

# November

Edgemont School District

## MOGUL NEWS

by Superintendent/Principal Amy Ferley

Happy fall! The crisp mornings, beautiful afternoon sunshine, and falling leaves we have been enjoying have certainly made me feel good. I do love living in an area that has definite seasons, even if they do not last for equal amounts of time.

While a few red leaves are left decorating the trees outside my window, red ribbons are festooning the hallways in recognition of the Red Ribbon Campaign. This Campaign is sponsored by an organization that originally was organized by parents who were determined to play a leadership role in drug prevention as a way to protect their kids. This organization has grown into the National Family Partnership whose mission is to promote the well-being of our youth. Red Ribbon Week is one of their annual awareness activities, but there are others. If you are interested in learning more, [redribbon.org](http://redribbon.org) is a great resource.

Along with the red ribbons and posters decorating our hallways, our learners are participating in several activities promoting healthy and safe lifestyles. Along with drug-free awareness, the elementary has seen a program about bullying. The middle and high school learners met with Hollie Strand about Internet safety and how to protect themselves from predators who exploit children. Hollie also presented to parents and the community. The information that she shared was, frankly, terrifying. The internet is a powerful tool and, like all tools, can be used as a powerful weapon. There really are scary people in our world who do not care about our children, and we as parents and community have to be aware and teach our kids to be as well. Education about proper use and what to do when this tool is misused is a message that we all must share with our children. She left much information that is posted on our website ([edgemont.k12.sd.us](http://edgemont.k12.sd.us)). Please do go there and start these hard conversations with the children in your lives.

Besides all of the red ribbons in the hallway, we have been wading through some of the red tape that goes along with public education. The state will publish the school report cards next month. We can discuss that information as it is published, and if anyone has any questions about it, please come in and ask. We can try to work through all of the data together.

There really is a lot of red tape that goes along with public education, and sometimes it seems it can get in the way of the good things that we are trying to do, which is to educate our learners so they can go out and be successful in any field they are passionate about. Recently, five of us from the district attended a conference called Systems Change, which is about innovations in education that can make our system more relevant to the society that we live in today. I came home from this conference with a renewed sense of the moral imperative we have to prepare our learners for the future. This is difficult, since we don't really know what the future looks like. However, I am proud to say that our little district is a leader in the innovations that are coming in education and in providing the kind of academic foundation that will enable them to be successful in this unknown future.

Anyone who has talked to me probably knows that I absolutely have a fire in my belly about our school. I am so passionate and am so excited about the opportunities that we can provide our learners in our small, rural community. Over the course of the next few months, we are going to be working on renewing our district vision. Please accept invitations you see to participate in this work, as it affects all of us, not just the teachers and the learners in the school building. Again, thank you for sharing your students with us. Seeing your students and learning with them is truly what brings us to work every day.

# Navigating through the digital age

What is a digital footprint and how does it impact my future? How can we stay safe on digital devices? What is clickjacking and how do predators try to access my information to cause harm? Hello, my name is April Rhodes and I am so excited to introduce myself as the Technology Integrationist for Edgemont Public Schools. I have the wonderful opportunity of working with your children (grades K-8) each day to help them learn how to safely navigate through our digital world.

The digital age is moving at such a rapid pace that it is difficult to keep up with, but just as we would **NEVER** think of handing a loaded gun without guidance or supervision to a Kindergartner or any child for that matter, yet we continually hand over digital devices that allow our children to freely explore a world that their minds are not ready to comprehend as well as open our doors to possible predators.

As a teacher and a Mom I want you to ask yourself, what is the purpose for that device or that game? Is it safe? Is the content appropriate? Do I monitor the activity on that device?

So you may be saying this doesn't sound like a Technology Integrationist. Isn't your job to integrate technology into the classroom yet you are telling us technology is bad and scary?

What I am telling you is that technology is bad and scary when **WE** don't **TEACH** our children how to best utilize this tool for learning. It is bad and scary when **WE** allow our children to play games, watch videos or movies like Fortnite or The Walking Dead when their brains are not ready to distinguish reality from make believe. It is bad and scary when **WE** ourselves don't understand the technology and **WE** "trust" someone else will teach **OUR** children about it.

These are **OUR** kids, **OUR** future and if **WE** don't teach them how to appropriately use these tools; some else will teach them and it could be bad and scary. It is my goal to arm not only your child with the tools to know how to safely and appropriately navigate through this digital age safely, but to also be a resource for you. I don't have all of the answers, but I know that together **WE** can make learning online educational and safe. Thank you for entrusting your child to me each and every day; it truly is an honor to work with such **AMAZING** kids and families!

