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USD 263 District Newsletter

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District Budget Update

If you were to walk into any building in our district you would never notice that USD 263 has had over \$800,000 in cuts. This is a strong testament to our district staff. Our district employees will do whatever it takes, with whatever resources they have available; to make sure your students continue to receive a great education. Our people represent what is good about professional educators; students come first.

As more budget cuts are being considered in Topeka, the Board of Education has set four goals to direct the district towards meeting this funding crisis. The number one goal is to save and maintain all current jobs. In the past year, 26.5 positions were either cut or reduced. The result has been class sizes of 25 to 28, the elimination of some elective courses plus shared duties from building to building. Many employees in the district have assumed numerous additional job responsibilities. The second goal is not to cut any student contact days. When days are removed from the calendar the classified employees (hourly employees) suffer the brunt of the cuts plus students miss quality instructional time with their teachers. This also denies some students with what might be the best meal they get during the day. Goal number three is to maintain the classrooms. This includes making sure that teachers have the necessary supplies and equipment to adequately educate our students. The final goal is to keep all of the buildings clean and safe. No matter what happens with the budget, the safety of our students and staff comes first.

Along with the cuts from the previous year, adjustments have also been made since the beginning of school. The buildings were closed during Thanksgiving, winter break and will be closed during spring break. Older vehicles have been removed from service and the insurance deductibles on vehicles were raised. Heating and cooling units have been adjusted to assist in the reduction of utility costs. Within the budget, we continue to review each expenditure to make sure we are getting the maximum benefit from our different sources of revenue.

With the use of creativity, imagination, and caring, quality employees, our district will make it through the funding crisis. Rest assured that we are going to continue to advocate for our students and provide the quality education and services that you expect of the Mulvane School System.

Dr. Brad Rahe
Superintendent of Schools

MGS News!

Red Ribbon Week Celebration October 26-30 PAWS-itively Drug Free

Students and staff celebrated Red Ribbon week October 26 - 30 with daily dress up days, creating a fence message and a poster contest.



Stay in the Game-wear red clothes



Good Character, Good Choices-wear a "positive" character costume



Use your Head, Don't do Drugs-wear crazy hair, wig, & or hat



Follow your Dreams, Don't do Drugs-wear PJ's



Poster winners, two students from 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades, received a drug free t-shirt



Wear Red Day-wear red clothes

Veteran's Memorial Wall



MGS students and staff honored their veterans by making a flag and displaying pictures of veterans. Mrs. Jacobson, pictured above, organized a "Veteran's Memorial" wall. Students wrote on each paper ring the reasons they are grateful to veterans. Surrounding the flag are pictures of veterans that students and staff brought from home.

Congratulations to Maggie Sweeney, Winner of the iPod Shuffle



Mulvane Grade School and T.A.P.E. teamed up to collect canned food and monetary donations for the Kansas Food Bank and Mulvane Care & Share, November 9-13, 2009. For every 5 non-perishable food items of \$1.00 students donated, they voted for the 2009-2010 yearbook cover AND entered a raffle for an iPod Shuffle.

Thanks to the generosity of Mulvane families MGS donated \$377.00 cash and almost 1000 pounds of canned foods.

MMS News!

Do the Right Thing

The middle school was able to send 97% of the students to the Wichita State Women's Basketball game on December 11th. The students were very well behaved and everyone, including teachers and staff, had a great time. Thank you for continuing to teach your child the importance of doing their best both at home and at school. They were rewarded for doing the right thing!

Reindeer Games

Fundraiser for Wichita Children's Home is a Success

The annual Fundraiser for The Wichita Children's Home was a big success. Mr. Huss' car raced 8th grader Logan Adam's car (last year's overall class champion). The contest was to be the best two out of three races this year. However, Mr. Huss' car won the first race and second race. A select group of 6th graders (6 per team) battled in a contest of musical chairs. This requires students to be the quickest in making a lay-up and getting back to their chair until all were eliminated. This year's champion is Cody Johnston. Finally, the faculty challenged the MMS Basketball teams in an exciting game. Students paid \$1.00 or \$2.00 at the door to attend the assembly. This event raised \$750 for the Wichita Children's Home.



MHS News!

MHS Art Happenings

Lauri Terhune and the advanced art students recently completed their doughnut sales for a field trip to the Nelson Art Museum in Kansas City. The field trip will provide students an opportunity to view many styles of art from different famous artists. Students sold Krispy Krème doughnuts during advisory period two times per week in order to fund the expenses of the trip. The one day field trip is scheduled for April 30, 2010.

The art department also had a speaker from the Art Institute who presented information on different options in the art field. The presentation focused on the school and the opportunities for students interested in pursuing art as a career in college. Information was also provided on ways to get scholarships.

