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Getting to know your Board Members

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Married: Sheri Springer

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Current Position: Engineering Program Manager Legacy Products

Years of Residency in Mulvane: 17 years

Children: Tyler, Jordan (both Mulvane graduates), Emma (7th grade) and Carsen (4th grade)

I am currently serving my 2nd term as a Board Member.



Greatest Challenge: The greatest challenge confronting school boards is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn. Boards must provide that opportunity while meeting the needs of the communities they serve and taking care not to micromanage or to invade the appropriate realm of professional educators. Making this achievable in the face of reduced funding levels is one of our major efforts, which we foresee getting tougher before things get better.

What I Love About Mulvane: I am very proud to call Mulvane my home. Sheri and I made a conscious decision to move from Wichita to start our children's education. As a parent, it is comforting to know you have a personal relationship with your children's friends along with their teachers.

Immunization Requirements for the 2012 - 2013 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a childcare program operated by a school. There are changes in requirements for immunizations for the upcoming school year.

Please carefully review the requirements below. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department.

Proof of receiving the immunizations must be provided to the school prior to attending the first day of school.

Early Childhood Program Operated by a School Ages 4 years and Under

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)	3 doses
Prevnar (pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses

Kindergarten - Grade 3

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 4 - 6

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 7 - 8

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose***
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Additional ACIP Recommended Vaccines, NOT REQUIRED for School Entry

- Influenza (flu) vaccine yearly for everyone 6 months and older
- Meningitis vaccine at age 11 years and a booster at age 16 years
- HPV vaccine (a three dose series) at age 11-12 years

School Entry Physicals

Any new early childhood program or kindergarten student will need a school entry physical completed within 12 months prior to the first day of school.

New students under the age of 9 years who are attending a Kansas school for the first time, also require a physical as described above.

Documentation of the physical must be provided to the school prior to attending.

Grades 9 - 10

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose****
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 11 - 12

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap	1 dose****
IPV (polio)	4 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose**
Hepatitis B	3 doses

* Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is not required if child has had chickenpox disease and disease is documented by a physician signature.

Without a physician signature, vaccine is required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.

** Although 1 dose of varicella is required for school attendance, 2 doses are recommended by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices).

*** All 7th - 10th graders are required to have one dose of Tdap regardless of the interval since the last dose of Td (tetanus/diphtheria). This is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity due to increasing outbreaks.

**** All 11th - 12th graders are required to have 1 dose of Tdap if there has been more than 10 years from the previous DTaP (pertussis containing vaccine). This is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity due to increasing outbreaks.

Please Note:
If your child is not in compliance with required immunization by November 8, 2012 he/she will be excluded from school.



Off to a Good Start at MPS & MGS



At Munson Primary School, Drew is helping out by washing dishes and toys in the housekeeping center.

Students at Mulvane Grade School are showing off their new MGS Rocks shirts that will be worn on Mondays this year.



Mrs. Cline's class spent part of the day building bridges out of toilet paper rolls, paperclips, rubber bands, tape and construction paper. This was a team building exercise combining Lion's Quest and Science. The students had a great time!



Mulvane Students to Participate in Body Venture

An innovative new way to learn about the importance of good nutrition and physical fitness is coming to students at Munson Primary and Mulvane Grade School. On November 7 & 8, the Body Venture exhibit will visit MPS. Students will have the opportunity to explore the human body with Power Panther, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service mascot as their guide.

The tour begins when students, in groups of eight to ten, enter the school lunchroom and become a food such as a carrot, low-fat milk or a piece of chicken. In the second station, they walk through a giant ear into the brain. Inside the huge brain dome, students experience “brain waves” and learn about brain function. The “foods” step into the exhibit’s larger-than-life mouth, are “swallowed” through the esophagus tunnel and move into the stomach dome. From the stomach, the students travel through the small intestine where they are “absorbed” into the blood. Then they follow the path of the nutrients to the heart, lungs, bones, muscles and skin stations.

