
WILDCAT PRIDE



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Do you ever wonder what really happens in a school during the summer? Some imagine a dark building with nobody home. Actually it's quite the opposite. June, July and August are some of the busiest times in the district. Ordering supplies, performing repairs on buildings, mowing the grass, waxing the floors, painting the buildings and servicing our vehicles are just a small part of the activities that take place. On top of that we still have students in the buildings and special programs meeting weekly. Did you know that during the summer every bus and van light bulb, belt, hose and tire is checked for state inspection?

Our classified staffs are some of the most dedicated, hard working people you will ever meet. They take great pride in making sure your student attends school in a safe and clean building or rides to school on a safe bus. With recent budget cuts and future funding concerns, this group has used their talents and expertise to help the district save money while at the same time doing more with less.

As summer break begins, I would like to thank everybody that helps our district be as good as it is. From the volunteers at the buildings who help in the classrooms, to the parent groups who help support the district financially, to the great teachers and staff who give our students 100 percent effort every day, thank you.

Recently a nearby school district mailed brochures to some of our district families recruiting them to attend their school. I was asked what I was going to do about it. My reply, "nothing." I believe that when you offer the learning opportunities and caring atmosphere that Mulvane takes pride in, our students will stay here. Bottom line---we just need to continue to be the best!

Have a great break and enjoy your summer.

Dr. Brad Rahe,
Superintendent of Schools

MPS News

Through the month of April, Munson students celebrated National Poetry Month in the library by reading and memorizing fun poems and trying to write their own poems. Nursery rhymes, interactive rhymes and poems, concrete poems, and acrostics were enjoyed by all students. First graders wrote a senses poem about something that was special to them.

At the end of the month, Munson students and staff were challenged to participate in Turn Off Your TV Week. Munson families logged the number of minutes read each night and listed various activities they did instead of watching TV or playing video games. Mulvane Public Library teamed with Munson's Library during the week, providing a prize and free library cards to all students accompanied by a parent. Students who completed Mrs. White's library treasure hunt at the public library and who checked out books during this week were also rewarded with special bookmarks.

The week wrapped up with the Read Across America race; with the class who read the most minutes per student at each grade level earning an end-of-the-year library party. Mrs. Blake's morning preschool class read 652 minutes during Turn Off Your TV week. Mrs. Burkhart's kindergarten class continued her library reading party streak, logging 1,151 minutes of reading. Mrs. Walter's first grade class edged out Mrs. Endres' class by 82 minutes, reading a total of 1,289 minutes. Mrs. McClellan's reading chart stood out on Munson's reading challenge wall with 2,374 minutes of reading!

Over 150 Munson students and staff accepted the challenge of reading a minimum of 60 minutes during Turn Off Your TV week and turning off the TV a minimum of three days, listing the different activities they tried instead. Way to go!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Mulvane High School Library

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

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Sat. May 8, 2010
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Mulvane students will help provide entertainment for Book Fair guests: artwork, storytime, music, drama, poetry, & Nook demonstrations

Book Fair proceeds will help purchase books STUDENTS have requested for the Mulvane High School library.

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Good News is Always Happening At MGS

Hoops for Heart Shoot Out

The Mulvane Grade School held its Hoops For Heart shootout Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the grade school gym. Students participating in the shootout earned that honor during our Hoops For Heart event the week of February 8th by either attaining the most “Knock-out” wins or the sweatiest head!

First place winners were rewarded with a one month pass to the Derby Recreation Commission. Second place winners were rewarded with a one month family pass to the Mulvane Recreation Commission.

This year’s event raised approximately \$4,000. Thanks to the Mulvane Rec., Derby Rec. and Wendy’s for providing prizes for this event and to the students, staff and community for making this event a success.



