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Congratulations Tempe Heck!!

Since 2003, KAKE has presented more than 500 Golden Apple awards honoring teachers in KAKELand who are making a positive difference in our schools. This program gives local teachers community-wide recognition for the creative ways they support, motivate and encourage a lifetime of learning, in and out of the classroom.

Winners are featured every Monday night on KAKE News at 5 and receive the prestigious Golden Apple trophy from Davis-Moore, plus \$1,000 worth of school supplies through Project Teacher! All the students in the classroom will receive a snack from Lane Enterprises McDonald's.

Eligible nominees include Pre-K through 12th grade teachers in the KAKE-TV viewing area who inspire and motivate students to great heights in education. We're looking for individuals who demonstrate creative teaching, develop programs for our youth and/or any other activities that add greater value to learning and/or have an exceptional attitude despite adversity.

Our own Tempe Heck, 1st grade teacher from Munson Primary School, was nominated and we couldn't be more proud of her receiving the Golden Apple Award!

It's a great day to be a Wildcat!



MPS Art Class has been very busy

Kindergarten has been learning about lines and how to draw stars. We read the book "How to Catch a Star" by Oliver Jeffers. The students talked about how the main character never gave up.

First grade has been learning about lines also. They are creating either a monogram initial or a divided lines project. They had to split the paper up into sections and fill the different sections with different types of lines.

Second grade has been learning rainbow order. We created a name project with sharpie in the middle and then rainbow order radiating out to the edges.



Pre-K students have been having art time with Mrs. Roths. They have been working on fine motor skills by tracing and cutting and some have started painting with different objects to get different shapes and textures.

Kindergarten is starting a new project. They are learning about Piet Mondrian and how he used squares and the primary colors to create art.

Second grade has been invited to compete in a coloring contest. They have been working hard on taking their time to color blend and create background if they chose to do so. The winner for this competition will be named at the Safe Treat Night event on Halloween in Mulvane.



PAT
(Parents as Teachers)

Art Night was held at the PAT room on August 20. We had 14 families attend. We had painting, play dough, a water table, bubbles, and coloring. We started our night with a read aloud book and then introductions. Everyone had a great time.



***MGS Students Earn Emporia Trip
for William Allen White Celebration!***

On October 5th, fifteen of our MGS students will be headed to Emporia to attend the 66th Annual William Allen White Awards Celebration and Ceremony. The students will have a sleepover at the Emporia Recreation Center where they will have read-ins with the 2018 visiting authors. In addition, the students will visit the William Allen White house and tour Emporia State University. The William Allen White house was home to progressive Pulitzer Prize winning journalist William Allen White from 1899 until his death in 1944.

The selected MGS students worked very hard this past summer to qualify for this trip. The requirement was to read at least eight books from a list of books that have received the William Allen White award. The students then had to choose their favorite book of those eight and do a presentation on the book at the Mulvane Public Library in front of teachers, family and friends.

Our Title 1 teacher, Mrs. Alicia King, wrote a grant to the Mulvane Education Foundation last year to ask for help in funding this amazing opportunity for students to participate in the William Allen White celebration in Emporia, KS. We are excited to announce that this grant was awarded by MEF and will cover the expenses of this trip! Mrs. Katie Entwisle, the Librarian for MGS and MMS, is the organizer for this activity and trip. She has enjoyed taking students to Emporia for this celebration for the past three years.

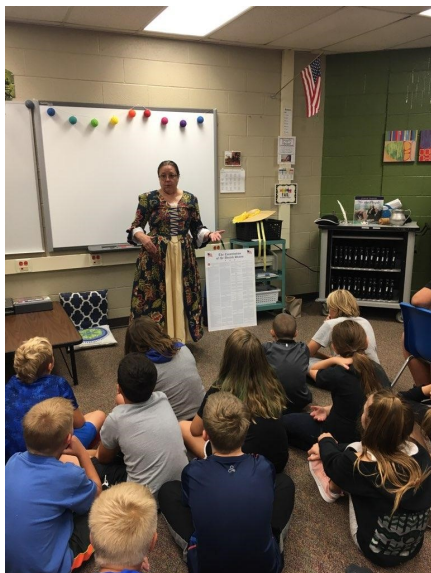
The festivities will conclude with an Awards Ceremony, at which time student representatives will present the award winning authors with their White Award Medals. The ceremony will include speeches from the authors. What an exciting time for our students to be able to meet and listen to some of the authors of the books they read over the summer!



Daughters of the American Revolution Visit MGS!

