

Yerington High School

Newsletter



OCTOBER 2026

NOTE FROM ADMIN



FROM MRS. PEREZ'S DESK

Hello YHS Families and Students,
Mrs. Perez here, I have an important update for you. As we kick off another great season of athletics, clubs, and extracurricular activities, I want to share an important update regarding Lyon County School District Policy IGDC, which was updated at our recent September school board meeting. To help our students balance classroom success with their extracurricular activities, please review the new attendance requirements for participation:

- Games, Contests & Saturday Events: Students must attend all assigned classes for the entire school day to participate in a game, scrimmage, contest, or competition on that day. For Saturday events, full-day attendance on Friday is required.
- Practices: Students must attend at least 50% of their assigned classes on the day of a practice (or on Friday for a Saturday practice). Please note that an unexcused absence for any portion of the day will result in exclusion from practice.
- Suspensions: Any student serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension is ineligible to participate in practices, games, or events on that day (including Saturday events if suspended on Friday). Coaches, advisors, or administration may apply additional sanctions.
- Online Students & Exceptions: LyOnline students must submit equivalent attendance verification approved by administration. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances (such as doctor appointments, court, or family funerals) may be granted at the principal's discretion.

We appreciate your support in helping our students prioritize classroom learning so they can continue to represent our school in extracurricular activities. If you have any questions, please contact me.

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello YHS families!

We are excited to announce that after school tutoring will begin Tuesday, September 22nd at Yerington High School!

Tutoring will be available every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the YHS library. Our tutors will be Yerington High School teachers, giving students the opportunity to receive additional support from teachers who understand our students, curriculum, and expectations.

Students can use this time to get help with assignments or challenging concepts. Students can ask questions and receive additional instruction, work on projects, and catch up on missing work. After school tutoring can help students prepare for upcoming tests and also help students get organized and stay on track with their schoolwork.

This is a great opportunity for students to receive additional support and make progress toward their academic goals. Students do not need to be struggling in a class to attend tutoring. Any student who would like extra time, assistance, or a quiet place to work is welcome. We encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity and make tutoring part of their academic success plan. We are fortunate to have our own YHS teachers available to support our students, and we hope to see many students in the library!

Thank you for your continued support of YHS!
Go Lions!



Career & College Readiness Coach

Happy Fall!

As the school year continues, I continue to work closely with our amazing MTSS team to identify students who are in need of Tier II support.

We are deep diving MAP scores and identifying students who are struggling in reading to offer them additional support.

I also continue to check in with students who are credit deficient or who are struggling with failing grades.

If your student is struggling with any area of school life and feels like they need additional support or resources, please have them come and see me in room 11A.

Go Lions!

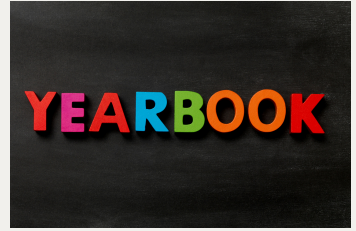
-Mrs. Starr



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SAFE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL

Justin Zuniga



Safe School Professional for YHS

Getting Outside for Mental Health

Getting outside and moving or being in nature has shown to be a way to improve physical and mental health through a growing movement called "park prescriptions" or "green prescriptions". These programs encourage patients to spend time outdoors to lower stress, reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and improve overall well-being, but are not a replacement for medical treatments like medication. This approach to healthcare is supported by research showing the benefits of nature, such as improved mood, attention, and sleep, and can include activities like visiting local parks or even spending time in smaller green spaces.

Research indicates that spending time in nature can lead to improved mental health and reduced stress. It can also contribute to better physical health by encouraging activity and has even been linked to benefits for conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes.

It's suggested to spend at least two hours a week in nature, while others, like the "20-5-3 Rule," propose a more structured approach of 20 minutes three times a week in a park, five hours a month in wilder nature, and three days a year in the backcountry.

