

April and May 2015

Henry A. Coffeen Elementary School
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Cougar Clatter

Upcoming Events

- Coffeen Carnival—April 23rd 5:30-7:00pm
- CARE Program Ends—April 23rd
- Science Fair—April 27th 4:30-5:30pm
- Keyboarding and Orchestra In-formances—April 27th
- Choir Concert—April 30th at 7:00pm
- Orchestra Concert—May 14th at 6:00pm
- Family Game Night—May 14th 5:00-6:30pm
- Annual Leadership Celebration—May 20th at 9:30am
- No School—May 25th
- Talent Show—May 27th at 12:45pm
- Family Picnic—May 28th
- Awards Assembly—May 29th
- Last day of School & Field Day—May 29th



5th Grade Fundraising Efforts for the Welch Cancer Center Helped by Fellow Cougar

The 5th grade class is once again working hard to raise money for the Welch Cancer Center. Donations can be turned in at the front office or in your child's classroom. All donations will go towards purchasing comforting materials like games, blankets, and books to help people pass the time during chemotherapy. Last year's 5th grade class raised \$350 and presented it to the hospital foundation. This year the 5th graders have received a little extra help from one of their fellow Cougars. Eliana Grover, a kindergartener in Ms. Liggett's class spent most of last weekend, in her front yard, selling her own hand-written books. Ms. Liggett commented, "It is so great to see students doing such great things and believing in their work!!" Eliana raised over \$40 and donated it all to her classroom's cancer fundraiser bucket.



EXCITING NEWS!!!

The students at Henry A. Coffeen raised enough money to support the locker room project at the high school. We will be purchasing one locker, which will be engraved with our school name. Our future Broncs and Lady Broncs are excited about this opportunity! In addition, the PTO is buying a locker in memory of Connie Schmidt, a former 3rd grade teacher at Henry A. Coffeen.

Family Game Night is Thursday, May 14th! It's more than just fun and games. Playing board and card games with your child teaches them important social skills, academic skills, and critical thinking skills. Every family will take home a free board or card game!



Come enjoy a night of fun and excitement at the Coffeen Carnival!

On April 23rd from 5:30-7:00, bring your family to enjoy a night of food, fun, and games. Tickets will be 25¢ each.



This year our theme will be a "Hawaiian Luau". The event will be hosted at the Fairgrounds. We will have games, food, delicious treats, raffles, and activities of all sorts.

This is a celebration of how hard our students work every day. Come join in the fun!!

There is still time to order a 2014-2015 yearbook for only \$15. Forms are available in the office.

Our
Awesome
Cougars!!

Class pictures were taken on April 20th. If you would like to order a class picture, forms are available in the office.

Recommending Your Child for Seminar: Seminar is a program designed for 3rd-5th grade students whose intellectual capacity, academic achievement and rate of learning require experiences apart from the regular curriculum. These students are pulled out of their classrooms for $\frac{1}{2}$ day a week to work on challenging activities designed to meet some of their social, emotional and intellectual needs. Children must score at the 95th percentile on cognitive-ability or achievement tests to participate in this program. If you believe Seminar is appropriate for your child, ask your classroom teacher for a Parent Nomination Form or navigate to the Academics pull down menu at <http://www.scsd2.com> and click on Special Programs/Seminar for a copy of the nomination form. **Nomination forms must be returned by May 1.** If you have questions, contact Ms. Molly Kinsey, the Seminar teacher, at 672-3786.

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Celebrating 5 Years of Leader in Me...

Modern education is seeing a shift to include the teaching of life skills and values, as well as academics. Henry A. Coffeen is a great example of all of these as we uphold our motto of "Success Through Leadership Opportunities." We are a National Blue Ribbon school and have been a Leader in Me School for the last 5 years. Be watching for our students in the news for sports, music, and citizenship. Our Cougars are everywhere!

Coffeen Students Share Their Views on Leadership...

Working together as a team.— Leni 2nd

To influence and teach others.— Riley 3rd Grade

Be someone that others can look up to.—Reese 5th Grade

Working your hardest all of the time.—John 5th Grade

Be the best that you can be and take charge.— Kaylee 2nd Grade

To inspire others.— Jullianna 5th Grade

Taking responsibility for your actions.— Maddi 5th Grade

Setting a good example.— Grant 3rd Grade

Giving your all and doing your best.—Kyan 5th Grade

2015-2016 Classroom Placements

As the end of the year approaches, we are already making plans for the next school year. Part of this preparation is the grouping and class placement of students. Teaching students 7 hours a day for a full school term gives educators wonderful insight into the way children learn, and how they perceive themselves and interact with their peers. While these insights are fresh, the teachers will recommend next year's placements based on the following criteria: 1) Learning style of the student 2) Teaching style of the teacher 3) Peer relationships in the classroom 4) Achievement levels. We are asking that you

first and foremost trust the judgment and wisdom of those who observe your children on a daily basis in the learning process. We assure you that every effort will be made to appropriately place your student. However, we accept that some parents may have specific concerns about their child's placement that they feel must be communicated with the principal. The following procedure for sharing these concerns will be used for the 2015-2016 school year: Concerns must be submitted in writing using the yellow **Parental Input – Student Class Placement** form that may be picked up at the school office. This form is to be returned to Coffeen by May 12th. Please understand, this is not a Teacher Request Form.