For the past two years, MGS has had the pleasure of hosting a group of women who are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution or DAR. DAR was founded in 1890 and has more than 950,000 members. These women are proven descendants of a confirmed patriot of the American Revolutionary war. They are dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

During their visit last year to the 5th graders here at MGS, the members of DAR spoke about the roles of women and children in the Revolutionary War. The DAR like to share stories of the women, children, and lesser-known soldiers of the American Revolution since they are rarely talked about in the history of the war. This year, the students were engaged in learning about the Constitution from women who are passionate about history. This visit from DAR was perfect timing since September 17th is Constitution Day, a day to celebrate the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. It is always fun to learn about America's history from actual historians who even "dress" the part during their visit. The 5th graders are looking forward to another visit next semester when they are studying the American Revolution.



Bright Futures on the Horizon at MGS!

MGS is excited for the 2018-2019 school year and have chosen a theme based on "Bright Neon Colors" to represent our students' bright futures and endless possibilities; to spread kindness and smiles like confetti and sprinkles. Being the best "YOU" is top priority for the school year. The students couldn't wait to receive their bright neon Monday Spirit Shirts to wear for our "extended family" photo. *Gonna need our shades.... cuz MGS is BRIGHT!*



5th Grade Teacher Wins \$450 CUA Grant!

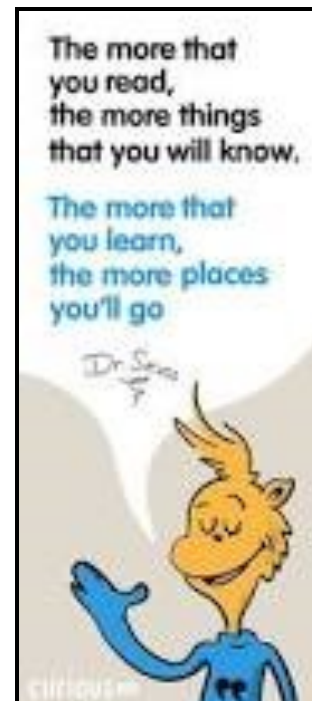
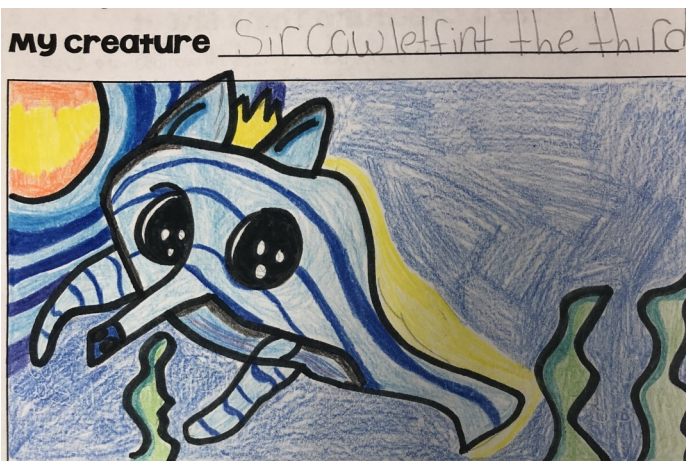
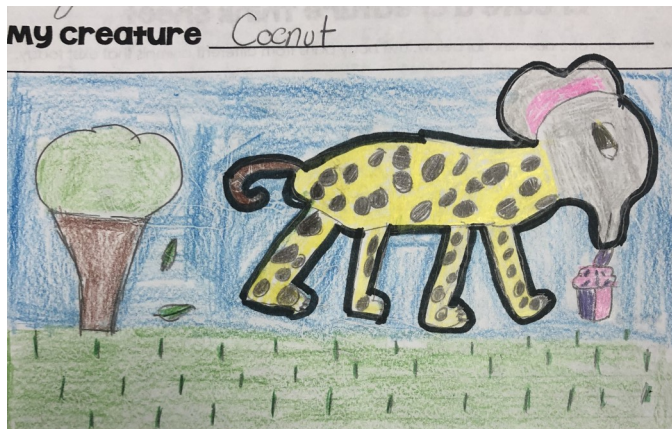
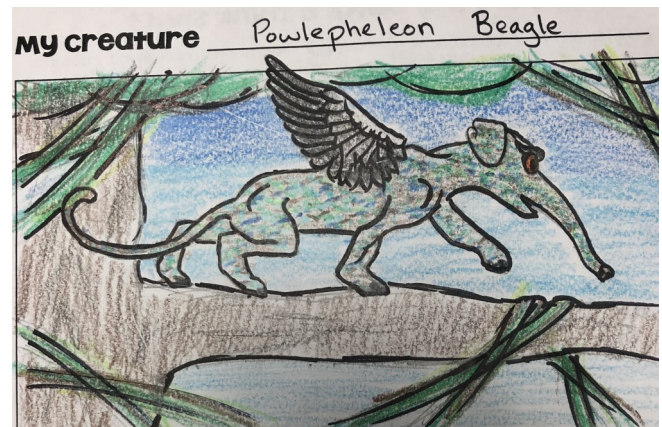
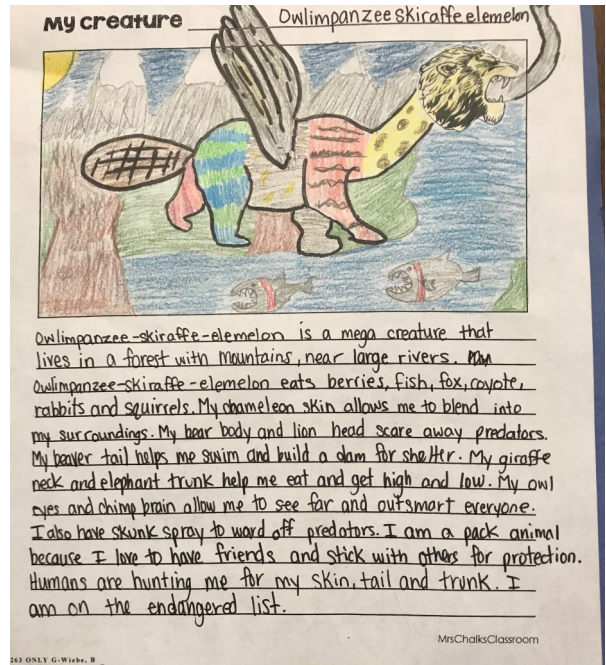
One of our 5th Grade Math and Science teachers, Katherine Lien, was the recipient of a \$450 grant from the Credit Union of America for a project entitled "Increasing Academic Proficiency with a Flipped Classroom." With the awarded funds, Mrs. Lien has purchased an Elmo Visual Presenter that will allow her to record videos, visual and written demonstrations of mathematic concepts for the students to be able to view during class instruction. Additionally, the students will have access to these videos while at home to aid in successful homework completion. This technology will free up the teacher to monitor the classroom for both behavioral needs and academic deficits in students that may otherwise be missed during a traditional classroom lecture. Mrs. Lien's goal with this "Flipped Classroom" technology, and rapidly growing teaching style, is that the students will increase their academic success by having access to a wide-range of learning modalities.