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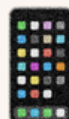
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PE Updates – Mr. Mansour

P.E. classes are in full swing and the students have been working extremely hard. Our goal is to help students develop lifelong fitness habits, teamwork skills, and their overall physical literacy. These first two months of school, students have been participating in a variety of activities. Each class session begins with our dynamic warm-up routine. These exercises are designed to improve flexibility, coordination, and overall athletic performance while helping prevent injuries. Students are becoming more confident in proper technique and movement patterns. We usually move on to our stations, where the students work together in small groups rotating through different exercises after a set time frame. Stations include activities such as jump rope, ladder drills, planks, core exercises, and many others.

Also, every three weeks the students will learn about and also participate in a variety of sports throughout the school year. Students will learn about the history and fundamentals of each sport, as well as perform individual and group/partner drills. We then move on to modified or small sided games before finishing the unit with a round-robin tournament. First semester sport units will include badminton, pickleball, volleyball, basketball, and floor hockey. We also have class discussions about sportsmanship, respect, integrity, and a positive mindset.

Thanks,

Mr. Mansour

"Let's Go Lions"

Correction from September:
We listed pathways offered at YHS; it should have read classes offered at YHS. The following are classes offered at YHS as electives, CTE credit, or dual credit:

Ag Science (level 1), Animal Science (level 2), Advanced Studies (Dual credit with UNR - complementary course)

Automation Technology (level 1 and 2)
Engineering Foundations (level 1 and 2)

Agricultural Welding, Power, and Structure Technology (level 1 and 2)

Principles of Health Science and CNA

Education 110 (dual credit with WNC)

Creative Art, Painting and Ceramics

Physical Education, Weights

Guitar, Band

The first 5 students to email Mr. Mansour their favorite PE activity will earn 20 Roar Points!



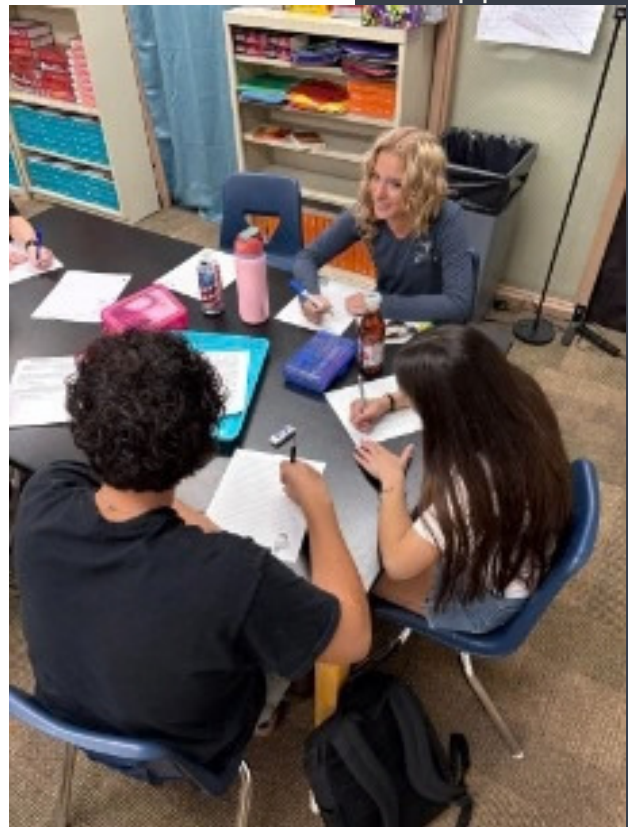
NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY



NHS members have launched a letter-writing project with elementary students, pairing high school leadership with younger writers who are still finding their voice. Their goal is to help elementary students practice writing while building real, positive relationships across grade levels. NHS members are not just sending notes, they are modeling what it looks like to listen, encourage, and care for a younger generation. NHS members are excited to write and they are excited to receive a replies.

Blood Drive! Oct.
22, 2026

Tell your friends and family about our Blood Drive on Oct. 22, 2026. Donations are desperately needed! You can go online at vitalant.org to make an appointment.



NHS officers recognized Ruben Jimenez for his service hours.
Congratulations!



English/ History/ Social Study Department

Several changes took place in our department to get this year started!

Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Mueller are now our government and economics teachers.

