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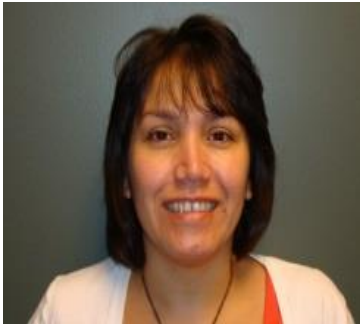
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Employee Spotlight

Patty Sweeney – Accounts Payable / Secretary



Patty joined the Mulvane School District in June of 2007. In her current position, Patty maintains a behind the scenes presence in the district working in the Accounts Payable Department and serving as secretary for the Director of Special Services. She processes all accounts payable and other day to day accounting tasks. She works with each building principal and teacher processing year-end orders. Patty also tracks the district's purchases and billing efficiently. Patty is always researching the best deals to save the district money. She processes and keeps the award credit running smoothly and is always helpful to staff and families that visit the district office.

When you were in high school, what did you want to be when you grew up? I attended Shawnee Mission South in Overland Park, I wanted to go into fashion design.

Where did you go to school/previous work experience? I graduated from K-State and Park University in Parkville, Mo. I have had many different jobs in the retail and banking industry.

What do you like most about the Mulvane School District? I like the way that our district employees step up to help the kids. Sometimes, it's just to listen. Sometimes it's to get extra help with understanding the work at school, and letting the kids have a safe place and someone to listen to what might be happening with a family issue or sometimes it's just making sure that they have a warm coat or extra food on the weekends. Our employees will do their best to help where they can.

What is your greatest accomplishment so far? My family. My husband and I have 3 girls and they are our greatest accomplishment.

Who's your hero? My mom, she is the strongest woman I know. Always going the extra mile to help where there is a need.

What is your favorite book? The Mothers and Daughters Chicken Soup for the Soul short stories.

What is your favorite food? Mexican

What is your favorite Website? Money-saving websites: www.krazycouponlady.com, bradsdeals.com, amazon.com, stlmommy.com, woot.com

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is a program in all four buildings in our school district. This year Kirsten Lyman, School Social Worker sponsors the groups at Mulvane Middle School and Munson Primary. Megan Swett, School Psychologist and Sherry White, Resource Teacher at Mulvane Grade School lead the group at MGS. Mallory Ashworth, Resource Teacher and Kelli Pennington, Behavior Assistant sponsor the group at Mulvane High School. Groups are composed of students with disabilities and general education students who have applied to be in the program.



Circle of Friends is an inclusion program for all students with disabilities. It fosters and brings the understanding and acceptance of differences on school campuses and within the community, decreasing bullying and making a significant social impact.

If you have questions about Circle of friends, please contact Gay Younkin, Director of Special Education.



Capture the Turkey 2014



The morning of the 2014 Capture the Turkey event at the MGS dawned clear but chilly! Because of the inclement weather, grade level competitions were held in the morning in our new gym! A modified version of the game was played. Winners emerging from these grade level competitions were Mrs. Cuthbertson's class from the third grade, Mr. Rorabaugh's class from the fourth grade and Mrs. Beck's class was the victor in the fifth grade.

In the afternoon, the weather warmed up enough to hold the game outside in front of the building on the soccer field. Mr. Rorabaugh's class (4th grade) fought Mrs. Cuthbertson's class (3rd grade) to a 9 to 2 victory. They went on to secure a spot in the teacher competition by emerging the victor in the competition against Mrs. Beck's class with a final score of 4 to 0.

After a short break, the battle between teachers and Mr. Rorabaugh's class began. Mr. Rorabaugh elected to stay loyal to his class and coached from the sidelines, urging his kids to do their best! Anyone watching could see that this fourth grade class holds a lot of good athletes with a fair amount of speed! That being said...what the teachers may have lacked in speed, they made up for with strategy and good recruiting!!



The final score...teachers 10, Mr. Rorabaugh's class 2. Once again, the teachers maintained their "no loss" record! It was a great way to burn off some calories before everyone's big Thanksgiving feast!



MGS Watch D.O.G.S. Program

Mulvane Grade School is looking for Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students)! If you are interested in volunteering for 1 day at our school, please call 777-1981. This program brings Dads into our classrooms, helping students be successful.

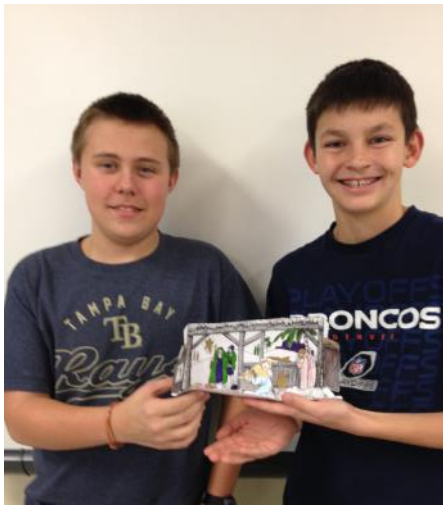


MMS Students Studying Christmas Traditions in Mexico

Students in Cathy McElroy's Spanish class studied Christmas traditions in Mexico. The students created nativity scenes to replicate the celebration of La Posada. La Posada is celebrated throughout Central and South America. The students also made mini-piñatas while learning about other traditions associated with Christmas in Mexico. As a final activity, the class celebrated with Mexican hot chocolate, Banuelos, hot tamales, and fruit drinks.