MGS 4th Graders Create Mega Creatures!

Fourth grade is doing a science project that involves ecosystems and animal adaptations. They have thoroughly discussed different animal adaptations and how these features help the animal to thrive in their ecosystem. The students wanted to take it one step further; they are creating a Mega Creature!

Each mega creature is a creation formed by combining different animal adaptations from animals inside a specific ecosystem. The students are able to pick which ecosystem they would like, as well as, which animal adaptations they would like to combine to create their Mega Creature. The students will draw and name their mega creature inside their ecosystem. They will then describe the reasons why they chose different adaptations and how those features will help their animal succeed in their environment. What an exciting time in 4th Grade Science!



KAMSA Recognition

On May 4th of this year, in Topeka, KAMSA (Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators) awarded Mulvane Middle School with a banner recognizing the school as a finalist for the 2018 “Kansas Middle School of the Year”.

KAMSA also awarded a plaque to MMS for achieving the criteria as one of a select group of Kansas’ “High Performing Schools”. Criteria includes: Growth on state assessments, new programs, (including social and emotional support), community and parent involvement, are just to name a few.

Congratulations! MMS Yearbook Club

This summer, the MMS Yearbook qualified for the National Yearbook Program of Excellence. They earned this recognition based on several criteria. The building has a banner and a plaque recognizing their accomplishments!

MMS Yearbooks
Will be for Sale
November 13 - 16
Last chance
to order them for \$30!

Compost Bins at MMS

Graydin O. completed an Eagle Scout project by leading a team to build compost bins for MMS. The compost created here will be used to mulch the school vegetable and native flower gardens.



Egret Project at MMS

Mrs. Hilgers’ 7th grade STEM class tracked an Egret with a GPS as part of a science project and would like to share it with others. They partnered with Le-noir Rhyne University and Friends University. The project includes seeing what the bird is doing in Wichita, and what migration patterns are. They caught the bird in May and have been following the bird since then.



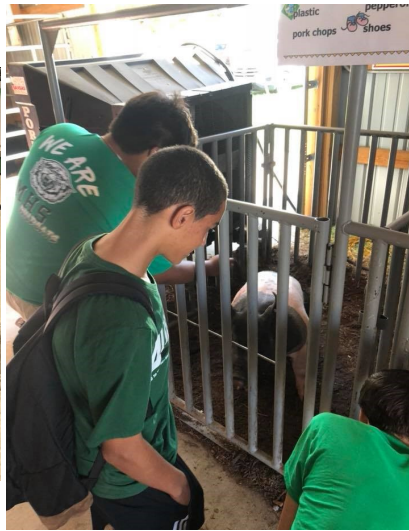
Excellent!

