student body president, Taylor Bear.

Needless to say, the Kids for Wish Kids campaign has had another very successful year! WASC members schools continue to contact the Make-A-Wish office with news of fundraising results and we’re on track for another record breaking year! The staff of Make-A-Wish would love to see pictures from your events! Please email Morgan Legerski at mlegerski@wyoming.wish.org. Also, check out the website <http://wyoming.wish.org> and we’re on facebook! Thanks again for all that you do! You are amazing!

Sincerely,

Ben

Article from Honor council Applications

Lingle-Ft. Laramie High School has had a busy year with community service projects. We've hosted two blood drives and the one held in April brought in 35 units of blood. We had good participation from our students and also had parents and staff members donate. It is really a worthy cause

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." – Lou Holtz

One other great thing we did this year was during our fall homecoming. We showed an outdoor movie. Rather than using the football field, since the wind would be a problem there. We attached a king size bed sheet to a wall of our high school. Everyone brought lawn chairs and blankets and we watched "Blind Side". Student council served free popcorn and we had 60% of our student body attend. It got pretty cold before the movie ended but nearly everyone stayed. We plan to make this a new tradition in our homecoming week.

Lyman High School Student Council and the participating student body just experienced the most touching and successful wish week we have yet to see. We started the week off with an assembly, highlighting two kids living in our valley who went on their very own Make-a-Wish adventure. One of the kids was actually at the assembly, and stepped out of his shell to tell the whole high school about his experience going to Disney World to meet Mickey Mouse, Woody, and Buzz Lightyear. Most everyone present was choking back tears as his smile lit up the room while watching a slide show of the dream he and his family were able to live out. With his sweet spirit and the other boy's amazing story as our motivation, the school was fired up to raise more money than ever raised before by Lyman High School. We ultimately wanted to defeat last year's accomplishment of \$1200. We had a lot of different activities throughout the week to raise money and awareness, including selling Make-a-Wish stars. The buyer could sign the star, which was then hung on a huge heart in the display case in the school's commons. Student Council also hosted a silent dessert auction at our big rival basketball game. Our largest success of the week was the school-wide coin drive. We designated a jar for each class. The class that came out on top with the most points won. The money count of the change in the jar added points; however, paper money in the jar subtracted points. For instance, two quarters in a jar are worth 50 points, but a dollar bill subtracts 100 points.

There was an intense bout between the juniors and seniors, as the juniors decided to put their foot down after being beaten at every other school competition by the seniors. In the end, the juniors emerged victorious at last (but the seniors DID have more money in their jar... just sayin'...). With the coin drive alone, we were able to come up with over \$2800, and our final total was \$3200. We were so impressed with all of the effort our student body put forth, we provided free donuts and hot chocolate at break the following Monday, along with a long lunch the next Tuesday. We're so proud to be able to say we more than doubled our school's fundraising last year, and have the utmost confidence in the Make-a-Wish foundation to put our hard work and money to great use. We are more than excited to be able to share the power of a wish.

Sincerely,

Madison Sagendorf

Student Body Secretary



Riverside High school Student Council (Basin) established a goal to raise \$2000 for charity this year. Last year, the council established that we donate our charity funds to a variety of local and national fundraisers, rather than just to the Make a Wish Foundation.

So far, we have \$370 for Make a Wish. During Spirit week, we charge a dollar for hats for students and jeans for teachers. We also encourage donations from our elementary and middle school.

We are once again giving a majority of the funds to the Haiti Relief fund and have raised \$720 so far, part of which has already been sent. We "trick or treat" for UNICEF annually and designated our funds to Haiti. \$400 was earned during Valentines when we ran a Crush for a Crush and Hugs and Kisses fundraiser. We deliver to all 3 schools which helps a lot.

During the Christmas week, we participate in Angels Trees and food baskets and at this point we have contributed \$240 to local charities.

In order to meet our \$2000 goal, we still need to raise \$670. We are planning to raise most of this during the upcoming Spring fling week. We will also most likely need to create another fund raiser to meet this goal.

