



Superintendent Newsletter

For the month of September, I would like to reflect on the phrase, "school pride". In September we have many opportunities to display school pride for students, staff, families, and community patrons. I am proud to lead a school with a great mascot the irrigators. Our mascot is a symbol of the hard-working people in the area that put in long hours for hay crops, row crops, and provide abundant pastures for livestock.

When you think of school pride, you need to start with our Labor Day festivities in Newell. We have alumni that come to watch the Labor Day parade in Newell on Monday morning. Also, I enjoy giving tours of our facilities to alumni through this weekend. Our school buildings have changed a lot in the past couple years, but I enjoy walking through buildings such as the high school and having conversations with past irrigators.

Another school pride set of events that takes place in September is homecoming week which will be September 11th through 15th. Homecoming week starts out with coronation on Monday September 11th at 7:30 pm in the Austin Auditorium. The irrigator athletics teams will also have home events throughout the week with volleyball on Thursday September 14th starting at 4:15 pm in Austin Auditorium, cross country on Friday September 15th at the Newell golf course starting at 2:00 pm and concluding with our football game on Friday September 15th starting at 7:00 pm at the football field next to Austin Auditorium. Along with athletic events, we have a homecoming parade on Friday September 15th starting at 12:30 pm. Lastly, we have a PTO chili supper on Friday September 15th from 5:00-7:00 pm in the multipurpose room near the Newell elementary school. I would encourage everyone to participate in these activities to display school pride for the Newell irrigators.

Lastly, we have opportunities this month to engage parents and guardians in the academics at Newell School District. We will be having parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday September 19th from 1:00-7:00 pm. This year we are trying one night of parent/teacher conferences to give parents and guardians who work night shifts or find it more convenient to come into the school prior to 4:00 pm. Another opportunity for discussing academics at the Newell School will be a community meeting on Monday September 25th at 6:00 pm in the multipurpose room. In the community meeting, we will be presenting information gathered last year with the comprehensive needs assessment we did with the state of South Dakota. The theme for the presentation will be "bringing pride back to Newell School District" and we will be discussing options to improve the education of students. All parents, guardians, and patrons are invited to this meeting to hear how we are going to improve the education of our students in Newell.

Irrigator Pride!

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