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Getting to Know Your School Board

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I grew up in small central and western Kansas towns and graduated from Wheatland High School in Grainfield. I met my better half, Rita, while in the Air Force at Langley AFB in Newport News Virginia. After moving to San Diego we decided that we wanted to raise our family in a less hectic environment and moved here in 1988. We felt then, and still believe, that the Mulvane school district is the right size. It is large enough to offer a wide variety of educational and extracurricular activities, while still being small enough that teachers and staff in the schools personally care about their students.

All four of our sons went through the Mulvane school system. Grant, class of 2004, is an Orthodontist. He and his wife Kayla have a 1 year old girl, Anna, and are expecting their second child in May. Gavin, class of 2004, is an architect. Jacob, class of 2009, works in marketing. Jonah, class of 2014, will graduate in May and study performing arts at Johnson County Community College in the fall. Rita works in the Mulvane Middle School library.



USD 263 has grown and seen many changes since I've been on the board. Currently one of the greatest challenges that the board deals with is the unstable fiscal and budget outlook from the state. Budget uncertainties make it difficult to plan and places a strain on educational opportunities that we are able to provide our students. Your voice, as citizens, has an impact. Contact our legislators and let them know how you feel. The district office has more information if needed.

I'm in my second term on the board which ends in 2015. Serving on the board gives me an opportunity to give back and make a difference in our community. As a member of the Board of Education, my highest reward is being able to participate in graduation exercises. Seeing the faces of our young men and women as they get their diplomas is very fulfilling, especially when one of them is your child. I'm proud of the facility improvements which were made possible by passage the last bond issue. The addition of the grade school classrooms and gym and improvements to the athletic facilities are among the finest in the state. They also serve the citizens of Mulvane and improve its image. Thank you for allowing us to make these improvements.

We have a great district filled with people who genuinely care about our students. Feel free to contact me with suggestions, concerns, or even compliments.

Mulvane USD 263 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, handicap/disability, or age. Persons having inquiries may contact the school district's ADA and Section 504 coordinator @ 628 E. Mulvane St. Mulvane, KS 67110.

Dog Trainer brings Canines to MPS

Steve Cross came and talked to our second graders about how he trains dogs. He brought a puppy, named Diva, that was just in the beginning phases of training and a retired dog, named Cato, that was an award-winning dog in the area of tracking.

The Mulvane Police brought their canine that Mr. Cross also trained as a drug dog. His name is Rex.

He discussed where the dogs came from, how he trains and what their purpose is. His daughter, Courtney Cross from Mrs. Dunham's class, helped him with the presentation.

Thank you Mr. Cross, for sharing the dogs and your knowledge of training them!



Please join us in Celebration 30 Years of Service!



**May 6th at 3:45 p.m. in the
Mulvane Grade School Library**

Questions and Answers with Connie Elliott

When and where did you graduate? Bethany College in Lindsborg. 1984

What year did you begin teaching? 1984-2014

What grades have you taught? 4th and 5th grades. Mulvane School District.

What will you miss the most about teaching? I will miss the interaction with the students. I will miss seeing their faces light up when they understand a concept for the first time. I have loved the staff I have worked with over the years. Very friendly and supportive.

What classroom equipment have you used (past and present)? I began with a great big box like video screen. Then we went to film projectors, overhead projectors, chalk boards to white boards, smart boards, and computers.

What are your pastimes/hobbies? I love to read, bowl, water ski, ride horses and garden. I have always loved living in the country.

What are your future plans? Hopefully enjoy grandchildren and travel more with my sister and family.



Fifth Grade Service Learning Project

The fifth grade classes finished reading “Maniac Magee” in their English Language Arts class. One of the themes discussed throughout the novel is homelessness.

For our fifth grade service project, we partnered with a group to directly help homeless people in the Wichita area. The end of the month is more difficult for these individuals as they run out of money, so we prepared snack bags to help. Students brought in items such as pudding cups, packages of crackers, Vienna sausages, granola bars, and small bags of chips. We were able to fill 167 gallon baggies with food for the homeless. Our hope is that our students will be more aware of current events, the people around them, and will feel pleasure knowing they are helping someone else.



Life Cycle Butterfly Hatching Project

At MGS, all speech students, and most of the fourth grade students, participated in the Life Cycle Miracle Butterfly Hatching Project.

It is a wonderful activity where the students may complete time lines, utilize calendar skills, and use “science observation/prediction/summary skills” to guess when the different stages of butterfly development will occur, and how many larva will actually make it to the butterfly stage. Students may also write a summary of the butterfly release answering basic “who, what, when, why” questions.

Pictures are included of many fourth grade students along with speech students, gathering together to release the butterflies. This is an exciting activity. On the count of three, the students said, “Let them go free,” and the butterflies began their new journey within the Mulvane Grade School outdoor butterfly garden.