Mrs. Aldridge and Mrs. Childs now have all of the ninth grade English classes.

Mr. Aldridge edged back toward his first certification, English. He is now the Junior Honors English teacher.

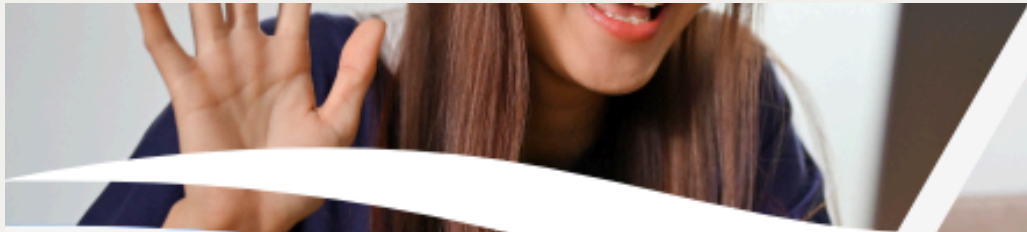
Mrs. Smith opened up a new elective, creative writing.

Mrs. Hurtado move into the ELL position!

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All Sophomores to Take the ACT WorkKeys

The ACT WorkKeys assessment is advantageous for students as it evaluates job-relevant skills, assists in earning a nationally recognized National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), and provides a credential that can be showcased to potential employers. Additionally, it aids students in career exploration and skill development, which can lead to enhanced opportunities, increased wages, and improved job performance.

Skills and Credentials

- **Measures Workplace Skills:** WorkKeys emphasizes practical, real-world skills such as applied math, graphic literacy, and workplace documents, all of which are essential for achieving job success.
- **Earns a National Certificate:** Upon successful completion, students can attain the NCRC, a credential that validates their skills to thousands of employers nationwide.
- **Demonstrates Job Readiness:** The NCRC serves as tangible evidence of skills, instilling confidence in students and showcasing their capabilities to prospective employers.

Career and Academic Support

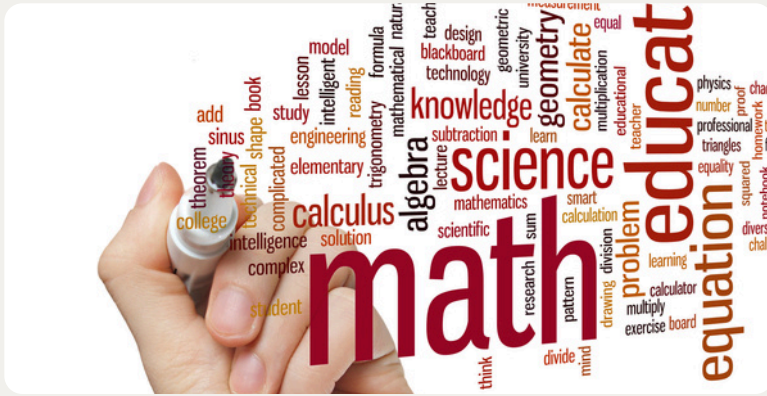
- **Aids Career Exploration:** The assessments guide students in confirming or exploring their career interests and setting achievable goals.
- **Builds a Resume:** Students can leverage their scores to create a resume that highlights relevant job skills.
- **Identifies Skill Gaps:** WorkKeys enables students to recognize their strengths and areas needing improvement, facilitating the development of targeted training plans.
- **Provides Alternative Pathways:** In certain states, WorkKeys may fulfill graduation requirements or serve as indicators of college and career readiness, offering an alternative for students whose strengths are not represented in traditional academic assessments.

Offers Additional Benefits: Excelling in WorkKeys can also help students obtain extra scholarship funding.