Art and Technology Show

Fans of the Art and Technology Show need not worry when they see the show is not scheduled for March. The annual show has been pushed back to April 6, a Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations

Mulvane Cross Country Team & Coaches

The Kansas Cross Country/Track & Field Coaches Association has announced its 2009 Academic All-State Team. From Mulvane, seniors Wyatt James and Nikki Trooien-Smith, and junior Evan Landes were named to the Boys 4A team.

To be named to the team a student/athlete shall:

Be a current Junior or Senior in high school

Have placed in the top 30 at their respective State Cross Country meet this year

Hold a cumulative high school un-weighted 3.75 GPA or higher



MHS Fall Events



Seth Mundt as the Prince and Megan Reed as Mrs. Potts in the fall musical, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Many thanks to the students whose hard work and dedication helped to make the production a great success.



In November, the MHS senior class raked leaves for community members who signed up for the service project. Pictured here is Ms. Banzet's Advisory class.



Esprit de Corps after singing at the Sedgwick County Courthouse, included in the picture is Gwen Welshimer 5th District County Commissioner and Eula West long time receptionist at the courthouse.

Mulvane High School Vocal Department started December off with their annual Winter Concert which featured Esprit de Corps, Women's Choir, Mixed Chorus and Special Acts on December 1st. Esprit de Corps did several holiday runout concerts including MPS, MGS, MMS, Central Office and Mulvane Senior Center, the Villa Maria, Sterling House in Derby, Carson Bank, Towne West and the Sedgwick County Courthouse on December 4th, 5th, 11th and 18th. Women's Choir also performed at the Villa Maria. Upcoming events for Esprit de Corps include working a few concession stands and singing the National Anthem at the homecoming game.

Mulvane Middle School Vocal Department performed their winter concert on December 10th in the high school auditorium. This featured the second nine weeks sixth grade music students, the seventh/eighth grade choir and several students with speaking parts and singing solos.

All vocal events were well attended and the vocal department would like to thank the community members and parents for supporting the arts in school.

MHS January Calendar of Events

January 4, 2010		January 16, 2010	
7:45 am	MHS 1st Day of 2nd Semester	TBA	MHS B & G F BKB Mulvane Freshman Tournament
3:00 pm	MHS Bowling Begins	9:00 am	MHS B V WR @ Clearwater Tournament
January 5, 2010		January 18, 2010	
	MHS registration postmark deadline for ACT on 2/6/2010	NO SCHOOL	MHS Teacher Inservice
4:15 pm	MHS B & G F BKB vs Buhler	January 20, 2010	
5:45 pm	MHS B JV BKB vs Buhler	TBA	MHS B V BKB @ Chaparral Tournament
6:00 pm	MHS G V BKB vs Buhler	January 21, 2010	
7:30 pm	MHS B V & G JV BKB vs Buhler	TBA	MHS B V BKB @ Chaparral Tournament
January 6, 2010		6:00 pm	MHS B V & JV WR vs Augusta **SENIOR RECOGNITION*
7:00 pm	MHS Booster Club Meeting	January 22, 2010	
January 7, 2010		TBA	MHS State Debate
6:00 pm	MHS B V & JV WR vs ElDorado	TBA	MHS B V BKB @ Chaparral Tournament
January 8, 2010		3:30 pm	MHS V/JV Bowling @ Andale (West Acres Bowl)
4:15 pm	MHS B & G F BKB @ Andover Central	4:15 pm	MHS G F BKB vs Clearwater
5:45 pm	MHS B JV BKB @ Andover Central	5:45 pm	MHS G JV BKB vs Clearwater
6:00 pm	MHS G V BKB @ Andover Central	7:30 pm	MHS G V BKB vs Clearwater
7:30 pm	MHS B V & G JV BKB @ Andover Central	January 23, 2010	
January 9, 2010		TBA	MHS State Debate
8:00 am	MHS B V WR @ Wichita North Tournament	9:30 am	MHS B JV WR @ Haven *CANCELLED**
11:00 am	MHS Boys V Bowling @ Bishop Carroll annual Bakers Bowling Invitational Tournament (West Acres Bowl)	TBA	MHS B V BKB @ Chaparral Tournament
2:00 pm	MHS Girls V Bowling @ Bishop Carroll annual Bakers Bowling Invitational Tournament (West Acres Bowl)	January 25, 2010	
January 11, 2010		TBA	MHS G V BKB Mulvane Wildcat Classic
7:00 pm	MHS Financial Aide Information Night for Class of 2010 & Parents	January 26, 2010	
January 12, 2010		TBA	MHS G V BKB Mulvane Wildcat Classic
4:00 pm	MHS V/JV Bowling @ ElDorado (ElDorado Prairie Bowl)	January 27, 2010	
4:15 pm	MHS B & G F BKB vs Augusta	4:00 pm	MHS V/JV Bowling @ Andover (Northrock Lanes)
5:45 pm	MHS B JV BKB vs Augusta	January 28, 2010	
6:00 pm	MHS G V BKB vs Augusta	9:30 am	MHS Sophomore Class meeting to hand out class ring order forms
7:30 pm	MHS B V & G JV BKB vs Augusta	TBA	MHS G V BKB Mulvane Wildcat Classic
January 14, 2010		6:00 pm	MHS B V & JV WR @ Andover
3:30 pm	MHS V/JV Bowling vs Andover Central (Derby Bowl)	January 29, 2010	
6:00 pm	MHS B V & JV WR @ Buhler	4:15 pm	MHS B F BKB vs Clearwater
January 15, 2010		5:45 pm	MHS B JV BKB vs Clearwater
	MHS Late registration postmark deadline for 2/6/2010 ACT	7:30 pm	MHS B V BKB vs Clearwater
6:00 pm	MHS B V & JV WR @ Buhler	January 30, 2010	
		9:00 am	MHS B V WR @ Garden Plaine Tournament
		9:30 am	MHS B JV WR @ Marion
		TBA	MHS G V BKB Mulvane Wildcat Classic