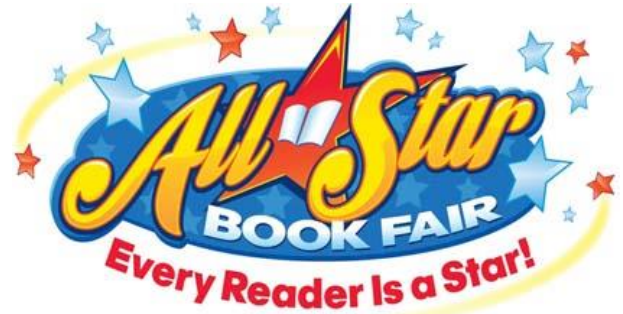
The MMS Yearbook Staff will be taking orders for the LAST TIME January 20-23. The price is \$30.00



Art & Technology Fans

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 for the Art and Technology Show. The show will once again be held at the Mulvane High School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Student art, kindergarten through high school, as well as, middle school and high school technology projects will be on display.

Refreshments will help provide an enjoyable evening for all who attend.



Mulvane Middle School

Monday, Feb. 9, 7:30-4:00 pm
 Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:30-4:00 pm
 Wednesday, Feb. 11, 8:30-4:00 pm
 Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30-7:30 pm
 6:00-7:30 pm: FAMILY EVENT - All Star Book Report Fair
 Friday, Feb. 13, 7:30-12:30 pm

Mulvane Grade School

Monday, Feb. 16, 8:00-7:00 pm
 Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Coffee at the Curb

On December 19th, the Mulvane Grade School Staff handed out steaming hot cups of Starbucks Coffee to parents as they dropped off their students. This is the second annual "Coffee at the Curb" held by the Grade School. This is one way we show our appreciation to our parents that support us throughout the year.



MHS Annual Financial Aid Night

Mulvane High School is hosting its annual Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. This free informational meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and should last about an hour. It will be held in the Auditorium at MHS. This meeting is for parents and students who are interested in learning more about financial aid for college. Topics discussed will include the various forms of financial assistance and the application process. Seniors and their parents may begin filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 each year.

The FAFSA is the application that is required to determine if a student qualifies for federal grant programs, federal work study programs, or student loans taken out in the student's name with lower interest rates and grace periods before repayment.

The federal financial aid system makes changes yearly based on federal legislation and the amount of funding made available to post-secondary schools. The financial aid officer leading the meeting will share the latest changes and how they will affect students entering post-secondary institutions in the fall of 2015. This information is most relevant to seniors and their parents, but parents of younger students may attend to have this information for future planning. Questions may be addressed to Mrs. Teresa Brown, MHS Counselor via email at: tbrown@usd263.org.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of dedicated and dependable school bus drivers. We offer paid training, a flexible work schedule and you can bring your kids to work with you! If this sounds like a great opportunity for you or someone you know please contact us at 777-1102.

MHS Gives Personalized Gifts to Pre-School Students

Mr. Dieker's MHS Woods class put big smiles on Munson preschooler's faces today by giving each one a personalized boat. This is a project Mr. Dieker's class does each year. The high school students seem to enjoy handing out the gifts as much as the primary students enjoy receiving them!



Health News Letter

Tips on Staying Healthy

Water, are you drinking enough? The Basics

Getting enough water every day is important for your health. Healthy people meet their fluid needs by drinking when thirsty and drinking with meals. Most of your fluid needs are met through the water and beverages you drink. However, you can get some fluids through the foods that you eat. For example, broth soups and foods with high water content such as celery, tomatoes, or melons can contribute to fluid intake.

Water helps your body:

- Keep your temperature normal
- Lubricate and cushion joints
- Protect your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues
- Get rid of wastes through urination, perspiration, and bowel movements

Your body needs more water when you are:

- In hot climates
- More physically active
- Running a fever
- Having diarrhea or vomiting

If you think you are not getting enough water, these tips may help:



- Carry a water bottle for easy access when you are at work or running errands.
- Freeze some freezer safe water bottles. Take one with you for ice-cold water all day long.
- Choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages. This can also help with weight management.
- Substituting water for one 20-ounce sugar sweetened soda will save you about 240 calories. For example, during the school day students should have access to drinking water, giving them a healthy alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages.
- Choose water when eating out. Generally, you will save money and reduce calories.
- Add a wedge of lime or lemon to your water. This can help improve the taste and help you drink more water than you would usually do.

Stay healthy and be sure to keep up on your water intake!