Congratulations to the Mulvane Middle School Band on receiving an Excellent rating at the State Fair on Monday, Sept. 10. They represented MMS proudly!



FFA Went to the Fair

It was a great day at the KS State Fair! Lots of learning and even volunteering at the KS Veterinary Birthing Center.



Congratulations Callie!

Our President of FFA, Miss Callie Humbolt got 7th place on the Greenhand test out of 400+ people.



The Greenhand Conference is for all first year members of an FFA Chapter. At the conference, all first year members can take a 50 question test about FFA. It has multiple choice questions about when FFA began, who the first president was, the land act that established agricultural universities and many more.

They then award the top 10 scorers a medal. Callie Humbolt placed 7th and Karstyn Nolan, our secretary, placed 11th. Very good showing overall for a first time chapter and a first time advisor.

Thank you Mulvane Co-op!

Exciting times this morning at MHS. Jeremy Nelson, Manager and Spencer Branine, Asst. Manager at Mulvane Co-op dropped off a donation for Mulvane High School FFA.

We want to thank them for their very generous donation, along with an in-kind donation from CoBank's Sharing Success program. Mulvane High School FFA is very grateful for our local agricultural businesses and their support!



Co-Teaching Training Hosted by USD 263

In September, Mulvane hosted the initial Co-Teaching training which is part of the Kansas Co-Teaching project. This is a partnership between the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN). Seven different school districts from all over Kansas joined several USD 263 staff members from each building to learn about the importance of Co-Teaching to ensure all students are successful in our classrooms.



**** Calendar Adjustment **** **Parents - Please Note:**

At the September 24 Board of Education Meeting, the Board voted to reduce the 2018-19 school calendar by two days. This means that the last day of school for students will be

Half Day on May 21, 2019.

Students Will Not Attend **May 22 or May 23** **as was Previously Posted.**



We are Thankful for Books



Book Exchange

Friday, November 9th

All School book swap. All day in the library.
Bring your gently used book into the library and
get a new book.



Save the Date

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Help Us Help Teachers Help Students!

**MULVANE USD #263
2018 - 2019
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

***Days missed due to weather/unforeseen circumstances will be made up at the discretion of the BOE**

1 HR. LATE START EVERY WEDNESDAY

July 2 - August 17.....	District Wide Enrollment
August 8 - 10.....	Teacher Professional Learning
August 13.....	1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 17.....	NO SCHOOL/Old Settlers
August 31.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
Sept. 3.....	NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
Oct. 12.....	End of 1st 9 weeks
Oct. 15.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
Oct. 25.....	NO SCHOOL/P/T Conf.
Oct. 26.....	NO SCHOOL/Comp Day for Conferences
Nov. 21 - 23.....	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 19.....	End of 2nd 9 weeks
Dec. 20 - Jan. 1.....	Winter Break
Jan. 2.....	NO SCHOOL/.5 Teacher Professional Learning / .5 Work Day
Jan. 3.....	Classes Resume
Jan. 21.....	NO SCHOOL/MLK Day
Feb. 15.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
Feb. 18.....	NO SCHOOL/President's Day
March 7.....	End of 3rd 9 weeks
March 8.....	NO SCHOOL P/T Conf.
March 11-15.....	Spring Break
April 19.....	NO SCHOOL/Comp Day
April 22.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
May 18.....	GRADUATION
May 21.....	.5 Student Last Day/.5 Teacher Work Day/End of 4th 9 weeks

SCHOOL HOURS

High School	7:45 - 3:00 pm
Middle School	7:50 - 3:05 pm
Grade School	8:10 - 3:20 pm
Munson Primary	7:55 - 3:15 pm

STUDENT FEE: (Nonrefundable)

MHS \$25.00 (Free & Reduced Fee)	\$20.00
MMS \$20.00 (Free & Reduced Fee)	\$10.00
MGS/MPS	\$10.00

TECHNOLOGY FEE

9 - 12	\$25.00 (Reduced Fee) \$7.50
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TEXTBOOK FEE

Grades K - 12	\$75.00 (Reduced Fee) \$22.50
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BREAKFAST/LUNCH FEES

Daily Breakfast Fee

K - 5	\$1.55
6 - 8	\$1.65
9 - 12	\$1.65
Adults	\$2.40
Milk	\$.40

Daily Lunch Fees

K - 5	\$2.50
6 - 8	\$2.70
9 - 12	\$2.70
Adults	\$3.85
Milk	\$.40



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
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7:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th
Monday of each month.*

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