

The Official Newsletter of
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Cat News



School Safety & Security a Priority

The tragedy in Florida reminds us all of the importance of safety and security in schools. We want to assure our families that USD 263 has an updated school safety plan that has been created/reviewed by the Mulvane Police Department. In conjunction with our safety plan, our schools also have a specific protocol for entry into our buildings, and we appreciate the understanding of our parents as we enforce these protocols for the safety of our students. The members of our staff have been trained on the specifics of this plan and our School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Bohannon, will be conducting additional training and discussions with our staff and students. We are currently in the process of reassessing our plans with MPD, and everything is on the table for discussion.

Mulvane is fortunate to have an SRO who is committed to your student's safety and a new commitment to cooperation with the leadership of Mulvane Police Department. Your students will begin to notice an increased presence from the MPD in and around our schools. USD 263 has extended an open invitation to our local police officers to come into our buildings and spend time with our students.

We want to thank the parents who have reached out to us to share their thanks, concerns, and thoughts. We would also like to thank the parents who appreciate that we, too, are affected and care deeply for every child. The safety of our students and staff is our No. 1 priority. We will continue to study, research and do our due diligence for the well-being of our children.

For any additional information on school security, please feel free to contact Officer Bohannon at bbohannon@usd263.org.



It's State Assessment

Time Again

During the week of March 12 – 15th, 6th and 8th grade students will participate in the Social Studies assessment. One week after students return from Spring Break, all 6TH, 7TH & 8TH students will be required to take the Math and Reading Assessments. 8th grade students are required to take the Science Assessment which will take place in April.

Our students realize how important these tests are not only for the school, but for themselves as well. The individual results of the assessments help the staff determine the best placement for math and English, remedial labs and/or other academic support classes for next year. Your child's teachers have worked very hard preparing students to do their best. The teachers have also assisted with helping students take personal pride and ownership by setting achievement goals for themselves.

As a parent or guardian, you can continue to help as well. Please encourage healthy meals, lots of rest, eating breakfast, and doing their best! All testing will take place in the morning. If there is any way to avoid appointments during test time, it would be greatly appreciated. To make up any of the tests that are missed due to absences, students will have to miss class time.

Watch for information from your child about celebrating their success on State Assessments. All students who worked hard and tried their best will be rewarded with a special afternoon of fun!

Spring Break

March 19th – March 24th



What's happening in March?

| Day | Event | Place | Time |
|---------|---|-------|-------------------------|
| 3 | League Wrestling @ Ark City | | 9:00AM |
| 5 | 1 st day of Track Practice | | |
| 6 | Math Relays @ Ark City | | 3:30PM |
| 9 | End of 3 rd Quarter | | |
| 12 | Conferences | | 4:00 – 7:30PM |
| 13 | SPRING CHOIR CONCERT @ MHS | | 7:00PM |
| 15 | Conferences Freshmen Parent Meeting | | 4:00 – 7:30PM 7:00PM |
| 16 | Conferences (School is not in Session) | | 7:30AM – 3:00PM |
| 19 – 23 | SPRING BREAK | | |
| 29 | Track Pictures | | |
| 30 | No School | | |

Parent Teacher Conferences

March 12th, 15th & 16th

Parents are invited once again to meet with teachers to discuss student performance and progress. In order to make sure the conferences are productive, we ask that parents and students attend. Parent-teacher conferences provide an excellent communication opportunity and give the student a chance to share their work and grades with you. Having your student with you during the conference allows them to do this. For this reason, if at all possible, we ask that other children not attend. **Conferences provide your child with the opportunity to communicate their successes with you in the school environment.**

Pre-enrollment is taking place now. Parents are encouraged to look for the pre-enrollment forms students have. The counselor will be available to answer questions during conferences. Spring Pictures are also available in the office

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| Superintendent | Dr. Brad Rahe |
| MMS Principal | Mrs. Traci Becker |
| Assist. Principal/AD | Mrs. Heidi Perkins |
| Counselor | Mrs. Kelly Ball |

Here is a friendly reminder that MMS students are helping the environment and raising funds for their school through recycling. Please donate all of your aluminum cans and pop tops. MMS is also collecting **Coke Rewards, Box Tops for Education**. There are collection boxes at MMS for all of these items

Students of the Month

Character Counts Theme for February: Integrity

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| 8A Chris A. | 8B Lance H. |
| 7A Jolie E. | 7B Abbie W. |
| 6A: Tucker H. | 6B: Teanna N. |

Character Counts Theme for March:

“Perseverance”

How to Help When You Don't Know How?

Let's face it, helping kids with their math and science homework can be tricky. Who of us remembers everything we did in school? Plus, these days, what kids are learning and doing is different from what we did. Figuring out how to help your kids can be downright frustrating!

And yet, research strongly suggests that parental involvement in education has an enormous impact on student learning. First, don't panic. Second, don't give up. And third, take a look at some of the materials available online at:

www.enc.org/focus/howtohelp/

www.usd263.com

Athletics/Activities Information

Outside Competition: The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) has very specific rules concerning students who participate in sports away from school. If your student is planning to participate in an outside team, it is important that the coaches and students follow KSHSAA rules to stay eligible for interschool athletics.

“From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than three basketball players, four volleyball players, from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than three squad members on the same team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year.”