Interests	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Career Clusters
Conventional	- Log Graders and Scalers - Gambling Service Workers - Stockers and Order Fillers - Meter Readers, Utilities	- Computer Numerical Controlled Tool Programmers - Credit Counselors - Pharmacy Tech.	- Computer Programmers - Logistic Analysts - Web Developers - Appraisers	- Industrial Engineers - Actuaries - Clinical Data Managers - Information Security Analysts	Agriculture; Arts, Entertainment, & Design; Hospitality, Events, & Tourism; Public Service & Safety; Supply Chain & Transp.; Adv. Mfg.; Education; Healthcare & Human Svc.; Financial Svc; Construction
Realistic	- Food Servers - Agricultural Workers - Roofers - Light Truck Drivers - Structural Iron and Steel	- Veterinary Tech. - Auto Body Repair - Animal Caretakers - Audio/Video Tech. - Construction Labor	- Various Eng. Tech. - Electrical and Electronic Drafters - Appraisers - Aircraft Mechanics	- Engineers - Architects - Veterinarians - Commercial Pilots - Range Managers	Agriculture; Arts, Entertainment, & Design; Hospitality, Events, & Tourism; Public Service & Safety; Adv. Mfg.; Education; Healthcare & Human Svc.; Financial Svc; Construction
Investigative	All occupations require a higher NCRC Level	- Software Developers - Detective & Criminal Investigators - Intelligence Analysts - Social Science Tech.	- Audiologists - Bioinformatics Tech. - Computer Systems Analyst - Forensic Science Tech.	- Scientists - Engineers - Nurse Practitioner - Researchers - Sociologists	Agriculture; Arts, Entertainment, & Design; Public Service & Safety; Supply Chain & Transp.; Adv. Mfg.; Education; Healthcare & Human Svc.; Financial Svc; Construction
Artistic	Costume Attendants	- Graphic Designer - Special Effects Artists & Animators - Disc Jockeys - Camera Operators	- Video Game Designers - Producers & Directors - Commercial & Industrial Designers	- Set and Exhibit Designers - Interior Designers	Arts, Entertainment, & Design; Adv. Mfg.; Healthcare & Human Svc.
Social	- Residential Advisors - Healthcare Support - Waiters and Waitresses - Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	- Coach or Scout - Exercise Trainers - LPN - Healthcare Social Workers	- Therapists - Teachers - Registered Nurse - Counselors - EMT	- Postsecondary Teachers - Physician Assistants - Psychologists - Respiratory Therapists - Park Naturalists	Arts, Entertainment, & Design; Hospitality, Events, & Tourism; Public Service & Safety; Education; Healthcare & Human Svc.
Enterprising	All occupations require a higher NCRC Level	- Chefs & Head Cooks - Sales - Various First-Line Supervisors, Managers and Directors	- General Operations Manager - Human Resource Manager - Treasurers & Controllers - Buyers & Purchasers	- Construction Managers - Chief Executives - Judges and Attorneys - Sales Engineers - Agricultural Mgr.	Agriculture; Arts, Entertainment, & Design; Hospitality, Events, & Tourism; Public Service & Safety; Supply Chain & Transp.; Adv. Mfg.; Energy & Nat. Resources; Healthcare & Human Svc.; Financial Svc; Construction

Digital Technology, Management & Entrepreneurship, and Marketing & Sales are cross-cutting career clusters.



UNLOCKING MATH CONFIDENCE WITH ALEKS

Dear Families,

We're excited to share how our school is supporting every student's growth in math through the ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) program! ALEKS is an adaptive, online learning system that helps students strengthen their math foundations and build confidence step by step.

★ What Makes ALEKS So Effective?

ALEKS isn't just another math app—it's a personalized learning experience. Using artificial intelligence, ALEKS pinpoints exactly what each student knows, what they're ready to learn next, and what areas need more practice. This means no wasted time on skills your child already understands and extra support where it's truly needed.

How It Helps Students

- Individualized Learning Paths: ALEKS creates a custom roadmap for every student, allowing them to progress at their own pace.
- Targeted Remediation: The program helps close learning gaps by revisiting foundational skills essential for future math success.

Instant Feedback: Students receive immediate feedback and step-by-step explanations, reinforcing concepts while they're still fresh.

Confidence Building: As students master new topics, they can see their progress grow on their “pie chart,” motivating them to keep going.

How We Use ALEKS at School

Students work on ALEKS during scheduled class or intervention times. Teachers monitor their progress and use ALEKS reports to tailor instruction and provide extra help when needed. This partnership between technology and teacher insight ensures that each student gets the right support at the right time.

