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## Getting to know your Board Members

### Travis Cottrell

I grew up working on the family farm in southwestern Kansas, attended Kansas State University and have worked in engineering at Cessna Aircraft for the last 16 years. I'm married to Fae who is a 5th grade teacher and we have three children: Cole, who is in 8th grade, Kendall, who is in the 6th grade and Bennett, a 3rd grader.

We moved to Mulvane in 1997 when my wife accepted a teaching position in the district. Although, we now reside in the south end of Derby, we call Mulvane home. I have been involved in youth sports, not because I'm a great coach, but because I like to be involved with the youth of our community, seeing them grow and experience success in life. When the school board elections came around in 2009 I figured it would be an opportunity where I could give back to our community while furthering my involvement with our youth.



While being on the board has been rewarding, there are also many challenges. With the economy and current political environment, school funding has been significantly reduced which has made it very challenging to meet the needs of every student. I believe that when facts are presented and people are willing to work together, everyone can come to an agreement on what is best for our students. I feel we saw that in our community with the passage of the bond issue last year. I would encourage each member of our community to be informed and communicate with your political representatives as this will be a challenging year for our school district and others who receive state funding.

This time of year you can find me watching a basketball game somewhere or you can call me at 788-9584, as I'm always glad to talk with members of our community about the great things going on in our schools. I would also encourage everyone to get out and vote in the upcoming elections as this is your opportunity to elect leaders who will guide the local community. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve. I look forward to working together with others growing our youth into successful citizens.

# Winter School Bond Construction Update

## January 2013

Anyone who has had children at Munson knows the dilemma one faces when dropping off or picking up students from school.



Last month, construction crews broke ground at Munson on a project that will relocate the main entrance to the south side of the building.



This new addition is just part of the May 2012 school bond that was approved by patrons of the district. Thanks to the community's support, our schools will provide a safer, less-crowded and more modernized learning environment for our students.

Some of the projects at Munson have been completed, including updated lighting and installing a new HVAC system last summer.

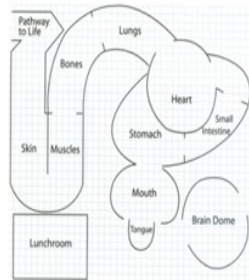


Follow our progress on the district website [www.usd263.com](http://www.usd263.com) and click on "Construction Update" or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mulvanepublicschools](http://www.facebook.com/mulvanepublicschools)

**Our Community, Our Children, Our Responsibility**

## Body Venture Exhibit

On November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students in KG thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade toured an exhibit called “Body Venture” sponsored by KSDE Child Nutrition. Body Venture is a 45-foot by 50-foot walk-through exhibit representing the human body. The exhibit was set up by several volunteer parents and NHS students in the Munson Primary Gym.



Students started in a lunchroom and then followed the path through the body to learn about the importance of good nutrition and physical fitness. They went through 11 stations including the brain, mouth, heart, lungs, bones, muscles and skin. Each student received an activity book after the tour. Ask your child about Body Venture and if they remember Power Panther’s slogan: **EAT SMART. PLAY HARD.**

## Hoops for Heart

Last year students in the grade school raised \$6,895.05 for the American Heart Association to be used in their campaign against heart disease. The money is used for both research and education for new ways to prevent and treat heart disease. This year’s event will be held during the students’ Music/PE periods on February 13 and 14th. The students will be receiving packets to begin collecting donations approximately two to three weeks prior to that. So do not be surprised towards the end of January when you hear some little voice asking you... “Would you like to sponsor me for Hoops for Heart?”



### Art and Technology Fans

**Mark your calendar for  
Thursday, March 7th, 2013  
for the  
Art and Technology Show**

The show will once again be held at the High School from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Student art, kindergarten through high school, as well as, middle school and high school technology projects will be on display. Refreshments will help provide an enjoyable evening for all who attend.





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### **A Gift Well Received!**

Retired Mulvane teacher, Nancy Winter, delivered Target gift cards provided by Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mulvane, for counselors to use for incidental needs of students.

Thank You for supporting USD 263!



## **Mulvane Education Foundation**

### **Victory Lane Paver Fundraiser**



The Mulvane Education Foundation is selling bricks as part of Victory Lane to be constructed later this spring at Lyle Couch Stadium. This ongoing fundraiser provides funds for teacher and staff grants and student scholarships.

