

Eagle Talk

Our Resolutions

SAYRE SCHOOLS

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"WE WILL OPEN THE BOOK. ITS PAGES ARE BLANK. WE ARE GOING TO PUT WORDS ON THEM OURSELVES. THE BOOK IS CALLED OPPORTUNITY AND ITS FIRST CHAPTER IS NEW YEARS DAY." —EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

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2016 (aka Second Semester)

To most of the world, January is a fresh start—a new year—a chance to begin again. To people in education, the New Year can be all of those things, but mostly, it's viewed as the second half of their school year. Now, don't get me wrong—there are many aspects that make it feel fresh. For the most part, grades begin again, it comes after a long break, and an educator can still decide to make changes in the way they approach their students, colleagues, curriculum, and attitude. It's the perfect time to hit the "reset" button if needed.

If I had a New Year's resolution for Sayre Schools it would be for us to never be afraid to change, make a positive impact, or make

mistakes trying—even mid-year. If the school year didn't start out like you had hoped—don't give

things, and make up for the things that might have fallen short the first semester.

"I hope in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something....Make your mistakes, this year and forever."

~Neil Gaiman

up! Resolve for this semester to be different—to be better. It's never too late to change your perspective, the way you do

If you had an AMAZING first semester—don't be afraid to still shoot for the moon and finish the school year out stronger

than ever. Never be scared of being different, better, or ambitious—no matter how it's perceived. These things only help you improve as an educator and help your students be more successful.

Our Resolutions

Sayre educators are good-hearted people that not only have personal resolutions for their own life—but they have resolutions for themselves as professionals, for their district, and for their students. When I requested a few resolutions—people were more than happy to oblige.

1. Positive Thinking

Tamara Cottom, our upbeat, hard-working 7th and 8th grade math teacher, has a great professional resolution for this year. "My New Year's resolution is to build lifelong learners and independent thinkers, which will in turn improve our math scores over the long haul. It is my hope in the next two years to have 98-100% passing!" Positive thinking like this goes a long way in the world of education—one must have hope and commit to overall improvement and excellence. I believe our staff here at Sayre is more than capable of this type of attitude and resolve!

2. Brighter, Sharper, Smarter

Amanda Buie, one of our amazing 3rd grade teachers at Sayre, didn't miss a beat when asked about her resolution for herself and her students. "It seems every year my resolution for myself as an educator is the same...100% proficient or

advanced on the 3rd grade test. As for my students, I want them to leave this classroom brighter, sharper, smarter, and more confident than when they stepped in. As much as I would love to have every student score proficient, that task is sometimes unobtainable. So as long as I can see growth, whether that be major or minor, in areas my students struggled in coming into third grade, I will feel like my resolution has been met."

3. Looking Ahead

Brian Morris, computer applications teacher and technology director at Sayre shows no sign of slowing down with his resolution. "My resolution for my students is that I will bring every opportunity available to them through the use of technology. My resolutions for myself as an educator is that I will continue to expand my knowledge and mastery not only of my skill but my profession. Lastly, the resolution for the district is that I will see my one to one plans come to fruition and move our district into the future to become District of the Year in Technology!"

I couldn't have said it any better my friends—not any better! Here is to a great 2016 for the Eagles!!



January Highlights

- ✓ Jan 4- MSBB vs BFDC (H) 4:30/6:30
- ✓ Jan 5-Second Semester Begins
- ✓ Jan 5- 5th/6th BB vs Cordell (H) 4:30
- ✓ Jan 5- HSBB @ BFDC (T) 6:30
- ✓ Jan 6- Mobile Science Lab (Elem Campus) TBA
- ✓ Jan 7-9: HSBB Western Equipment Tournament @ Arapaho TBA
- ✓ Jan 7- PTO Meeting @ 5:30
- ✓ Jan 8-9: Shortgrass Honor band Clinic and Concert (Elk City) TBA
- ✓ Jan 8- School Board Meeting @ Central Office (12:00pm)
- ✓ Jan 8- Report Cards go home with students
- ✓ Jan 11-15: Elem Benchmark Testing
- ✓ Jan 11, 14, 16- MSBB Tri-Co Tourn (Sayre/Hollis)
- ✓ Jan 13- MS Reward Trip (Elk City)
- ✓ Jan 14- Textbook Caravan (Clinton Frisco Center)
- ✓ Jan 15- Elem Group/Casual Picture Day
- ✓ Jan 15- HSBB vs. Cordell (H) 4:00/6:30
- ✓ Jan 15- Voter Registration Deadline for School Board Election
- ✓ Jan 16- HS Area Academic Meet (Dale)
- ✓ Jan 18- 23: HSBB Tri-Co Tourn (WOSC)
- ✓ Jan 18- Firearm Safety Program/Elem (Police Dept.)
- ✓ Jan 18- 5th/6th BB @ Erick 4:30
- ✓ Jan 18- MSBB vs. Hobart (H) 4:30
- ✓ Jan 20- Mentoring Meeting (MS/HS Library @ 3:45)
- ✓ Jan 21- MSBB @ Hollis (T) 4:30/6:30
- ✓ Jan 21-23: All-State Choir & Clinic (Tulsa)
- ✓ Jan 25- 100th Day of School
- ✓ Jan 25- MSBB @ Thomas (T) 4:30/6:30
- ✓ Jan 26- 5th/6th BB vs. Arapaho (H) 4:30
- ✓ Jan 26- MSBB vs. Snyder (H) 4:30
- ✓ Jan 26- HSBB vs. Snyder (H) 6:30
- ✓ Jan 28- 5th/6th BB @ Cheyenne (T) 4:30
- ✓ Jan 29- HSBB @ Navajo (T) 4:00/6:30
- ✓ Jan 30- Little Eagle Cheer Clinic (Old Gym) 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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