

The Official Newsletter of
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Cat News



What a Great Start!

Mrs. Traci Becker; MMS Principal

Students have found all their classrooms; lockers are now opening a little easier; the locker rooms smell like locker rooms from all the activity; and the volume at lunch, with all the socializing, has definitely increased. Thanks for sharing your *middle-schooler* with us!

We would like to welcome our new staff members and to let you know of a few changes in our staff. In the office Mrs. Heidi Perkins is our new Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Mrs. Kelly Ball is our new counselor, and Mrs. Jamie Moses is the new attendance clerk. Our new Speech Pathologist is Mrs. Lora Welsh. Last but not least, in the classroom we have Mrs. Wendy Cline.

The staff at MMS wants our students to learn, to become involved in the various activities we offer, and to have fun. We want our students to “Do the right thing,” while they are here at school. It will make it easier for us to accomplish our goals.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child’s agenda, conduct card and assignments. Teachers have assignments and grades available online. Students are learning the value of earning letter grades and what that means for them. Hopefully parents can find time to communicate the value of effort in class to earn the best grades possible.

I would like to invite you to become involved with MMS. Parents are encouraged to participate in Site Council, Booster Club, and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents may visit the school and arrange to attend classes at any time. If ever you have a question, please give us a call. I look forward to seeing you at the middle school.



Mission Statement

Wildcats R.O.A.R. for success!

*At MMS we will demonstrate **RESPECT** to everyone, take advantage of the educational **OPPORTUNITIES** given to us with a positive **ATTITUDE** which will help us to be **RESPONSIBLE** for our own success!*



Communication on the Web

Stay informed on what is happening at MMS on our website at www.usd263.com and on “Facebook.” On the website under the “middle school” tab parents can access “Teacher pages” to find weekly lesson plans from classroom teachers. With the Skyward Account parents can track student’s grades and attendance. If parents want to see what their child ate for lunch they can check “account balance” or make a payment to his/her account. Parents can register with “my school bucks” for free.

We continue to add information, calendar changes and upcoming events on our Facebook page. Parents and students are encouraged to check out not only middle school events but district events as well.

We invite parents to call or communicate through email or their Skyward account if there are any questions that need addressed.

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

What's happening in September?

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	VB/FB Progress Reports available	@ Prairie Hills	5:00
2	NO SCHOOL – In-Service		
5	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday		
6	XC	@ Ks. Coliseum	4:00
8	6 th grade StuCo Elections FB/VB @ Haysville West		5:00
9	7 th /8 th grade StuCo Elections		
10	XC	@ Wellington	8:15am
12	VB Tri 8 th HERE / 7 th @ Rose Hill		5:00
13	XC @ Lake Afton		4:00
15	VB/FB vs Clearwater HOME		5:00
16	Fall Sports Pictures		
19	VB Tri 8 th @ Circle/7 th @ Haysville West		5:00
20	XC @ Andover		4:00
21	Student Council Conference		
22	FB/VB vs Winfield HOME		5:00
23	Progress reports available		
26	VB Tri 8 th @ Haysville / 7 th HOME		5:00
27	XC @ Wellington		4:00
29	VB/FB @ EIDorado		5:00

From the Wildcat Cafe

Prices for the lunch program at MMS. Parents at any time may request a print-out from the office to view their students eating habits.

Breakfast

Breakfast meals	\$1.55
Poptarts	\$1.00
Juices	\$.50 – \$1.00

Lunch

Tray Line (or Hot Lunch) \$2.60

Tray Meal (includes: entrée; side dish; dessert (if offered); salad bar and choice of juice or fruit)

Ala Carte Line

Combo Meals \$2.60
(sandwich/entree; tots or fries (when offered and only 1 serving), milk; salad bar; and choice of fruit or juice)

Individual Items:

Sandwiches \$1.85

Cheeseburgers	<u>\$1.85</u>
Snacks (chips, nachos, snack cakes)	<u>\$1.25</u>
Ice Cream products	<u>\$1.00</u>
Drinks (water, Large milk, Gatorade,)	<u>\$.90 - \$1.50</u>
Side salad, extra cookies, bread stick	<u>\$.50</u>

Counselor's Corner

My name is Kelly Ball, and this will be my first year as a school counselor. I am proud and excited to spend my first year at Mulvane Middle School. Last year, I had the opportunity to complete my counseling internship at Mulvane Middle School and Mulvane Grade School. This year, I look forward to having more time to visit with the students, and help them become more successful in school and in life.

My husband Brian and I moved to Derby after we both completed our master's programs at Emporia State University. My husband grew-up in Mulvane, and is now employed as a sixth grade teacher for the Derby school district. We have a one-year-old daughter, Madelyn, who is as sharp as she is ornery. We also have an Australian Cattle Dog/Beagle mix, named Jack. I grew up in La Crosse, which is a small town in Western Kansas. After completing high school, I then attended Emporia State University, and received my bachelor's degrees in sociology and business in 2009. I continued my education at Emporia State, and graduated in 2011 with a master's in mental health counseling. After completing my master's degree, I began working for a non-profit agency in Wichita. During that time, I made the decision to pursue school counseling, and in the spring of 2016, I completed classes with Wichita State University. On top of being licensed as a school counselor, I am also a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Addiction Counselor.

I look forward to learning the needs of the students here at Mulvane Middle School, and modifying the counseling program to meet their needs. As a school counselor, my role is to foster an environment within the school in which the students can become well-rounded individuals and more successful learners. The focus of the counseling program is to collaborate with students, parents, teachers, and administrators on matters related to careers, academics, personal and social growth of the students.

I am thrilled to be part of the Mulvane community and to begin working with the students. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or by email. Thanks!