East High School

East High School was excited to host its first ever talent show. We had auditions and put together 1.5 hour evening show featuring the best vocal, instrumental, dancing, juggling, and hip hop talent from East High School. We had over 100 people in attendance and all admission prices are being donated to Make-A-Wish. We are also doing a change drive for Make-A-Wish.

Another new fundraiser for East this year is the Burn Out Victims Fund. Our local fire department has a fund to help families who have had house fires and need some items replaced immediately. They have asked us to help them raise \$500. We have asked 4 teachers to be in a contest where the teacher who raises the most money will be pushed in the pool. We kicked off the event with a assembly honoring our firefighters.

*Leadership should be
born out of the
understanding of the
needs of those who
would be affected by it.
~Marian Anderson*



Kelly Walsh High School

The student council of Kelly Walsh High School has been extremely busy throughout the year! Since leaving WASC, it has been an endless whirlwind of activities! One of our most memorable activities was our exchange with the student leaders of Campbell County High School. Although everyone loves to hate the Camels at various sporting events, we can honestly say that we love the Camels! (as long as we're not playing them, of course) While visiting Campbell County High School, their student leaders treated us to a wide variety of leadership training activities. We made new friends, got the autograph of Taran Brown and traded ideas. Our hearts go out to our new friends in Gillette as they struggle with the loss of student body president Taylor Bear.

We are finishing up our fundraising efforts to grant 8-year old Austin's wish. Austin attends second grade here in Casper and his wish is to go to Disney World this summer. We hosted our annual "Man of Troy" competition, KWHS Talent Show, Dodgeball! and a "Buff Puff Volleyball" tournament, in which the winning Trojan team was lucky enough to travel across town to take on the dreaded Mustangs of NCHS. We also worked with Language Arts teacher, Rod Mahaffey, to host "Rodstock!" Rodstock is an opportunity for everyone in the KWHS community (including Mr. Jason Murdock, co-adviser of the NCHS council) to showcase the fine and performing arts! This year's event raised \$3,650! Through these activities, our council has raised close to \$10,000 and we're not done!

We are hosting a penny carnival with the valiant leaders of Natrona County High School. Working with NCHS has been a real blessing this year! The two councils have decided to pool any monies raised above and beyond \$7,000 to grant a combined wish! We'll keep you posted!

Dear WASC:

The Newcastle High School Student Council has had a successful year thus far. Our Homecoming events were a hit, and all of the students were full of school spirit after our football team won our homecoming game.

The next part of our school year was getting ready for the 12 Days of Christmas. During our trip to WASC Convention, we stocked up on supplies to give to the students for student recognition this year. We got ornaments for all of the teachers for teacher recognition. Overall, our holiday season was successful.

Things have quieted down lately for our council, but we are starting to get ready for spring community service projects. These include a golfing tournament and serving at the upcoming dinner theatre play. Coming up in April, our council will also be doing a teacher luncheon to recognize all that our teachers do for us. We are very excited to do these projects, and doing fun things makes it that much easier to provide for the community and our school!

Sincerely,

Jess Ayres

NHS StuCo President

2010-2011 has been a very busy year for the Kaycee High School Student Council. At the beginning of the year we picked the theme for this year's fresh start. "You'll never know if you don't go, you'll never shine if you don't glow." Based on this theme we launched right into the year. Right off in September we sent our officers to the Summit in Casper, Wyoming. At the summit we learned many new leadership techniques and got a bunch of new ideas for our council and for Make-a-Wish. In October we put on our schools homecoming and the annual homecoming dance as well. After we had a successful homecoming we busied ourselves with getting ready for the state student council convention, or WASC, that was held in Bighorn, Wyoming this year. WASA was a blast like always and we had some members from our council run to serve on the state council, and had a retiring member who served on the state council last year. We also had some workshop presenters and had several small group leaders. In December we put together senior citizen baskets that we distributed to the elderly throughout our community. We also had a mini convention where we had workshops and voted on the platforms from WASC. During this convention we had a tribute to Dr. Earl Reum and we decided on a memorial that we would put in our memorial park come spring. We decided on a tree and plaque to put with the tree. At the start of the New Year we were already planning a spirit week for February for our basketball teams, and started working on our Make-a-Wish plans for March.

By
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