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The Mighty Buffalo students and staff have begun the second semester with vigor. Report cards have been sent out.

On Jan. 11, 2012 and Jan. 18, 2012, personnel from each of the three Hugo school sites will participate in non-violent CPI training at the Kiamichi Technology Center. The training is one of the new requirements from the state department of education.

Schools throughout the nation are facing incidents of bullying, cyber bullying and bullicide. This past semester Hugo High School students were presented with a bully prevention program. Hugo Middle School will be having the program on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend. Parents, teachers and administrators, working together, can prevent incidents of bullying.

Cyber bullying occurs via cell phone, iPad, computer or other electronic device. Many of our students have parents or adults who monitor their student's computer usage. However, there are students who have not internalized etiquette rules when using the internet. We will continue to remind students of the proper usage of electronic devices. We ask for parents to work with us to keep our students safe.

Bullicide has unfortunately become a new term in the bullying and suicide literature. It means that a victim of repeated bullying became depressed and then died by suicide. Our students need to know there is a responsible adult who cares enough to listen to them and react to any bullying issues.

Middle school will host "Meet and Greet" events with all parents, with seventh grade parents, Jan. 10; and eighth grade parents Jan. 19. Make plans to attend and enjoy a meal and conversation with teachers and other parents.

Our basketball teams participated in tournaments during the holidays and continue to be successful.

Thank you to everyone who attended or made a donation to the successful fund raiser for Dedrie Stephens, Hugo High School Flag Corps instructor. Thanks also to one Hugo High School student, Julianna Bennett, who went the extra mile by placing donation jars in several businesses. Please keep Dedrie and her family in your prayers.

If you have questions or concerns, come by or call the administration office.