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Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is up and running at the Mulvane Hampton Inn. Project SEARCH is a national program that trains students in job skills. A grant was obtained by the Mulvane School District from the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities to start the program this school year.

Area students participate in a full day of job training under the supervision of Connie Sneeringer, instructor, at the Mulvane High School, and Mary Caudell who works as a job coach to assist students in their job internships. Students work in housekeeping, laundry and maintenance. It is hoped that the interns will branch out to other internship sites at the hotel as the year progresses.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Gay Younkin, Director of Special Education at 316-777-0256.



**MPS
Speech Para's
Thank you for all you do!**



Speech Para's at MPS leave Michael Stratton, Speech/Language Pathologist, grateful they're on his team!

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

MHS: Mon. Oct. 27th, 4:00-7:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 28th, 4:00-7:30 pm
Fri. Oct. 31st, 7:30-11:30 am

MMS: Tues. Oct. 28th, 3:30-7:30 pm
Wed. Oct. 29th, 3:30-6:30 pm
Fri. Oct. 31st, 7:30-11:00 am

MGS: Mon. Oct. 27th, 4:00-7:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 28th, 4:00-7:00 pm
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MPS: Mon. Oct. 27th, 4:00-7:30 pm
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Please check out Mulvane sports pictures, event information and history that goes back over 50 years at: www.mulvanesports.com

**School Safety
Planning, Preparation, Partnership**

The safety of our students and staff is always our number one priority. We regularly update our safety/security plans and have them reviewed by local law enforcement and safety experts. School staff are trained and prepared in all types of emergency situations.

Recently district administrators, staff, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Mulvane Police/Fire/EMS and regional law enforcement agencies teamed up to practice table top exercises for multiple emergency situations. It is our hope that this training will never be necessary but one that is needed for the safety of all students and staff.

The workshop provided district administrators and law enforcement partners a shared understanding of how to respond in extreme emergencies. Furthermore, by coming together we all have a greater understanding of how important of a role each agency plays in reviewing safety procedures and protecting students and staff.



USD 263 Safety Information

The USD 263 Safety Department has a new page on the district website. Parents, students, and staff can find helpful information on topics such as, Parents/Guardians Response During an Emergency and training links.

Follow us on Twitter for updates and other safety information.

MHS S.A.D.D. Helped MGS Kick Off their Bully Prevention Week

MHS S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) helped MGS kick off their Bully Prevention Week. Fifteen SADD members split up into six groups and visited all classrooms at MGS. Their message included be kind to others, stick up for others and think before you speak. They had a great time visiting all the classrooms.

At MGS, each class decorated their classroom door with the theme “How Will WE Help Stop Bullying?” The doors will be judged and a prize awarded to the winning class in each grade! Weekly bullying awareness and prevention lessons have begun at each grade level with Linda Miller, School Counselor. Students also participate in Lion’s Quest, our district-wide life-skills program which fosters responsibility, good judgment, self-discipline, and respect for others.



On October 22, MHS SADD will be hosting Joe White, in the Auditorium. His message will focus on making good choices and always wearing your seatbelt in a moving vehicle.

SADD has hosted one 5th quarter event after the first home football game on September 19th. It was a huge success with approximately 85 students attending. There were board games, snacks, drinks and a movie in the auditorium. We are hoping to host another 5th quarter from 9:30-11:45 pm on Thursday, Oct. 30th after the football game.

MGS WATCH D.O.G.S.

Nearly 30 dads attended an informational meeting on the WATCH D.O.G.S. program on Tuesday, September 23, 2014. D.O.G.S. stands for Dads of Great Students. The program is being implemented at the Mulvane Grade School this year. Fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, or other father-figures are involved in their student’s school or classroom and gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they have in the school. “The purpose of WATCH D.O.G.S. is also an effort to increase safety and involvement,” said Raquel Greer, Mulvane Grade School Principal. WATCH D.O.G.S. volunteer to work in their child’s school throughout the year and help students with school work, staying on task and interacting with others. If you are interested in volunteering for the program, please contact Raquel Greer at 777-1981.



MGS Sports and Fitness Skills

As the weather turns cooler, so the activities in PE are turning into “winter mode.” We are getting down to the business of working on the skills we evaluated in the first six weeks of school. In the third grade we looked at basic skills of locomotion, throwing and catching. As we move deeper into fall and march towards winter, we will be doing centers and playing games that focus on improving these basic skills.