How You Can Help at Home

- Encourage your child to spend a few extra minutes on ALEKS each week.
- Celebrate small milestones—every slice of that ALEKS pie represents growth!
- Ask your child what new topics they're learning and let them explain it to you (teaching someone else helps deepen understanding).

Together, we can help every student feel capable, confident, and ready to tackle math challenges with a positive attitude. If you have questions about ALEKS or want to learn more about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's math teacher.

Sincerely,

YHS Math Department

Jennifer Kile – Department Chair, Prob & Stats,
Algebra II, Math 126/127, Edgenuity
Eric Soto – Math 95/96, Geometry
Mathew Hoyte – Algebra I and Pre-Algebra

SCIENCE UPDATE



Our science classes have been busy getting hands-on with some big concepts! In Chemistry, students dove into the world of chemical vs. physical reactions (check out the pics to see them in action!). Over in Astronomy, our class modeled the Big Bang Theory by creating their very own expanding "balloniverse" models. Meanwhile, Biology students zoomed in to model subatomic particles, discovering how these fundamental building blocks come together to form life itself. So proud of their curiosity and hard work!



We want to share an important update regarding Policy IGDC, Extra-/Co-Curricular Activities Expectations.

This policy outlines the expectations for students who participate in school-sponsored organizations, athletic teams, clubs, student government, band, and competitions outside of their regular classes.

The policy has recently been updated, and we want to make sure students and families are aware of some of the key expectations:

- A student who is suspended or expelled from school is not eligible to participate in extra-/co-curricular activities for the duration of the suspension or expulsion.
- Students participating in extra-/co-curricular activities are expected to maintain passing grades in their academic classes.
- Students must be present in their assigned classes for the entire school day in order to participate in a game, scrimmage, contest, competition, or similar event held that same day.
- Students must be present for the entire school day on Friday in order to participate in an event scheduled for the following Saturday.
- Students must be present for at least 50% of the school day to participate in practice scheduled for that same day.
- Students must be present for at least 50% of the school day on Friday to participate in practice scheduled for the following Saturday.
- An unexcused absence for any portion of the school day will result in the student being ineligible to participate in practice that day or the following Saturday, as applicable.
- Students who serve as elected student government officers may be removed from office if they violate a major school rule or regulation.

Our goal is to support students in being successful both in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities. Regular attendance and academic progress are important parts of that success, and these expectations help reinforce the connection between academics, attendance, and participation.

The full policy is attached for your review. We encourage parents and guardians to read through the policy with their students so everyone understands the expectations.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and Yerington High School activities. We appreciate our families, coaches, advisors, and students who work together to make our extracurricular programs successful!