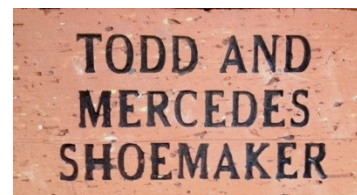
#### **These bricks are a wonderful opportunity to:**

- Recognize personal achievement
- Honor a favorite teacher, coach or staff member
- Place in memory or in honor of parents, children grandparents, or classmates
- Commemorate birthdays or anniversaries
- Celebrate family milestones
- Create your own unique way to express school spirit

For years to come, the students, faculty and citizens of Mulvane will walk on this lane, read the inscriptions and appreciate your support!

For more information on the paver project or to order a brick, visit [www.usd263.org](http://www.usd263.org) and click on the Foundation tab. You can also contact the Foundation at 316-777-1102.

#### **Reserve your engraved paver today!**



## **MMS 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 7th grader Parker Cross, whose car was the overall class champion. The contest was to be the best two out of three races this year. Mr. Huss' car won both the first and second race. A select group of 6th graders battled in a variety of basketball contests. The faculty challenged the MMS Basketball teams in an exciting game. Students paid a minimum \$2.00 donation at the door to attend the assembly. This event raised \$1,300 for the Wichita Children's Home.

## **MHS Booster Club**

The Mulvane High School Booster Club will be hosting a chicken and noodle dinner on Friday, February 8 from 4:00 - 9:00 pm, in the high school commons area. The meal will include a bowl of chicken and noodles, veggies and dip, a dessert and drink. The cost for the meal will go to support activities and academics at MHS. Please come out on the 8th and support your MHS Booster Club!



## **MHS and MMS Vocal Music Departments**

The MHS and MMS Vocal Music Departments have been busy first semester. Esprit de Corps has performed the Homecoming Football game, NHS Induction, the Veteran's Day Assembly, Sedgwick County Courthouse, Villa Maria, Mulvane Methodist Church, Mother's Day Out, Towne West, Carson Bank, Mulvane Senior Center/Central Office, Our Savior Lutheran Church, the Legion, the VA Hospital and all schools in the district. Esprit de Corps also did their yearly fundraiser in October. Thanks to all who supported them. The MHS production of "My Fair Lady" performed for appreciative crowds in November.

The MMS Honor Choir attended an all day clinic at El Dorado culminating in a concert of the combined choirs from all the Pioneer League schools in our division. Women's Choir performed for the Villa Maria. Esprit de Corps, Women's Choir, Mixed Chorus and a few special acts joined together on Tuesday, December 4th to present the MHS Winter Concert, which was a big success. The MMS 6th grade general music students of the 2nd nine weeks and the 7/8 Choir presented their Winter Concert on Friday, December 14th at the high school.

All school sponsored concerts are free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Are you in charge of finding entertainment for an event, meeting or party? Call Rachel Jansen 777-1183 to see about booking a choir.

**\*\*Please Mark Your Calendar\*\***

**Spring Break will be  
March 18th - March 22nd**



# Mulvane Education Foundation Awards over \$27,000 in Grants

The Mulvane Education Foundation, Inc. awarded 22 grants for the 2013 grant cycle. The awards were given to 22 teachers and staff in the Mulvane School District.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, teachers, staff and the dedicated members of the Mulvane Education Foundation Board, this marked the first annual awards presentation for the Foundation.

The exclusive purpose of the Foundation is to enhance the quality of education in Mulvane by soliciting charitable donations. The goal is to provide grants in aid of educational pursuits in our school district by providing money directly to teachers, classrooms and schools for equipment, supplies and technology.

The Mulvane Education Foundation is operated by a volunteer board working to support the Mulvane Public School District.

For more information please contact the Mulvane Education Foundation Secretary, Tom Keil at 316-777-1155 or email [tkeil@usd263.org](mailto:tkeil@usd263.org).



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.*



**Munson Primary - 777-0151**

Deana Waltrip, Principal

**Grade School - 777-1981**

Raquel Greer, Principal

**Middle School - 777-2022**

Traci Becker, Principal

Brad Hoy, Asst. Principal/Athletic Dir.

**High School - 777-1183**

Jay Ensley, Principal

Cathi Wilson, Asst. Principal

Doug Evers, Asst. Principal/Athletic Dir.

**Mulvane Academy - 777-3070**

Barbie Hamlin, Principal

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