MGS Hoops 4 Heart Event

Students at the Mulvane Grade School raised \$4500.00 this year for the American Heart Association. The Heart Association uses the money for research and education to both treat and prevent heart disease. Very likely any person reading this has either benefited from that campaign or knows someone who is still alive today because of the miracles doctors are able to perform as a direct result of the money the Heart Association has raised. Since the Grade School began holding "Heart Events" in 1996, we (along with the generous support of the Mulvane community) have raised a total of \$154,227.92 for the American Heart Association!

Congratulations to Bailey from Mrs. Steffen's fourth grade class. She is the Grade School's "Heart Hero" this year for raising the most money in the amount of \$200.00 for the event. Pictured along with her (center) are students that won this year's Hoops "Shoot-Out," held on April 4 in our new Grade School gym in front of students and interested parents. Prizes for this event were provided by Mulvane Recreation Center, Derby Recreation Center, Applebee's and Sonic.

Thanks to students, local businesses and the community for making this such a successful and fun life-saving event! For more pictures of the Hoops 4 Heart event go to:

<http://www.usd263.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/Grade%20School%7CTeacher%20Pages%3E%3EFooshee,%20Cathy>



New Sewing Machines for MMS



Warren Homes Scholarship

On April 17th, Dakotah Kaul, senior, was awarded the Warren Homes Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Dakotah's parents Raymond Michels, and Tomi Eurton were there beside their daughter as she was awarded the scholarship in front of her Advanced Art classmates and friends. There were 25 students who applied, 4 from Mulvane and 21 from Derby. Applicants were instructed to design an entry monument sign 3' x 8' for the new housing development "The Reserve of Cedar Brook". The winning design is predicted to be up in early June and will be in Mulvane located near the water park.



Interested Supporters Needed!

The Mulvane School District is looking for Patrons, Parents, and Students to join the Wellness Committee.

Please call the District Office and leave your name and number for a committee member to contact you.

Thank you for your interest.

USD 263 is planning to offer summer meals. Please check the school website as details will be posted at a later date.

***** Attention: *****

All Students/Athletes Sports/Activities Physicals

Good for 2014-2015 School Year

\$25.00

(All proceeds donated to
Mulvane High School Athletics)

Thursday, May 22nd

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Mulvane High School

Print out your sports physical form online at

www.KSHSAA.org

Make checks payable to:

Mulvane High School

- Do not drink energy drinks for 24 hours prior to your physical. They cause the heart rate to rise to an abnormal rate.
- Please bring/wear your glasses or contacts for the eye exam.

Sponsored by Mulvane Family Med Center,
Dr. Tony Carro, Dr. Brian Comer,
Dr. David Hufford, & Mulvane EMS

Congratulations Taylor Selvey



Wichita State University has named three high school seniors as Klose Scholars after the fourth annual Klose Scholarship Competition held Nov. 15 at WSU's Corbin Education Center. Jacy Beck from Olathe North High School, Taylor Selvey from Mulvane High School and Alexis Thuston from Chanute High School all earned the \$25,000 scholarship award, which is dispersed over four years.

Beck, Selvey and Thuston all qualified to become Klose Scholars by applying to Wichita State and declaring a math education or science education major in the College of Education. Additionally, each earned a minimum 3.5 GPA and a minimum ACT composite score of 24 in order to be considered. The Doris and Ralph Klose Scholarship pays the top three competitors' tuition, fees and books for their junior and senior years. Other scholarships and financial aid packages will pay those costs during their freshman and sophomore years.

Doris and Ralph Klose, both alumni, left an estate of \$7.5 million to the WSU Foundation to be used for math and science education scholarships in the College of Education. This is the largest known gift of its kind in the nation to fund scholarships for future teachers in science and math.



Excellent Job Mulvane MHS/MMS Vocal Music

The Mulvane High School Vocal Department has been busy with Contests beginning with Regional Solo and Ensemble held on April 5th at Andover Central High School. The ratings were as follows: Esprit de Corps-I, Women's Ensemble-I, Mixed Ensemble-II, Vocal Solos: Jordan Boden-I, Taylor Bradley-I, Brenda Mattson-I, Lizzy Hampton-I, Lindsey Lampe-I, Blake Overman-I, Tori Jansen-I, Bethany Warne-I, Taylor Selvey-II, Connor Innes-II, Bradi Allen-II, and Chase Penka-II. The totals were fifty-two-ones and twenty-eight-twos. Next the Women's Choir attended State Large Group on April 17th at Winfield High School where they received a one rating. Everyone who received a one at the Regional above was qualified and competed at State Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, April 26th, at Andover High School. The ratings were as follows: Esprit de Corps-I, Women's Ensemble-II, Lizzy Hampton-I, Taylor Bradley-I, Jordan Boden-I, Blake Overman-I, Lindsey Lampe-II, Tori Jansen-II, and Bethany Warne-II. The totals were twenty-one-ones and twenty-seven-twos. The students did an excellent job and brought home awesome ratings for Mulvane Schools.

