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## Getting to Know the Superintendent – Dr. Brad Rahe

I would like to take this opportunity to share a little information about myself. I grew up in Hiawatha, KS graduating from Hiawatha High School. I have received degrees from Independence Community College, Ottawa University, Ft. Hays State University and Pittsburg State University. My doctoral degree in school administration was awarded from Oklahoma State University.

My education experiences include Superintendent of Schools at USD 336 — Holton, KS and USD 258 – Humboldt. I have also served as the middle school principal in Wellington and Valley Center, assistant principal in Independence, and language arts teacher in Great Bend. I am assisting with the development of the Banner Creek Science Center in Holton.

My family includes my wife, Megan and children, Riley and Taylor. My hobbies include the outdoors, golf and I enjoy Kansas State Football.

During the first quarter of the school year, I have spent the majority of my time in the district buildings getting to know the staff and obtaining a better understanding of the district. Mulvane is very fortunate to have high quality teachers, support staff, and administrators working in USD 263. A person only needs to walk around the buildings and see that quality learning is taking place. The USD 263 staff is really, really good.

I have also observed a community that takes great pride in their schools. I have been very impressed with willingness of the district patrons to do whatever it takes to make this a great school district. They definitely put the students first.

Additionally, USD 263 has a Board of Education that is focused on providing the students of Mulvane with the best educational experiences and opportunities. I would like to thank them for allowing me to be a part of USD 263.

I am excited as I begin the 2009-10 school year as your Superintendent of Schools. Great things are happening in Mulvane. It's a great day to be a Mulvane Wildcat.

## MGS

### Top Entertainment Book Sellers

The Entertainment Book sale went very well this year. We sold over 575 books this year (a few more than last year) raising \$5,750.00. Students who sold five or more books earned a fuzzy zoo animal. Students who sold ten or more books earned two free tickets to All Star Sports. Congratulations to the three top book sellers at MGS:

Mathew sold 16 entertainment books and won a DSI  
Teagan sold 15 entertainment books and won an IPod  
Shuffle & ITunes gift card

Alona sold 13 entertainment books and won a Sony  
CD player



### MGS Shirt Day

THANK YOU to TAPE for again providing shirts for every child and staff member here at MGS! Please send your child to school in his/her shirt each week on Mondays.



## MGS Receives Award



Mulvane Grade School's 2008/2009 4th and 5th graders raised over \$6,000.00 for the American Heart Association last year during their annual Hoops for Heart event. On September 24, 2009, a representative from AHA presented a plaque to Cathy Fooshee (P.E. Teacher). The inscription on the plaque recognized the Grade School for having the "Top Hoops for Heart Event in Southeast Kansas Metro" area!

### MGS CUBS Club

CUBS Club is a service organization that was started last spring by a few energetic students who wanted to make new friends and have fun while helping the community. The name CUBS stands for **C**ommunity **U**nderstanding **Believing in **Succeeding and is an unofficial elementary-age branch of Lions Club, the adult service organization.****

Any student in 3rd through 5th grade may belong to CUBS Club. Last year the students held a walk-a-thon after school hours to raise money for club t-shirts. Their service projects included both an Easter egg hunt and a carnival for residents of the Villa Maria. During the carnival, CUBS members served root beer floats and helped residents enjoy the games they had set up in the garden area!

This year CUBS Club will meet every other Wednesday morning (late start) beginning at 8:30 at MGS. The first few meetings will be spent deciding on and planning the various projects they will participate in for the school year. Adult sponsors for CUBS Club are DeAnne Heersche and Linda Miller, with help from Barbara Warne.

## MGS Chess Club



Students at MGS will soon have the opportunity to learn to play chess or practice with others who already know how to play! Chess Club will begin its third year on Wednesday, September 9, during the lunch noontime recess period for each grade level.

Students who have never played chess before will be given instruction on how to set up a board properly. Each week, they will learn how to move a different piece. Students who already know how to play will have an opportunity to practice with their grade level peers. Chess Club will meet every other week. If you are interested in assisting with teaching strategies to more advanced players, we would love to have your help! Please contact, (Linda Miller, [lmiller@usd263.k12.ks.us](mailto:lmiller@usd263.k12.ks.us) or 777-1981) for more information.

## Lunch Bunch

For the past six weeks, Mrs. Jacobson has been holding several “Lunch Bunch” groups. These groups meet once a week over the lunch hour. Lunch Bunch is an excellent way for the students to develop self-confidence, practice new positive behaviors, have fun, and make new friends.

Lunch Bunch has been so popular that there are plans to start more “Lunch Bunch” groups during the second semester.

## Recycle

MGS continues recycling white paper and notebook paper. Students can bring white paper from home too. Recycling saves natural resources and helps reduce litter. A recycling plant pays 4 cents per pound for paper.

