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November 2023 | The Latest Updates from WSUP

The holiday season is here and there is just over a month left before 2023 comes to a close. With a new year on the horizon, now is a good time to start setting 2024 goals.

Partnership Updates

Governing Board Meetings

Review the [minutes and materials from the October Governing Board meeting](#) to ensure you are up-to-date on discussions and activities pertaining to the Partnership. The next WSUP Governing Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 and will be a virtual meeting**. A calendar place-holder has been sent out with a link for meeting materials.



Wyoming Transitions Program Project Update

We continue to make the inventory of high school programs designed to support students for success after graduation available for interested parties. The database can be found online through the WSUP website. We welcome any additions or corrections that are needed. Dr. Leslie Rush and Graduate Assistant, Kristy Palmer are in the process of completing transition programs case studies with potential best practices. They hope to have those available during the spring of 2024. This project funded by the Ellbogen Foundation and is

Interactive Map

designed to explore Wyoming high school programs that support students for post-secondary success.



District Residency Connections Fair

The second annual District Residency Connections Fair was hosted on the University of Wyoming Campus on October 19. This year saw an expansion of programming with panel discussions from Wyoming education leaders and students from UW College of Education, as well as, resource rotation stations. Finally the fair portion of the day connected 40 College of Education students with district and ed organization personnel. We have set a tentative date for **October 16, 2024** for the next DRCF.



Wyoming Education Association Best Practices Presentation

Take a moment to [view this insightful presentation](#) on WEA Best Practices given by Grady Hutcherson, President of Wyoming Education Association. A video will be uploaded to the Best Practices Library at a later date.

We are looking for a presentation for our **January 2024** meeting. Please take a moment to fill out the quick form below if your district, organization, or institution has a best practice you would like to share.

[Best Practices Sign-up](#)

Education Community Updates



Rock River High School Visits Eastern Wyoming College

On November 9th, 2023, a group of 12 Rock River High School juniors and seniors took a trip, coordinated by the High Altitude Pathways team, to Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington. This visit provided the students with a tour of campus and the space to learn more about what is offered at EWC. During the visit the students had the opportunity to meet with Zach Smith, Director of Enrollment Management who provided background information on program offerings. The tour was led by both Shelby and Dylan, two Lancer Student Ambassadors. Finally, the students ate lunch in the EWC cafeteria to round out their college campus tour.

Literacy Work Across Wyoming

During the month of October, the [Literacy Research Center and Clinic](#) personnel were engaged in providing educator support with school district partners and participated in events throughout the month. Support was provided to Big Horn #1, Sublette #1, Teton #1, and Fremont #38. The supports provided engaged district partners in instructional techniques, vocabulary expertise development, and book study design and participation.

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Upcoming Conferences and PD Opportunities



MTSS Center Virtual Training

The Wyoming MTSS Center is Hosting a Summit for the 2023-24 school years. Day one is a free virtual event with a keynote and two breakout sessions. At this event you can learn how to identify students who may be at risk for poor learning outcomes at the Wyoming MTSS Center's virtual training on December 6 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

[Sign Up](#)



WDE SPED Trainings

The Wyoming Department of Education's Special Education Programs Division is providing two virtual educational surrogate parent (ESP) trainings. A training geared toward district staff members responsible for appointing and supporting ESPs will take place on December 11 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. On December 13 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm, a training for individuals who are currently serving as an ESP or are interested in becoming an ESP will be offered.

[Register Here](#)

Educational Resources To Share



November is National American Indian Heritage Month which celebrates the traditions, languages, and stories of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and affiliated island communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation.

[Learn More](#)



Library of Congress Friends' Choice Civics Video Game Challenge

The Library of Congress is sponsoring a challenge to help improve public knowledge of civics—that is, the rights and responsibilities of citizens—by asking video games developers to create fun, lightweight video games related to civics that incorporate Library of Congress resources. Please see the rules and entry form for more information on this challenge. Submissions are due by November 27, 2023.

[Get Started](#)



Hathaway Bookmark Contest

The Hathaway Wyoming bookmark contest is open to all Wyoming K-6 students, including homeschools. The contest celebrates Hathaway Day and challenges students to draw what they want to be when they grow up. All bookmarks must be submitted by November 30. Top student artwork will be selected, printed, and shared with school libraries around the state. Individual submissions will also enter a students entire classroom into a Hathaway Scholarship swag drawing.

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Wyoming PBS Resources for Native American Heritage Month

WyomingPBS has resources to help mark Native American Heritage Month. "The American Buffalo" is a new addition to ["Ken Burns in the Classroom"](#) which engages students with new ideas, perspectives and primary sources. Allow your students to trace the buffalo's evolution, significance, its near extinction, and efforts to revive populations in the West.

[Watch the Film](#)

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