Music Notes:

The MHS Esprit de Corps was very busy during the holiday season volunteering their time, singing, and spreading cheer all over the community. They performed at MMS, MPS, Senior Center/Central Office, Sedgwick County Courthouse, Villa Maria, Carson Bank, Towne West, American Legion, and the VA Hospital. They enjoyed giving back to the community and bringing joy to others while sharing their gifts and talents. The Women's Choir performed at the Villa Maria as well. Mixed Chorus, Women's Choir, and Esprit all performed in the MHS Winter Concert which was well attended and successful. The first semester sixth graders joined the 7/8 Choir from the middle school to perform the MMS Winter Concert which showcased the students' hard work and time commitment.

The vocal department will be working with the theater department to hold a Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday, January 24th with shows at 1:00 and 6:00 in the MHS commons. Tickets are \$10 and include a meal provided by the vocal department and a show provided by the theater department. It is a mystery show which must be solved with audience participation and interaction from the cast. If interested, please see any vocal music student, any thespian, or email: rjansen@usd263.org

K-5 Lunch Substitutions

We are often asked by parents about their child choosing yogurt/string cheese for the lunch meal in place of the hot entrée choice and what is included. The misconception is that they only get the yogurt and string cheese, and that is not correct. When a student chooses to take the yogurt/string cheese in place of the hot entrée they still receive all of the other food items. For example, on a day serving spaghetti, breadstick, corn, cookie, fruit, salad bar and milk the student would receive one yogurt and a string cheese in place of the spaghetti, they would still get all of the other items.

We know that students will have days when we are serving a lunch item that they don't like so we want them to have choices. Our goal is to feed our students healthy meals that they like. Our menus are printed in the Mulvane paper and posted on our website www.usd263.com.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact us via email through the school website.
Food Services Director
Richard Hampton

Community and Staff Help Families in Need

The Holiday Assistance Program coordinated at the Mulvane District Office was a huge success again this year. We served 38 families, which included 103 of our students. On December 18th each family picked up their gifts and were able to choose stocking stuffers, gift wrap and non-perishable food items.

A huge thank you goes out to local businesses, churches and individual families who provided gifts. Thank you to the Primary, Grade, Middle and the High School for the stocking stuffers and gift wrap. A special thank you goes to Munson Primary School who supplied the non-perishable food from their canned food drive.



ALL FOR BOOKS Challenge

Munson boys will look to repeat their win versus the girls in October, as our ALL FOR BOOKS challenge begins the week of Feb. 9-13. Munson students are invited to bring in their spare change each day to help raise funds which will directly benefit our own Munson students and classrooms and two national organizations: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. & Kids in Need Foundations. Monday, Feb. 9 is Pennies Day. Tuesday, Feb. 10 is Nickels Day, Wednesday, Feb. 11 is Dimes Day. Thursday, Feb. 12 is Quarters Day, Friday, Feb. 13 is Dollars Day. Students making any donation to the ALL FOR BOOKS program will earn a poster drawing ticket for a chance to win a poster of their choice from the Munson Book Fair.

Munson's Book Fair will run from Feb. 11-20th. MPS Fair will be open to the public during school hours, with a couple of extended-hour days on Feb. 16 & 17:

Wed. Feb. 11th 8:45-12:00 pm & 12:30-3:00 pm

Thurs. & Fri. Feb. 12 & 13th 7:45-12:00 pm & 12:30-3:00 pm

Mon. Feb. 16th 8:00-7:30 pm

Tues. Feb. 17th 7:45-12:00 pm, 12:30-3:00 pm & 4:00-7:30 pm (extended hours)

Wed. Feb. 18th 8:45-12:00 pm & 12:30-3:00 pm

Thurs. & Fri. Feb. 19th & 20th 7:45-12:00 pm & 12:30-3:00 pm (All purchases benefit Munson Primary School)

Mulvane High School's Book Fair will run March 11-13th & 23-28th The Fair will be open:

Wed. Mar. 11th 8:00-11:30 am

Thurs. & Fri. Mar. 12th & 13th 7:30-3:00 pm

Mon. Mar. 23rd 5:30-8:30 pm

Tues. Mar. 24th 5:00-8:00 pm (@ District Art & Technology Show)

Wed. Mar. 25th 8:00-11:30 am

Thurs. & Fri. Mar. 26th & 27th 7:30-3:00 pm

Sat. Mar. 28th 5:00-7:00 pm

Kansas All Star Scholars Continue Supporting Students and Staff

Kansas All Star Scholars Fund Representative, Sonya Jackson, awarded Kirsten Lyman, district social worker and several USD263 employees with a \$500 Visa reward card!

The cards are usually given to K-12 classroom teachers at the beginning of the school year to use for classroom supplies. After review, the Kansas All Star Scholars board, granted exceptions totaling \$6,500 to counselors, librarians and speech and language pathologists.

In addition, Sonya Jackson presented Superintendent Dr. Brad Rahe with \$4,900 in reward cards designated for district libraries.

Thank you Kansas All Star Scholars Fund for the ongoing support that will enable staff to purchase additional items they need to help the students of Mulvane USD263.



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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7:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th

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