MGS Students, Parents, and Staff collected over 5000 pounds of recycled paper this 2008/2009 school year. We've planted another tree on our playground with money earned from recycling.



We are well on our way this year with 800 pounds of paper collected already!

Keep bringing your white paper to MGS for recycling. MGS also collects used ink and toner cartridges. Please bring into the office.

Thank you for recycling!



## MGS Vocal News

Third Grade has just started working on their music program ,which will be on Thursday, Dec. 3rd. 7:00 p.m. at the High School auditorium. The students will be performing a mini-musical based on Tchaikovsky's famous ballet, *The Nutcracker Suite*. They will attend a shortened version of the ballet on a on field trip Friday, Dec. 11th at Century II in Wichita.

Fourth Grade is reviewing and memorizing dynamic markings. They have been applying the markings to some of their music and singing with expression. The students have also been listening to different singing style forms around the world and describing the vocal timbre of these voices: Closed, nasal, open, vibrato, male, female, shrill, clear, light, children, etc..

Fifth Grade has also been reviewing dynamic markings as well as simple syncopated rhythms. They have been identifying syncopation in the music, working on breath support by singing all the way through long phrases, and singing in call and response form. The students have also been working on sight reading while hand signing do, re, and mi.

## Back to School Night

On August 13th, MGS hosted the **Back to School Night** for students and their families. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a great success. Many parents and students met their teachers, put



## The Importance of Hand Washing

Over the past few weeks our school nurse, Kendra Kanaga, has been doing class presentations on the importance of hand washing. Students learned that clean hands are the number one defense against the spread of disease. Nurse Kanaga and students discussed ***Henry the Hand's Hand Washing*** guide and completed a ***Henry's Crossword Puzzle***. Visit [www.henrythehand.com](http://www.henrythehand.com) to see the guide and puzzle on line.



## MGS Music Enrichment Class

Fifth Grade music enrichment is a class that meets once a week for 40 minutes. The students have been singing *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* and a ragtime tune called *Ragtime Town*. The students will be learning *O Music*, a three part round written by the father of music education, Lowell Mason. The students were selected by their music teacher through a small singing audition done during regularly scheduled music class. There are 24 students in the group. Part singing is the focus of the group.

## MMS

Students at Mulvane Middle School are encouraged daily to "Do the Right Thing." This involves: being on time to school and class; being prepared for class; being kind to others, behaving appropriately at school, on the bus, and at after school events; etc. Parents should continue to monitor their child's agenda, conduct cards and assignments. Parents may call the school with questions at any time.

The Athletic Department would like to encourage students and parents to become involved in the various activities and after school events offered at MMS. Research shows that students who become involved in school activities are more likely to do better in school.

## MMS Vocal News

The 6th grade music classes will be performing on Tuesday October 20th during conferences from 7:00 pm -7:30pm. The auditions for Pioneer League Honor Choir were held during class the week of September 21st and the following students will be participating in the event on Saturday November 14th in Rose Hill: Dakota Kaul, Devon Todd, Taylor Heersche, J.J. Schroeder, Jessica Albright, Lizzy Hampton, Sabrina Orsman, Jordan Boden, Lindsey Lampe, Courtlynn Lander, Jonah Snider, Isaiah Evans, Zach Froese, Dylan White and Cameron Price. Great job everyone!

## MHS Theater and Drama Departments will be presenting Beauty and the Beast

The show will take place on November 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students at the door. Activity passes will not be accepted. The show is under the direction of Jason Mitchell and Rachel Jansen. The Beast will be played by Patrick Randolph. Belle will be played by Amanda Ryan. The Prince will be played by Seth Mundt. Gaston will be played by Landon Jackson. LeFou will be played by Jake Dennison. Lumiere will be played by Nathan Leslie. Cogsworth will be played by Josh Dennison.

The Wardrobe will be played by Lacey Arehart. Babette will be played by Jessy Wilson. Maurice will be played by Levi Nord. Dr. D'Arque will be played by Rylee Dulaney. Kyleen Condon is stage manager. The cast consists of 62 students and the crew consists of approximately 40 students. Auditions and rehearsals began after Labor Day and everyone is working very hard to put on an unforgettable show. Don't miss it!

## MHS

### Two Students Named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program

Jay Ensley, Principal at Mulvane High School, announced that Joshua Lewis and Nikki Trooien-Smith have been named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

Congratulations Joshua Lewis and Nikki Trooien-Smith!



## **Homecoming is Just Around the Corner**

During Homecoming on October 9, MHS students will be doing various community services and publicity projects in addition to the traditional floats and parade. Homecoming candidates are: Hannah Hughes, Helen Hughes, Stormi Potucek, Kendra Reusser, Josh Hansen, Wyatt James, A.J. May, and Nikki Trooien-Smith. King and Queen will be announced during halftime of the varsity football game on Friday, October 9th.

