

WyASC Newsletter



Make-A-Wish

1. Do you know how many student councils donated money to Make-A-Wish during the 2013-2014 school year? 36
2. Total amount raised by Student Councils in the last 13 years? Wyoming student councils have donated a total of \$1,371,490.55 since 2000.
3. How many wishes were granted from 2013-2014 money? How many wishes in total have been sponsored by Wyoming Student Council kids? In 2013 -2014, approximately 28 wishes were funded by Wyoming Student Councils. In total, Wyoming Student Councils have been a part of granting approximately 195 wishes.

Thank you everyone who has helped grant so many wishes! A HUGE shout out to you for being so selfless, giving up your time and your money to help such a wonderful organization!!!!!!

News from Amy Kassel

Dear WyASC Students and Advisors,

With the wonderful spring weather we have been having, I am ready for the flowers to start blooming and get into my flower beds! However, we have some great WyASC events coming up for you to participate in!

The NASC delegation will join with Nebraska for a fun filled bus ride down through Colorado and into New Mexico for the 2015 National Convention! We will be ziplining and white water rafting and horseback riding in Colorado Springs and then onto New Mexico where we will visit two pueblos and a cultural museum. We then will head to the convention for some great keynote addresses from Tyler Durman and Harriet Turk, motivation, leadership training, team building, and networking! We take off for Albuquerque, New Mexico to Elevate Your Leadership on June 22, 2015!

Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 6-10, 2015 in Casper. We will arrive at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6 and depart on Friday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$300 per delegate or \$500 for two delegates from the same school. SLC is a long standing tradition in Wyoming! We offer excellent leadership training and team building and networking for student council members! SLC is also open to any leaders in your school, so if you have friends in other organizations who would like to join us for SLC, please invite them. Information and online registration is available at www.wyasc.org under the SLC tab. All the information is located in the online registration form. You can also email Amy Kassel at kassela1@yahoo.com or Matthew Parsons at mparsons@landerschools.org for more information! We look forward to seeing you at SLC. It is truly the "single most significant learning experience of your life – Earl Ruem."

Enjoy the spring and keep leading!

Amy Kassel

To succeed, one must be creative and persistent.

John H. Johnson

A Letter from Quentin

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’” I am pleased to announce that the student councils of the exceptional state of Wyoming have answered Dr. King, Jr.’s immutable question. Last year I stood on the stage of Lander High School and remarked on the progress that we have all made in helping rewrite the narrative for people afflicted with living with terminal illnesses, and I am pleased that our efforts have been successful and our dedication unwavering. Since the year 2000, the students and advisors of our student councils have carried out an incredible role brilliantly, by donating over 1.3 million dollars to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Our tireless exertions to network this successfully have not only been an obvious financial achievement, but the absolute and the wholehearted willingness demonstrated by each and every student council member has both changed attitudes and changed lives. To reject the import of this progress, to contend that the work that we do is somehow insignificant, that discredits the irrefutable headway that has been made in the name of a brighter tomorrow. Let me be absolutely clear, I am not solely speaking about our efforts to augment the quality of the lives affected by terminal illness, I am talking about a conviction that speaks to every challenge and opportunity that we face in the coming years.

Although our endeavors have been successful, our lives enriched, and our schools better positioned to create new leaders — we would discredit our own progress though, to suggest that the work of this state is by some means complete. I know that our passion to take up the mantle of change and resolve, unequivocally, the major issues of our time remains undiminished, and I know that together we will always answer the indomitable Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s challenge.

**Love is the only force capable of
transforming an enemy into friend.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Riverside High School

Riverside High school has tried to raise school spirit this year. They have tried to get their students involved in a lot of different activities. This year they have had activities such as hall decorating and giving student spirit items. They had a lock in over Christmas break and had a wonderful turn out. They have had a few dances and some fun dress up days. They held their annual valentines fundraiser and felt that it was a success. They are

Farson-Eden High School

Teamwork: is defined as: the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient. This is perfect for the Sweetwater County Schools Make-A-Wish Team. The Rock Springs, Green River and Farson-Eden High School Student Council's combined this year to make over \$50,000 for our Wish Kids in need. To raise money we did a variety of activities such as: working at Taco Time, Dominos, McDonalds, and other venues willing to donate. We had a breakfast, food week, and a movie night. Green River did basket auctions at basketball games, Nerf Wars, and a Crystal Classic Art Show. Rock Springs did a Battle of the Bands, Make-A-Wish Dance, and a Mr. Irresistible/Date Auction. \$50,000 is a colossal coinage for no more than 65 combined council

Green River High School

One major event that had many communities spinning was Make-A-Wish. This year, three schools teamed up to grant wishes: Green River, Rock Springs, and Farson-Eden. They joined to become one to raise thousands of dollars to grant more kids' wishes. Things that happen during the crazy week were events in which all schools could attend. Two events were Mr. Irresistible and Nerf Wars. At these two events, Green River and Rock Springs attended in particular. Mr. Irresistible had many boys from both RS and GR to show off their talent and answer questions as if they were competing in a pageant to be crowned. In Nerf Wars, many teams had a combination of both schools to compete against each other to get that flag and be called winners at the end of the night. Many more events took place at each individual school. Coming to the end of the chaotic days of Make-A-Wish, the schools went to the basketball game in Rock Springs for the announcement of the grand total. Together, Sweetwater County raised \$48,974 in the 2015 year. It was a wonderful thing to see the schools hold hands at the end to make wishes come true.