**Wednesday, Nov. 14th** — Picture retakes (bring original packet if you want retakes) also JH wrestling and JH girls BB will have pictures on the 14th.

**Wednesday, Nov. 21** — Students **dismissed at 1:00pm** for Thanksgiving break.

**Thursday, Nov. 22** — Thanksgiving—NO SCHOOL

**Thursday, Nov. 29th** — Parent Teacher Conferences

—No school the 29th for K-5. Parents of K-5th grade students you will be notified of conference times.

—6-12th grade students dismissed at 2:00 pm. No scheduled times—Conferences are between 4-8pm in the gym.



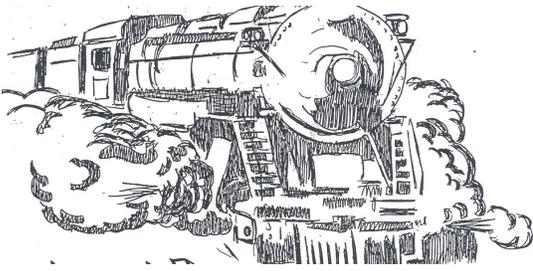
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>All Meals served with Choice of Milk and Salad Bar</b>					
4	5 Burrito Bowl WG Rice Fiesta Black Beans Frozen Fruit Cup	6 Mini Corn Dog Roasted Vegetables Pineapple Chunks	7 Lasagna WG Garlic Toast Corn Tropical Fruit	8 Pepperoni Pizza Sweet Potato Fries Mandarin Oranges	9	10
11	12 Meatball Sub WG Steak Bun Broccoli Cuts Applesauce	13 Grande Nachos Nacho Chips Baked Zucchini Sticks Peaches	14 Tangerine Chicken WG Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Grapes	15 Chicken Drumstick WG Roll Mashed Potato - Gravy Pears	16	17
18	19 Taco Bar WG Tortilla Refried Beans Peaches	20 Turkey Dinner	21 Popcorn Chicken WG Roll Broccoli Pears	22 NO SCHOOL	23	24
25	26 Chicken Nuggets WG Roll / Mashed Potatoes Tropical Fruit Chocolate Ch. Cookies	27 Mr Rib WG Bun Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	28 Taco Salad WG Taco bowl Spanish Rice Strawberries & Bananas	29 Pasta Buffet Marinara or Alfredo Green Beans Fruit Cocktail		



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fall Sports Awards???	Oct. 29 HSVB Regions @ Hart Ranch vs. Jones Co. @ 6:00pm	Oct. 30 5:30pm HSVB Regions @ Philip	Oct. 31 <b>Halloween</b>	1 HSVB Regions	2 HSEB Playoffs Panhandle Music Clinic @ Morrill 4pm JH Wrestling @ Hill City	3
4 Junior Concession	5 Panhandle Art Clinic @ Chadron	6 HSVB round of 16 games 13 4:00pm JHG BB @ Newcastle 4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Hot Springs	7 14 Picture retakes + JH Wrestling and JH Girls BB	8 1pm JH Wrestling @ Hem- ingford NE 4pm JH girls BB VS Custer HOME 5:30 Burgers & Bingo(7-8)	9 4pm JH girls BB vs Crawford	10 10 am JHG BB @ Lusk YMCA/Chamber Giving Thanks Dinner & Dance. Dinner 5-7 St. James Parish Center
11 Senior Concession	12 Veterans Day program 8:00am	13 4:00pm JHG BB @ Newcastle 4:30pm JH Wrestling @ Hot Springs	14 Picture retakes + JH Wrestling and JH Girls BB	15 7pm HS play	16 7pm HS play	17 9am JH Wres- tling @ Sturgis
18 Freshmen Concession	19 4:15pm JH girls BB @ Hermosa	20 JH & HS honor's band @ Spearfish	21 1pm Early Out	22 THANKSGIVING	 24	
25 Sophomore Concession	26	27 4pm JHG BB vs Oelirchs (Home)	28	29 Parent Teacher Conf. NO SCHOOL K-5th - conf. all day. -6-12 out at 2. Conferences 4 to -8pm in sym	30 HS wrestling @ Custer - Tournament	Dec. 1 HS Wrestling @ Custer 8:30 JH Wrestling @ Rapid



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