



YOUNG SCHOOL DISTRICT#5

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Superintendent's Newsletter December 2024 – January 2025

We are finishing a wonderful first semester. The last day for students is Thursday, December 19 and return on Monday, January 6, 2025.

During the past month, with our After School Sports program, we completed our soccer season for K-5 and Volleyball season for 6-12. We had two volleyball competitions with NACA. It was a fun season! We have recently started the basketball season for K-5 and 6-12. We will have some games for the JH/HS students in the new year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd for organizing and coaching the interscholastic events. I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers we have that help coach our students. We couldn't do it without you. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd will be stepping down at the end of the basketball season. Please help me in thanking them for all they have done. If you would like to help organize the sports for the future, please let Dr. Knippen or Mr. Lloyd know.

We have some new school board members joining us in January. Julee Recker, Joy Turner and Carol Wilkerson-Nix. They will be sworn in prior to the January meeting. We are happy to have them on board. We have two outgoing board members who have dedicated years of service to the YPS school board. We would like to recognize Polly Hageman for 14 years of service and Linda Chapman for 8 years of service. Thank you for all you have done for YPS!

Power Outages, Snow, and Shortage of Staff

As we enter the winter season we will likely run into inclement weather and illness. We want to have students at school if possible; however, should we run into some problems, here are some options we may implement. If we have a **Snow Day** (one we can plan for) we will send work home with the students prior to the day. Teachers will be in contact to support students as needed. For a **Power Outage**, if power is restored before 5:00 am, we will have a regular school day. If restored between 5:00am and 7:00am, we will start an hour late (8:45am and bus will run accordingly). If the power is not on by 7:00am school will be closed for the day. Should we run into an **illness/emergency with our teachers** and have multiple teachers out (with advanced notice) and no sub coverage available, we will have a work from home day for High School students. They will be assigned work to do at home. Hopefully we will not face any of these situations, but should they happen, you will be aware of what we may need to do.

We have had a very busy end of the first semester with our Holiday Performance, final exams, and completing everything else to wrap up the first half of the school year. We will have our student recognitions for Honor Roll, Attendance, and other teacher selected awards the first week we return in January.

4H will host a community meeting on January 6 at 3:10pm in the YPS gym. This is a great opportunity for all families to visit and find out what they have to offer. We hope you will attend.

Report cards will be sent home the week of January 6.