Students leave the body through a cut in the skin and proceed through Power Panther’s Pathway to Life. This final station recaps key health concepts from each of the ten previous stations. Throughout the exhibit, students will learn how to apply Power Panther’s slogan, EAT SMART, PLAY HARD. At each of Body Venture’s eleven stations, a volunteer presenter engages the students in a five-minute activity focused on healthy choices.

The traveling Body Venture exhibit was developed and is operated by Child Nutrition & Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education. Cheryl Johnson, Director of Child Nutrition & Wellness said, “Body Venture provides a unique and exciting opportunity for Kansas elementary students to learn about their bodies and the importance of making healthy choices.” According to Kathy Thompson, Body Venture Coordinator, the exhibit was developed to address increasing national concerns about the lack of physical activity and the declining nutritional status of young children.

Student volunteers from Mulvane High School and to Mulvane Middle School, along with students from Cowley College and any parents or staff that would like to participate, are encouraged to contact us so that we can place you on our schedule.

For information on Body Venture, contact Carla Gilbert, at 316-777-1102.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Parents/Guardians of USD 263 Students

Please be aware that the Human Sexuality and AIDS curriculum goals and objectives are available for review during regular business hours in the office of the USD 263 curriculum director, Joyce Harting. That office is located in our administrative center at 628 E. Mulvane.

Thank you

Our sincere thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls and donations after our son, Colby, was injured in a tragic accident in Lawrence, KS. He is home and doing well in recovery mode. He will be fitted with prosthetic legs within the next few weeks.

Thank you,
Matt and Dara Liston



MHS/MMS Music Department

The Mulvane High School Vocal Music Department is off and running with Esprit de Corps singing the National Anthem at the Homecoming game, preparing for the NHS Inductions and all high school choirs learning their holiday music for the Winter Concert December 4th at 7:00 pm.

The high school musical, "My Fair Lady" will be November 15th, 16th, and 17th under the direction of Jason Mitchell, Rachel Jansen and Lee MacDonald. The cast has been chosen and rehearsals are currently underway.

If you have any cans of paint you don't need, bring them to the high school. We could use them to paint sets for shows. Color doesn't matter we can mix them.

The Mulvane Middle School Vocal Music Department is preparing a sixth grade concert for the first nine weeks music students, to end conferences on October 2nd. The concert will be in the middle school commons from 7:00-7:30 pm.

The members of the Pioneer League Honor Choir will be chosen soon, and they will rehearse in preparation for the Pioneer League event on November 10th in El Dorado.

The 7/8 Choir is busy preparing their music for the MMS Winter Concert on December 14th at the MHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm. 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 at 777-1183 to see about booking a choir.



Victory Lane Paver Fundraiser

The Mulvane Education Foundation is selling engraved bricks to become part of Victory Lane that will be constructed later this fall at Lyle Couch Stadium. This ongoing fundraiser will be coordinated by the Mulvane Education Foundation, which provides funds for teachers, staff and students of the school district.

The foundation has set a goal of raising \$50,000 for teacher grants this year. We would invite you to become a permanent part of the Mulvane Community and School District by purchasing a commemorative brick for the Victory Lane walkway.

Why Should You Buy a Brick?

- Recognize personal achievement
- Honor a favorite teacher, coach or staff member
- Place in memory or in honor of parents, grandparents, children or classmates
- Commemorate birthdays or anniversaries
- When you buy a brick you claim your spot in Victory Lane history
- Advertise your business

What Does the Foundation Support?

- The mission of the foundation is "Building Futures, Strengthening Mulvane."
- Proceeds from the brick sales will benefit innovative teacher grant requests and student scholarships.

Buying a Brick

- Fill out the order form and pay for your brick with cash, check or credit card.
- Your brick is held for installation in the spring during the phase 2 construction of Lyle Couch Stadium.
- You will be invited to our dedication ceremony/celebration where you can see your brick in place!

Where Can I get an Order Form?

- You may pick up order forms at the front desk of each school or at the district office.
- You can print the form by clicking on the "Victory Lane Order Form" on the district website at www.usd263.org, click on the Foundation tab or call the school district office at 777-1102.



