



# Sagewood Star

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Strive to make our community a better place  
where everyone learns.

Sagewood Elementary School  
www.sagewoodelementary.com  
October 2016



## Fall Festival

*From PTO - Parent Organization*

The fall carnival will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All are invited to wear Halloween costumes at the carnival (No weapons, blood or gore). PTO will be looking for volunteers to help with food service, setup, cleanup and working the game booths. More information will be forthcoming.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent /Teacher conferences will be held on **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm – 7:30. PM.** Please watch for conference notes to come home in late October to schedule times.

## Nurse's Corner

Fall is in the air and that means flu season is on it's away. Remind your children of the importance of good hand washing, keeping their hands away from their face, coughing and sneezing into their elbows, and using a tissue to blow their nose. Flu shot clinics with the Health department will be available starting October 7<sup>th</sup>. I will post a flyer in the entryway on bulletin board.

Remember school board policy does not allow students to carry medications even over the counter medications (such as cough drops, Tylenol, ibuprofen) to school without a Doctor's order and parent signature on file with the nurse.

Wyoming Health Fair will be at Sagewood on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 7- 8:30 am in the Library. Students over 12 years of age and adults welcome, flu shots will be available. Bring your insurance cards, fast for 12 hours.

Ruth Burns RN, NCSN

## Student Birthdays

During the Month of your child's birthday, students will receive a card with a nickel taped to the card. The student can bring the card and nickel to the office, at the end of the day (3:30) to spend on a gumball. The end of the day is the best time to keep the gumball from being a distraction during learning time.

In addition, Mr. Hartl will provide pizza and milk once a month for student birthdays. Students who have a birthday in that month will meet Mr. Hartl by the office during their regular lunch time. We will enjoy conversation and pizza on the stage. Birthday lunch dates are as follows:

October – 10/26/16	February – 2//22/17
November - 11/30/16	March – 3/22/17
December – TBD	April – 4/27/17
January - 1/25/17	May - 5/24/17
	June/July – 5/31/17

Mr. Hartl - Principal

## Standards Reporting:

Please watch for communication regarding your child's progress towards content standards. If you have a valid email address in Infinite Campus, you should have gotten a request to log into Mastery Connect. This is a website where you can view your child's progress on the content standards.

## School Lunch Updates

If your child/ren qualified for free or reduced meals last year and you have not applied or have not been notified of approval this year, you need to get your application in by Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, otherwise you will be charged full price for meals. You can apply online at [natronaschools.org](http://natronaschools.org) or you can come in and get an application to fill out to meet the deadline. If you have questions, please call Connie at 253-3300.

## Sagewood Family Nights

Sagewood Family Nights will be hosted slightly different this year. Each grade level will focus on an event outside of the regular day. This was designed to invite parents into the specific learning needs of their child's classroom at Sagewood. Teachers will be inviting families by grade level to these events during the school year. Please watch

## After School Pick - UP

Please do not leave your vehicles in the after school pick-up line. This backs up traffic and slows the flow of student dismissal. If you wish to leave your vehicle to pick up your student you will need to park in a designated parking space or on the street.

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October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Sagewood's grading philosophy is deeply rooted in reporting to parents the progress students are making towards meeting the content standards. This can look different in a variety of ways. Last year we were able to report to parents using MASTERY CONNECT report features. As you may have heard from us, we are seeking to provide more clarity and understanding to student mastery of content. Parents and Students can also log-in to Mastery Connect to view current progress.

Students this year will again receive a district report card. Letter grades (traditional A, B, C, D, or F) will not be supplied for the core content areas of Language Arts, Math, Science or Social Studies. Instead, parents will see a percent of standards assessed, a percent in mastery (proficient), a percent near mastery, and a percent in remediation. It is important to note these are not equivalent to an A, B, C, D, or F. In addition, these are not indicative of pass or fail nor is it one chance and done grades. Instead, this is an ongoing practice to meet the standards of learning set forth by the Wyoming Department of Education.

This latter portion of achievement will be pulled from a report in Mastery Connect. Teachers are using Mastery Connect to assess student progress and track growth towards meeting content standards. These reports will be printed from Mastery Connect and attached to the NCS D report card. The report will give you "mastery, near mastery, or remediation" for each specific standard in Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.

We want parents to be able to access mid-quarter reports in Mastery Connect. Teachers will be introducing you to this at Parent/Teacher conferences in November. It will be vital that you attend this conference not only to receive a copy of the report, but also to get introduced and logged into Mastery Connect. If you would like access to your child's progress prior to conferences, please log into Infinite Campus Parent Portal and enter a valid email address. This will send an activation email for Mastery Connect. If you do not receive that email, please contact your child's teacher.

If you have additional questions or concerns, Mr. Hartl or your classroom teacher will be happy to answer any questions. We can be reached by phone or email. Thank you for supporting our STARS!

Sincerely,

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