Campbell County High School

Happenings at CCHS Student Council

Student Council has accomplished many tasks this year, all done by more than 20 members. However, none of this could have been done without the student body of Campbell County High School.

One of the biggest accomplishments this year was the Food Drive.

Breaking an all-time record, CCHS students raised and donated 15,454 cans to the Council of Community Services. Not only was this the most cans ever raised at the high school, but in Campbell County all together.

CCHS also dedicated a whole week of school to fundraise for the Wyoming of Student Council's charity, Make-a-Wish. Kicking the week off, Student Council members stood on the roof of Albertson's in the freezing weather until donations from the citizens of Gillette met the goal previously set, which resulted in \$880 dollars raised.

As the week progressed, fundraisers included a day in which \$300 had to be raised in order to turn off the Barney song during passing periods at both campuses of the high school, as well as a fundraiser to dye the hair of Principal Troy Zickefoose, advisor Brent Daly, and the officers. There was also a hat day and a night out at Buffalo Wild Wings. Overall, the council and the CCHS student body raised about \$2,300.

Our elections are soon approaching. Our election date has been scheduled for April 27th during an advocacy class. Those who choose to run are obligated to get 30 signatures from students, have attended at least two meetings prior to elections, campaign, and provide a written explanation as to why they should be elected.

"Student Council is just the facilitator," Student Council Advisor Brent Daly said. "None of our accomplishments could have been possible without the student body."

Our goals for this year were to install two purified water stations in our school, retain 75% of the sophomores that come to the first three meetings, and being recognized as an Honor Council. With the help of the student body and our active members, we are on our way to achieving these goals.

On a sad note, recently our council has lost a past President, Triston Harvey. We appreciate all of the support from across the state, especially those who had taken the time to attend his funeral. Please keep him and his family in your hearts.

How we think shows through in how we act.

Kaycee High School

Kaycee high school has been working hard planning event for make a wish. We plan to raise as much if not more than we did last year. We will be doing penny wars, coin drives, and sport relates event we hope raise community support for this amazing organization. We are also doing our best to reschedule a dance that got cancelled earlier in the year due to foul weather. We hope to see other schools work hard to raise lots of money again!

Attitudes are mirrors of the mind. They reflect thinking.

Greybull High School

David Joseph

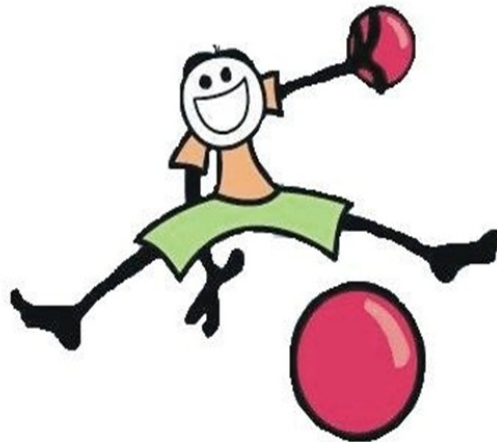
The Greybull School has done many things this past school year. They have had a lock in, a few dances, many pep assemblies and they wore yellow for Seth. They also had a pop shot to raise money for a local girl who was in a car accident at their school. Thermopolis and Greybull had a student council swap where they had both attended the others school for a day. They did this to have a better understanding the others student council and their schools.

Lander Valley Student Council

Spring of 2015

So, after hosting WASC and our winter homecoming throwback week, our student government drove straight into Make--A--Wish. Our activities included:

- 2nd Annual Lion/Lamb 5K/10K Make a Wish
- Dodgeball
- Tours to incoming freshmen
- A new school cheer
- Organizing next year's council 2015-2016
- Mentoring Program



The Lion/Lamb 5K/10K was not as popular as and more active Charlene Peil Memorial 5K. Also, we have **trimmed** down next year's council. Our hope is that a smaller and more concentrated council will result in more responsibility and

more pride. Therefore, our Student Body Council will be merged with the Senior Body Council. Also, kudos to Boone for creating a new and more dynamic mentoring program for the upcoming year! This year's mentoring program has been more of a glorified teacher's aide position; however, next year we hope to be able to form more of a senior-freshmen connection with individual and group mentoring.

Mr. LVHS will be a great show this year!

We already have lots of guys signed up, so hopefully they are practicing their acts and pick up lines! For now, keep an eye out for these upcoming events!