Memorial Remembering Steven Dody

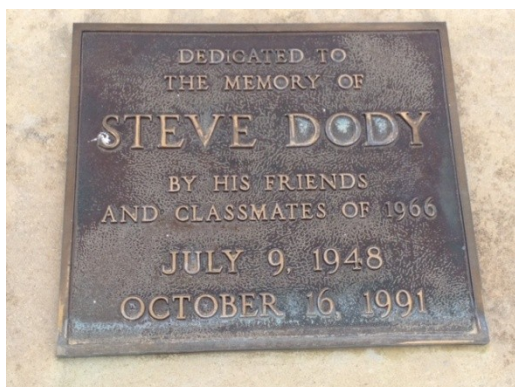
Recently the flagpoles and memorial plaque honoring Steven Dody were relocated near the main entrance at Lyle Couch Stadium. The relocation of the memorial sparked the question - Who was Steven Dody?

According to Jeri Myers, 1966 MHS Graduate, Steven Dody grew up in Mulvane and graduated from Mulvane High School in 1966. Jeri remembers Steven as a star punter and wide-receiver on the Mulvane Football teams that never lost a game during his four-year high school career. Steven was a hard worker who worked part-time as an evening custodian for the school district.

Steven Dody passed away on October 16, 1991, when he and 22 other people were shot to death at Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas.

Jeri and MHS classmates of 1966 knew they wanted to honor their friend, his time in Mulvane and his career serving as an Army lieutenant colonel who was just two weeks from retirement. So it began, the class of 1966 raised enough funds to purchase and construct the original flagpoles and monument in memory of Steven Dody. The impressive memorial plaque at the newly constructed flagpoles reads:

**Dedicated to the Memory of
Steve Dody
By His Friends and Classmates of 1966
July 9, 1948 - October 16, 1991**



Inclement Weather

The winter season is upon us, and with it comes the possibility of inclement weather affecting school opening. We understand that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big impact on families. The safety and security of our students and staff is our highest priority.

The decision to close schools is based on the best information available at the time the decision is made. Although the staff and superintendent do their best in this process, we know that often no perfect decision exists. **IF WE ARE OPEN AND YOU DO NOT FEEL THAT IT IS SAFE FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND SCHOOL, THEN PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD.** Please note the reason for absence is the inclement weather. You can always wait until the bad weather passes and then bring your child to school for the remainder of the day.

How do we make school closing decisions?

The decision to open or close the schools in bad weather is based on a careful analysis of all the relevant factors, including:

- Road conditions throughout the school district
- Amount of snow and ice
- Whether precipitation is expected to continue
- Building conditions
- Parking lot and sidewalk conditions at the schools
- Temperatures and wind chill factors
- Collaboration with surrounding school Superintendents

Who makes the decisions?

- The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the final decision, based on the above factors and input from the transportation and facilities departments, and collaboration with surrounding school Superintendents.

When is the decision made?

- The decision is typically made between 5:00 - 5:30 AM

How is the public notified?

- You will be notified by a direct phone call from USD 263, using the *School Messenger* calling system.
- The notice is also posted on the local TV stations (Ch. 3, 10, 12) along with local radio stations-KFDI, KICT, KYQQ, KKRK, KRBB, KEYN, KFBZ, KFH

What Can You Do?

Be prepared! When weather is threatening the night before, please have plans for the possibility that school may be closed.



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Mulvane School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Mulvane School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Mulvane School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information - names addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Mulvane School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by the first day of school. Mulvane School District has designated the following information as directory information:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Student's name-Address-Telephone listing-Electronic mail address-Photograph-Date and place of birth-Major field of study-Dates of attendance-Grade level | <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Participation in officially recognized activities and sports-Weight and height of members of athletic teams-Degrees, honors, and awards received-The most recent educational agency or institution attended-Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's SSN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.) |
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These laws are: Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7908) and 10 U.S.C 503(c).



Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

- *Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S.

Department of Education (ED) -

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

- *Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of -*

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

- *Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use -

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Mulvane School District has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Mulvane School District will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Mulvane School District will also directly notify, such as through U.S. mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Mulvane School District will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202



Notification of Rights under FERPA For Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principals (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record (s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the School principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer. (NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.)

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202



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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