



## Hale Area Schools

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Today marks the end of the third marking period and the start of Spring Break. When we return from the break, things will move very quickly until the end of the year. We will have end of the year assessments, MSTEP, SAT, etc. The end of the school year also brings many celebrations such as Academic Awards Nights, Prom, graduation, and many other activities.

It also is a time that as a school community we really need to buckle down. The weather will improve, and with the many activities I have listed, it can be difficult to bear down and focus on learning until the end of the year. As a school community, we all need to work together to push our children to work hard until that end. That school community includes our families, as well as our staff and students.

This means getting our kids to school and getting them to school on time. This means sitting down with them and making sure studies are complete. This means reviewing your student's academic progress and working with the school towards success. This means we all need to show grit and not take the easy way out.

We could have taken the easy way out today and canceled the school going into Spring Break because of the weather forecast. We chose not to because we felt it was safe for our students and staff to attend, and our students need school. This is the attitude we must take through the end of the year. We must not take the easy way out.

I am asking that we work together to make the end of the school year the best we can. Do the extras. Be engaged in our children. These efforts will make the end of the school year celebrations all the more worth celebrating.

Educationally Yours,

Jeffrey J. Yorke, Superintendent  
Hale Area Schools

*Mission Statement: Our mission is to empower all students to be successful, lifelong learners in an ever-changing society, confident and respectful individuals who are able to live safe, happy, and active lives, and responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to their community.*