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



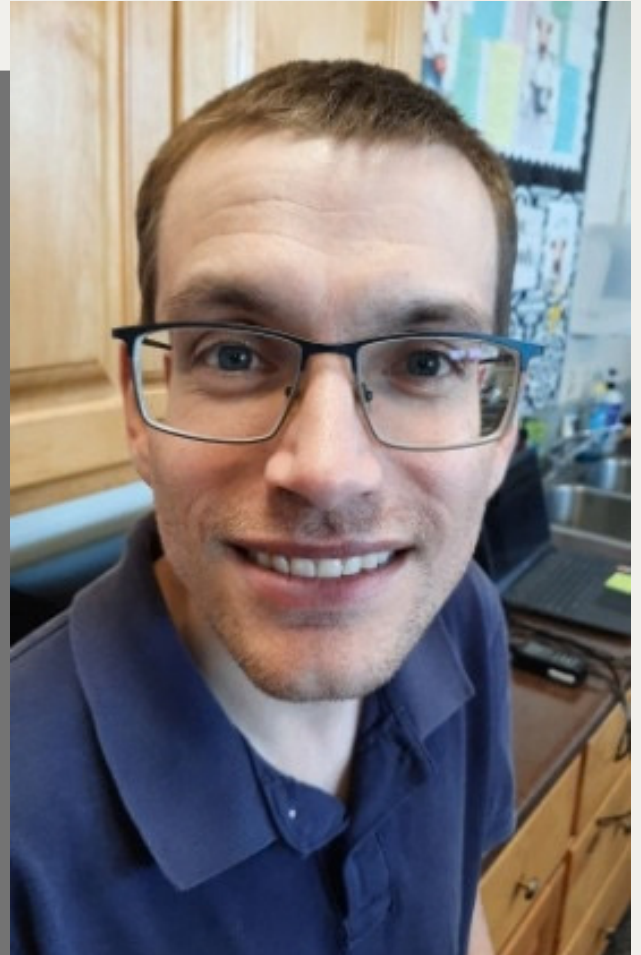
MR. MILLER DEPARTMENT HEAD

Mr. Miller—Ms. Ichord--Mr. Chenevert on call

Well another summer break has come and gone. With the start of a new school year we are seeing some changes in the SPED department.

First Ms. LaFleur has taken another position and is no longer in the CLS room. This position is now held by Ms. Ichord who will run room #15

We are also happy to welcome Connor Chenevert as a new member to our team. He will be doing resource in room #10 and is looking forward to working with the kids. Mr. "C" as we call is former US Military Intelligence Serviceman; has great stories of things that "did not happen" while at Area 51. He laughs at the rumor of "little green men" and confirms "they are more greyish" than one would think.





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ATHLETICS UPDATE

Welcome to the month of October sports fans!

At the end of the month, many of our fall sports will be going into Regional Championships.

Please make sure you are checking parent square regularly for all athletic updates. That will be our main source of communication.

First day of Winter sports is Saturday, November 14th. Please keep an eye on parent square for meeting and try out information.

If you did not play a Fall sport, please make sure your physical is uploaded into RMA. It must be uploaded before you will be cleared. Turn in your LCSD policy JB and JFCJ to your coach.

RMA/Akitivate (online registration) must be completed before the first day of tryouts.

If you have any questions please reach out to your coach or see Mrs. Starr in room 11A.

Go Lions!

-Mrs. Starr

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Class of 2029

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October is off to an exciting start. Homecoming week wraps up at the beginning of the month, and photos will be shared in the next newsletter.

Sophomore year is bringing more academic rigor, and students are feeling it. A consistent reminder from home to stay on top of grades still matters. One bright spot: they continue to love early-out Wednesdays.

Keep asking about school. Talk with them about their independent reading book and have them tell you what the story is about. Ask what they did in lab and what they are studying in history. Those conversations help them process the work and keep you connected to their day.

The weather is turning cooler, and classroom temperatures can vary, so layering is a smart habit.

This year is moving quickly. Let's stay present for all that is happening.



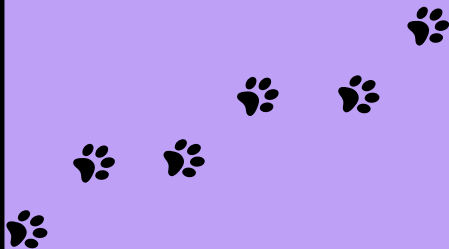
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October 2026

				1	Homecoming Parade -Volleyball @ 3:00/4:00 -Football at 7:00pm HoCo Dance	2	3
4	5	6	7 -Volleyball at PCHS FAFSA Night 6 p.m. YHS MPR	8	9 -Volleyball at Silver Stage -Football at YHS	10	-Girls soccer at Whittell
11	12	13	14 FFA Chapter Meeting - lunch	15	16 -Volleyball at West Wendover -Football at Coral Academy	17	-Volleyball at Battle Mountain -Boys soccer at Sage Ridge
18	19	20 -Boys and girls soccer at Dayton	21 ½ Day Parent Teache Conferences	22	23 -Volleyball at YHS -Football at Incline -Boys and girls soccer at YHS	24	-Volleyball at YHS -Boys and Girls Soccer at YHS
25	26 FFA Scavenger Hunt	27 FFA Scavenger Hunt	28 FFA Scavenger Hunt	29 -Football at YHS Trunk or Treat Teacehr Parking lot 4-6	30 No School - Nevada Day	31	



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