- Mr. LVHS
- Tour de Wish Committee Action
- Morp
- Charlene Peil Memorial 5K



**Don't
watch
the
clock;
do
what
it**

Burlington High School

The Burlington schools this year has also had many events going on. Their first major activity was the homecoming dance. They tried to get their school to have better school spirit by having a movie on the football field, dress-up days for that previous week, a pep-rally, a parade, and the big homecoming dance. Burlington also had a No Shave November competition to raise money for cash against cancer (a local organization they created to benefit cancer patients) they had incorporated the competition into our snow coming week. They ended snow coming with a pep-rally and a dance that turned out great! The next trip they planned was the bowling or caroling trip. Most students went to carol for the senior citizens and had a great time. The bowling was a blast for the students that had gone. Something we are looking forward to is the annual end of the year swimming trip. Students at Burlington high school seem to enjoy and have considered the swim trip to be their favorite event of the whole year.

does. Keep going.

Sam Levenson

Powell High School

At Powell High School they have been sponsoring a backpack program. At every home sporting event they have had fundraisers to assist in sending "backpacks" filled with food home for underprivileged children in our community. They were able to raise roughly 2000 dollars for families in our communities. They currently have undertaken their Make-A-Wish fundraiser that they are doing in conjunction with Tour-de-Wish. They will be holding a 5K color run, a 25 mile bike ride, and benefit dance, a dinner and a raffle in hopes of raising money to donate to the Make-A-Wish

Wind River High School

The Wind River Student council has been working hard to bring a change in the atmosphere of our school in regards to participation and commitment. As Student Council members they are expected to be the role models and leaders in making these changes. They had several students represent Wind River at WASC. Cora Johnson ran for state vice president, setting an example of one of the new ways to get involved and take the next step to the change the Wind River Student Council for the better. For homecoming this year we pick a theme that would allow the student body and the staff to get involved. The theme was Homecoming Murder Mystery. They had clues left throughout the school that would help people to decide who killed our mascot. They continued our tradition of evening activities and dress up days. This year they witnessed a big increase in the amount of people attending their games and an increase in energy in the environment. They have worked to recognize every class and individual that has received regional, state, or national honors by hanging pictures in the hallway, as well as recognizing these recipients at our assemblies. They also had several representatives travel to Burns High School to learn more about how their school and witness how their student council works. They held a senior luncheon to recognize and show appreciation to the people in the community that have supported us. They received honor council recognition this year, which is a big step toward the changes they want to see in their school. They accepted the challenge of a fundraiser for ALS that they raised almost \$400 from. They completed the ice bucket challenge as a school. The fire trucks came out and sprayed water over the top of all of them. They then challenged the student body of Shoshoni to do the ice bucket challenge as well. March 9th - 13th they held a wish week where they sold stars and had a competition between the elementary classes to see who could collect the most change. The class that won the competition would be treated to a party in their classroom with the Student Council. They also held a dance on March 14th to raise money

**It does not matter how slowly you go
as long as you do not stop.**

Confucius

Glenrock High School

Student Council Tutoring Program 2014-2015

Teachers: Students will be available to you during Academic Plus to help you with any student(s) you deem necessary. At least 1 of these students will be available for the following Fridays: Sept. 12, 26 Oct. 3, 17 Nov. 7, 21 Dec. 12 Jan 16, 23 Feb. 6, 20 March 6, 20 Apr. 10, 24 and May 8.

The following students will be assigned to these teachers:

Kate Anfinson: Ben Finch, Tyler Olsen

Crystal Stevens-Benson: Ivy Engel, Erik Ellison

Al Finch: Chase Brooks, Garrett Schwindt

Kevin Halvorsen: Johnathon Finch, Maddie Brandt

JoAnn Schubert: Brock Jones, Brooke Williams

Sharla Dowding: Jadon Williams, Ty Bloem

Ryan Collier: Logan Downs, Bryce Lehner

Chase Anfinson: Nick Harnden, Tyson Buettgenback

Kyle Dahlke: Elijah Stewart, Isaac Ritter

Brandon Fife: Mary Cotton, Dillon Farley

This year, Glenrock High School Student Council decided to continue to act upon a major problem in their school. The number of students who were in mandatory reteaching on Friday afternoons was overwhelming the teachers. There could be almost thirty kids to only one teacher in a classroom on any given day! Not only that, but some students found it hard to focus and stay on task unless they had someone right there keeping an eye on them. The members of Student Council decided that because they had exceptional grades, and were never in reteaching, they would provide assistance to the overwhelmed teachers.

Each student was assigned to a teacher in their best core subject, and every Friday that there was mandatory reteaching, the student went to the teacher's classroom and helped any student that the teacher felt needed extra attention for an hour and a half. This helped to reduce the student to teacher ratio, and if the teacher needed to send some students to the library for some reason, but couldn't leave their classroom due to other students, they could send a group with a peer tutor as a mentor.

This has been going on throughout the year, and the teachers expressed their thankfulness for the peer tutors multiple times. Several have asked that the Student Council continue with this next year. Many struggling students have been able to get their grades up to passing due to the one-on-one attention they received from peer tutors, and the teachers get a little stress off their back. This in-school service project has