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To: Parents of USD-263

From: Superintendent of Schools

During the 1988-89 school year, by order of the Mulvane Public Schools, USD-263 completed a survey of all buildings owned or leased by the USD-263 as required by 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule. This rule, which was enacted by Congress in 1987, requires all local education agencies to identify the location and condition of all asbestos-containing materials in the schools, and to develop plans to minimize the hazard of airborne asbestos fibers to building occupants.

Each of our facilities was inspected by accredited asbestos inspectors. The inspectors located, sampled, and rated the condition and the potential hazard of all material suspected to contain, or assumed to contain asbestos.

The inspection reports and laboratory analysis records were turned over to an accredited asbestos management planner who developed an asbestos management plan for each of our facilities. The plans include the inspection report, hazard assessment, and procedures for controlling any hazard that may exist.

Where asbestos is in good condition as it is in most of our schools, the asbestos has been left in place serving its intended purpose. Every six months an accredited asbestos inspector examines all asbestos-containing materials in buildings owned or leased by the USD-263 to determine its present condition, as required by the above-mentioned Federal Rule. In addition to our regular maintenance, asbestos removal activities have been completed at various sites over the past three years. The criteria for selecting the sites for asbestos abatement are need and budgetary constraints. The three biggest priority conditions that would dictate asbestos removal are those where the damage to the asbestos containing material is unrepairable; where removal of the asbestos is required to make necessary repairs (such as repiping)/ and where replacement of equipment (such as boilers) or major building renovations cannot be accomplished until the asbestos is removed. All abatement activities are recorded in the building management plan.

The asbestos management plan of your work / school site is available for your inspection at no cost or restriction. Copies of the plan which are located in the administration office of each school and at the USD-263 business and/or business office can be reviewed during regular school / business hours. A copy of the plan will be made available upon request for a reasonable fee. Any questions concerning the plan should be directed to the Asbestos Program Manager.



FROM THE CITY OF MULVANE

City Web Site: www.mulvanekansas.com

City Hall - 777-1143

City Sewer Averaging:

A customer's sewer charge is based on the average water consumption for the months of December, January, & February. Once the average has been established, the customer will pay that amount all year. An increase in water usage during these three months will affect the customer's sewer average for the next year. New customers that have not established a sewer average will be charged the current City average until they have established their own average.

City Utility Bills:

Payment is due by the 5th of each month in order to avoid the late penalty. Bills paid after the 5th are subject to a 5% penalty. Shut-off for non-payment is 1:00 p.m. the 20th of each month. Please attach your utility bill stub to your payment to insure you receive proper credit to your bill. For after hours utility service, please call the Mulvane Police Dept. Dispatcher at 777-4262.

City Council Meetings:

First and third Mondays of each month at city hall 211 N. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome. Council members are Mayor Jim Ford, Joe Johnson, Jenean Keck, Doug Hatfield, Terry Richardson and Shawn Townson.

Sewer Back-ups Happen!

Basements with floor drains are susceptible to this problem. You should install a back-flow preventor on your basement sewer service line. Be sure your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy covers sewer back-up damage.

Dog & Cat Licenses:

All dogs and cats must be vaccinated and licensed. Licenses expire January 1st. Renew your pet's license at the Mulvane Police Station. Proof of vaccination required.



Mulvane USD 263 Mission Statement:

The mission of the Mulvane Public Schools is to prepare all students with academic and life skills while respecting the diverse social, educational, and cultural characteristics of each individual student.

The core values of Mulvane students and staff are based on a foundation of:

- *Respectful, positive relationships*
- *Safe learning environment*
- *Competent, knowledgeable staff*
- *Appropriate social skills and citizenship*
- *Professionalism with integrity*
- *Open and honest communication*

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Board of Education meetings are held at the Mulvane District Office at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.



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