CUBS Club

The MGS CUBS Club has had a busy second year! CUBS stands for Community Understanding and Believing in Succeeding. Approximately 20 students meet a couple of times a month before school to plan ways in which to help their school and community. Students have decorated and delivered cupcakes to the Villa Maria for Veteran’s Day and helped with the Hats for Haiti fundraiser. On April 19th, the CUBS held a fun carnival for the residents of the Villa Maria. They planned and organized indoor and outdoor activities and served s’mores for snacks. A great time was enjoyed by young and old!

Hats for Haiti



On Friday, February 05, 2010 students and staff contributed one dollar to the earthquake victims of Haiti and wore a hat and a sticker. Cubs Club members helped collect money at the front doors. Over \$350.00 was donated to the Red Cross.



Painted Lady Butterfly Hatching Project

Ten classrooms participated in the Painted Lady Butterfly Hatching Project. Hatching Painted Lady butterflies in the classroom provided a rich, hands-on learning experience. Students learned about a butterfly’s life cycle, body structure, and its connection to the environment. Throughout the hatching project, students gained important skills regarding observation and comparison. They also had fun imagining where their Painted Ladies might travel after they were released.



Fourth Grade Students Attend STARBASE

The fourth grade classes at Mulvane Grade School attended the STARBASE program at McConnell Air Force Base. Each class went one day a week for five consecutive weeks to complete a curriculum that included team work, rocketry, robotics, flight simulators, and Newton's Laws of Motion.

The classes needed at least one parent volunteer for every five students. Without the help of volunteers, the students would not be able to attend the STARBASE program. The teachers and students would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make this incredible learning experience possible.



The fifth and final day students and parents launched the rockets they made and attended STARBASE Graduation. Each student received a certificate of completion, t-shirt, pen, and kept their rockets as souvenirs.

STARBASE is funded through the National Defense Fund. The purpose of this activity is to encourage students to have fun while learning math, science, and technology, and possibly pursue careers in those subjects.



Promoting Dental Health at MGS

On February 10th, a dental hygienist from a local dental office visited with our 3rd graders about good dental hygiene to promote dental health month. They discussed healthy eating choices along with the importance of brushing and flossing. All students received a gift bag that included a toothbrush, hour glass timer and floss.



On March 11th, two registered dental hygienists from the Sedgwick County Health Department's Children's Dental Clinic came to Mulvane and provided screenings to 363 children at the grade school. The dental screenings are provided at no charge to the school to help identify children that may be in need of dental care. The dental hygienists use a flashlight and a tongue blade to screen the children.

Technology Open House

Trista Cuthbertson, Katie Entwisle, Jan Ward, Jason Townsend, and Thomas Schmitz have participated in the TRC (Technology Rich Classroom) grant during the 2009-2010 school year. The grant has provided over \$150,000 for the purchase of new hardware and software, 21 days of professional development for the classroom teachers, and collaboration experiences with other Kansas school districts. These resources have been combined to target student math instruction and computer skills. Parents, students, and friends were encouraged to attend the TRC Open House on April 22nd at the Mulvane Grade School. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase our progress and recognize the students' dedication and hard work.



MMS News

State Assessments: Round 2

Half of our students began math assessments on Monday, March 29th. The other half took their assessments the week of April 5th. All students were treated to a pancake breakfast on the Monday of the week they were testing, fun pencils (courtesy of Mulvane PD) and if they did their very best, an afternoon of a fun activity of their choice. (Letters sent home March 26th).

These assessments are important not only for the school but for your child as well. The individual results of the assessments help the staff determine the best placement for next year's math remedial labs and/or other academic support classes. Your child's teachers have worked very hard preparing students.

Congratulations to Wrestlers

The Wildcat Wrestling Team competed in the Pioneer League Division IV Championship Wrestling Tournament for the 2009 season. Mulvane placed fourth overall in the tournament. Congratulations to the following wrestlers who placed at the League Tournament: 2nd Place: Blake Cusick; Elijah White; Cody Tackett. 3rd Place: Zach Froese and 4th place: Brady Teufel and Quinton Foster. Congratulations to Cody McDonald, Chase Miller and Evan Elston who all were League Champions! "A job well done" goes to the wrestlers, managers, and Coach Rhodes and Coach Cline.