## **MHS Vocal News**

Esprit de Corps will be singing the National Anthem for Homecoming on October 9th before the game.

Nathan Leslie and Seth Mundt will be auditioning for the Kansas Music Educators Association District and State Choirs on Saturday, November 7th in Andover. They will prepare their audition pieces by attending the two day Heartland Festival at Wichita State University on October 2nd and 3rd.

The Vocal Department is busy preparing their winter concert material so if you need entertainment for your holiday events, call Rachel Jansen at the high school to book a singing group.

## **Reduced Price & Free School Meals Are Available at Mulvane USD #263**

Mulvane USD #263 participates in the Child Nutrition Program administered by the Kansas State Department of Education. Application forms are available at each school building and the district office.

During these tough economic times we encourage you to fill out an application to see if your student qualifies for this program. All applications are treated confidentially. Mulvane USD #263 wants to give each student the opportunity to have a nutritious breakfast and/or lunch.

## **Search to find Children in Need of Special Education**

The USD 263 Board of Education is seeking to identify every student from birth through age 21 who lives within the boundaries of Mulvane Public Schools who has developmental delays or may be in need of special education. If you have a child or know of a child who you think has developmental delays or special needs, contact:

Don Pennington, Director of Special Education  
Mulvane Public Schools,  
District Office  
628 East Mulvane Street  
Mulvane, KS  
(316) 777-0256

Areas of special education include: Birth through age two (infant-toddler), early childhood disability, developmentally delayed, visual impairments including blindness, hearing impairments including deafness, deaf-blindness, autism, traumatic brain injury, emotional disturbance, specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic, impairments, other health impairments, speech or language impairments, and gifted.

Parents are advised that all special education services are designed to offer the utmost in educational opportunities for each qualifying student, as well as to provide assistance and support in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and social growth. State and federal laws are followed in providing each student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. Call (316) 777-0256 if you have a child or know a child who may need special education services.



## FROM THE CITY OF MULVANE

City Web Site: [www.mulvanekansas.com](http://www.mulvanekansas.com)

City Hall - 777-1143

**City Utility Bills:** Payment is due by the 5th of each month in order to avoid the late penalty. Bills paid after the 5th are subject to a 5% penalty. Shut-off for non-payment is 1:00 p.m. the 20th of each month. Please attach your utility bill stub to your payment to insure you receive proper credit to your bill. For after hours utility service, please call the Mulvane Police Dept. Dispatcher at 777-4262.

**Utility Rates:** **Water rates:** \$9.00 for the first 2,000 gallons, \$4.70 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. **Sewer rates:** \$16.75 customer charge, \$4.15 per 1,000 gallons, average sewer charge based on water usage during Dec., Jan., & Feb. **Electric rates:** \$5.45 customer charge, \$.0686 per kw, summer rates are from June thru Sept., first 500 kw are based on \$.0686 per kw and \$.0786 thereafter.

A fuel adjustment fee is included in the electric charge which changes monthly according to what the consumer fee is for purchasing electricity. A 5% incremental charge is included on the electric, water and sewer portions of the utility bill.

**Stormwater Pollution Control:** What goes into the street and storm sewer goes into a stream or river. Use pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn sparingly. Repair auto leaks. Sweep up yard debris. Clean up after your pet. Dispose of household hazardous waste (antifreeze, oil, paint, etc.) and batteries properly. Sedgwick County offers several locations at which to dispose household hazardous waste. Call 660-7464 for more information.

**City Council Meetings:** First and third Mondays of each month at City Hall at 211 N. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Council members are: Mayor Jim Ford, Joe Johnson, Jenean Keck, Doug Hatfield, Terry Richardson and Shawn Townson.

**Council Agenda via Email:** If you would like to receive the bi-weekly city council agenda and meeting minutes via email, email [krixson@mulvanekansas.com](mailto:krixson@mulvanekansas.com) and ask to be put on the email list. Council meeting minutes are also posted on the City web site.

**Sewer Back-ups Happen!** Basements with floor drains are susceptible to this problem. You should install a back-flow preventor on your basement sewer service line. Be sure your home-owner's or renter's insurance policy covers sewer back-up damage.

**Solid Waste Franchising:** The City of Mulvane continues to research the idea of solid waste franchising. The majority of cities in the U.S. either provides the service or contract with a single waste hauler for all residents. Some advantages of franchising are; reduced cost of service to the customer, increased re-cycling offerings and reduced damage to city streets. A Request for Proposals to trash haulers to bid on the City contract will be sent out before the end of 2009.



## **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**

Terri Lemos, Principal

### **Grade School - 777-1981**

Raquel Charbonneau, 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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