The Mulvane Middle School Vocal Department attended the Pioneer League Vocal Music Festival on Wednesday, April 23rd, at Circle Middle School. The ratings were as follows: 7/8 Choir-I, Mixed Ensemble-I, Ladies Ensemble-I, Vocal Solos: Marissa Billingsley-II, Rhett Endres-I+, Abbie Conrad-II, Ryan Roderick-I, Gracie Hornecker-II+, Alyssa Wilson-I-, Brandon Shaver-II, Clayton Heter-I, Samie Copeland-I, and Kaity McDonald-I. Piano soloist included Eric Woods-I, Sally Brownlee-I-, and Ryan Roderick-I-. The totals were ninety-five-ones and four twos. Great job everyone!

This makes Mrs. Jansen's totals for the month of April two hundred ones and fifty-nine twos. Thank you to all the talented students!

PROJECT SEARCH TO BEGIN AUGUST 2014

USD 263-Mulvane, was one of three Kansas school districts to receive a grant awarded by the Kansas Developmental Disability Council this school year. Mulvane project SEARCH will begin in the 2014-15 school year with five students participating in the Project SEARCH program located at the Mulvane Hampton Inn. Students were recommended for this program by their teachers and are in their last year of high school. All students have been identified as having a developmental disability.

Students will be participating in approximately three unpaid internships (usually lasting 10 weeks each). The goal of the program is employment by the end of the school year and/or the development of marketable job skills. Students will be in class for an hour at the beginning and end of the day. Other than this time, they will be working on assigned internships under the supervision of the Mulvane Hampton Inn staff. Connie Sneeringer, Mulvane High School Teacher will be the Project SEARCH Instructor for this program. She will be coordinating this program with Joe Shanks, General Manager of the Mulvane Hampton Inn.

The local initiative will be overseen by Project SEARCH Cincinnati, whose staff helped start over 200 Project SEARCH sites across the United States. There are several established Project SEARCH sites in Kansas: Wichita, Salina, Manhattan, El Dorado, Lawrence and Newton have had Project SEARCH sites for the past few years. Derby will be starting their Project SEARCH site at McConnell Air Force Base in August, 2014.

Project SEARCH is based on a partnership that includes a local business (Mulvane Hampton Inn), the school district, Sedgwick and Sumner County Developmental Disability Organizations, Kansas Rehabilitation Services, Goodwill Industries and the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities.

For more information, please contact Gay Younkin, Director of Special Education, USD 263 at 316-777-0256 or by email at: gyounkin@usd263.org.



Connie Sneeringer,
MHS Instructor

Joe Shanks, General
Manager, Mulvane
Hampton Inn

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CHILD FIND CLINIC

Developmental Screening for Children Birth to age 5

(Areas screened: Language, Concepts, Motor, Behavior, Hearing & Vision)

Screenings are conducted by: USD #263 Early Childhood Staff

**Please call 777-0256, ext 202, to make an appointment for the August 6, 2014 clinic.
Call 777-0151 for all other clinic appointments.**

Screenings are held at **Munson Primary School**, Northeast Hall, 1007 Westview, Mulvane, KS

August 6, 2014	Jan. 14, 2015
Sept. 3, 2014	Feb. 11, 2015
Oct. 1, 2014	March 11, 2015
Nov. 5, 2014	April 8, 2015
Dec. 3, 2014	May 6, 2015

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Developmental Screening for Children Birth to age 5

Evaluación del desarrollo de niños desde el nacimiento hasta los 5 años

(Areas seleccionados: Lenguaje, Conceptos, motor, comportamiento, audición y visión)

Screenings are conducted by: USD #263 Early Childhood Staff

Proyecciones se llevan a cabo a través de: USD #263 Personal de la Primera Infancia

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Por favor llame a 777-0256, ext 202, para hacer una cita para 06 de agosto 2014
la clínica. Llame 777-0151 para todas las otras citas.**

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Proyecciones se llevan a cabo en **la Escuela Primaria de Munson**, Northeast Hall,
1007 Westview, Mulvane, KS

06 de agosto 2014	14 de enero 2015
03 de septiembre 2014	11 de febrero 2015
01 de octubre 2014	11 de marzo 2015
05 de noviembre 2014	08 de abril 2015
03 de diciembre 2014	06 de mayo 2015



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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Monday of each month.



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