NO SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MMS STUDENTS

Watch for details on an exciting free program to reward MMS students who want to keep up with their math and reading skills over the summer.

DETAILS COMING SOON!

A Bowl of Spaghetti



The students at MMS were anxious to meet a fund-raising goal of \$3000 in order to have Mr. Hoy, Vice Principal, in a big bowl of pasta. The students chose the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and participated in their Pennies for Patients Campaign. Taylor Heersche, a 7th grader at MMS, is their inspiration as she was diagnosed with Leukemia a little over a year ago. The Olive Garden offered to pay for a pasta lunch for the top three Advisement classes in each grade who donated the most. Our Sevenettes club, with Mrs. Ashley Fenn, their sponsor, helped organize the event. The Sevenettes helped sponsor a pizza lunch from Pizza Hut for the runners-up (2nd Place Advisement classes). As you see, the goal was met and everyone had a great time - except for Mr. Hoy!!!



2010 Art and Technology Show

The Art and Technology Show was again a well received event. On Tuesday, April 6th, the high school commons and hallways were filled with students, parents, and friends admiring the many projects created by their sons and daughters in various art and technology classes from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. If you were unable to attend the show, make plans to be there next spring. Mulvane has many talented students in the district who look forward to displaying their work each year.



Vocal Music

In the vocal music department, we have been very busy and will continue to be through the next few weeks. The high school had a Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, April 10th at Andover Central High School and the results were as follows: Esprit de Corps "I", Mixed Ensemble "II", Jessica Schulke "II", Emily Chancellor "II", Kara Wilkes "II", Jessica Reynolds "II", Jessica Conner "II", Reegan Innes "II", Siera Seifer "III", and Audrey Knapp "II". We qualified twenty-three for State Solo and Ensemble, which will be held Saturday, April 24th at Andover High School. The Women's Choir went to State Large Group in Winfield on Thursday, April 15th and received a "II" rating. The Esprit de Corps auditions for next year's group will be on Wednesday, April 21st at 4:15. The middle school will be competing in Wellington for the Pioneer League Music Festival on Wednesday, April 28th. The high school spring show, "Catapalooza" will be on Monday, May 3rd. Admission is free. Esprit de corps will be performing for Baccalaureate and Graduation in May.

MHS Prom 2010



King and Queen of this year's prom is Megan Bryant and Charlie Hansen. Megan crowns Charlie during the prom ceremony on April 17th.

MHS Mr. Wildcat Pageant



Mr. Wildcat is a pageant for guys in grades 9-12 put on annually at the high school by KAY. This year thirteen guys participated in the categories of: vacation wear, movie character and poem and talent. They are judged by a group of four teachers, and narrowed down to a group of five, who then participate in the evening wear and interview portions. Mr. Wildcat finalists were: Chase Nichols, Charlie Hansen, Alex Freund, Riley Dulaney, Carl Wendish. Nichols was crowned Mr. Wildcat 2010 and Dulaney was runner-up. Nearly \$1700 was raised for the American Red Cross during the event on March 27th.

City Web Site: www.mulvanekansas.com

City Hall - 777-1143

Mulvane Swimming Pool: Open May 29 to August 15 from 1:00 – 7:00 daily.

Purchase 2010 Swimming Pool Passes

Item	Resident Cost:	Non Resident Cost:
Individual Season Pass	\$55	\$65
Family Season Pass Immediate Family Only, all names must be listed at time of purchase.	\$200	\$250
10 Visit Punch Pass Any person allowed to use must be listed at time of purchase.	\$25	\$35
Daily Pass	\$3	\$4

Swim Lesson Registration: Begins May 29 at the pool

Party Rental Reservations: Taken starting May 29 at the pool

Questions: Vickie Tillery – pool manager - 518-1057

mulvanepool@yahoo.com

Report Crime: The Mulvane Police Dept. accepts tips and information via text. The number to text is **250-0203**.

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 ensure 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.



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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