In the fourth grade, we looked at throwing and catching, added a sit-ups test for abdominal strength, a non-dominant bank shot test to address bi-laterality and an underhand volleyball serve test. Centers and games will include tasks that address these areas as well as many other sports and fitness skills.

In the fifth grade we tested abdominal strength with a one minute sit-ups test, upper body strength with a one minute push-ups test, hamstring flexibility with a sit and reach test, bi-laterality with both a left and right 30 second bank shot test and an overhead serving test. Centers and games this winter will focus on improvement from individual baselines established with those tests as well as other sports and fitness skills.

Students in all grade levels have been participating in a Flag Football unit since we completed the baseline evaluations. As we begin our Cardiovascular Unit, working our way to our annual “Capture the Turkey” event in November, games we played during the Football unit will re-emerge as fun Aerobic games and a way to build our Cardiovascular endurance for our 15 minute walk/jog event at the end of the unit.



MMS Spanish

Students in Mrs. McElroy’s 8th grade Introduction to Spanish class have completed two projects this semester that made them ‘experts’ on a particular Central or South American country. Students first researched the country, then completed and presented a poster to the rest of the class. Next, students researched information about arts and crafts or other information about the pre-Columbian era of that country. The students then created an artifact, shared it with the group along with information about why they chose that item, and now those artifacts are on display in the ‘museum’ in the display case outside the big gym. Stop by and see their work!

In addition to researching countries, students have also learned simple greetings, numbers to 100, days of the week, months of the year, and the Spanish alphabet. They celebrated Mexican independence Day in September and look forward to learning about The Day of the Dead and how it’s celebrated at the end of October.



Charlie D. and Zane S.



Erica U.



To: Parents and Guardians of MMS Students

From: Mrs. Becker and MMS Math Teachers

Re: New Math Standards

We believe all children have a right to an education that prepares them to be successful in a competitive global economy. In order to compete in a knowledge-based global economy we must improve the academic performance of our students. Our teachers share these same expectations for education and encourage family support in this move forward with the adoption of Kansas College and Career Readiness Standards (KCCRS).

KCCRS has produced K-12 standards in the foundational subjects of math and English that meet the expectation of preparing students for success after high school graduation. KCCRS set consistent, focused, rigorous academic expectations for all students. Forty-six other states have adopted similar standards with the same vision in mind. We support these more rigorous academic standards that are currently being rolled out in classrooms across the country. For more information about these standards please visit the Kansas Department of Education website at: www.ksde.org and click on "Kansas College and Career Readiness Standards."

As parents, you may have noticed a shift in the presentation of math concepts in our new math materials currently being implemented in your student's class. The KCCRS emphasizes the development of a deeper conceptual understanding that requires students to transfer mathematical skills across concepts. To achieve such an understanding, students must be provided with opportunities to think more critically about a problem and be able to both talk and write about it. There have been some challenges; however, we are very excited to see our students thinking more critically and at higher levels. The KCCRS will help pave the way for mathematical skill development at a level that will serve students throughout their lives.

As always, please feel free to contact your student's math teacher or myself with any concerns or questions.

Conduct Reward Trip Scheduled for MMS

As a reward for good behavior and responsibility at school, MMS students will again travel to Wichita State to watch the WSU Women's Team take on Arkansas-Pine Bluff with *Rock with the Shocks* on Friday, December 5th. Students must meet the following criteria: Still on green or blue conduct card; Have not been assigned ISS or OSS; 9 absences or less; and good grades. Permission slips will be sent home with students soon.

MRC After School Program: 6th-8th Grades

Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the MRC
Application Fee: \$10.00 per School Month
Registration packets available at the MRC.
Enroll any time. Full months only
No pro-rated fees.
MRC Staff supervised activities & snacks

Homework Completion Program

Parents should have received information from their children about the Homework Completion Program. If a student missed the deadline in class for an assignment to be turned in, they are given the opportunity to still receive some credit if they stay after school on the same day the assignment was due to finish. All students are asked to let their parents know they are going to voluntarily stay so they do not receive a "0" on the assignment that was due in class. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if there are questions.



MHS Kansas Honors Scholars for Fall 2014

The following seniors are 2014 Fall Kansas Honors Scholars:

Brileigh Ballinger, daughter of Robert & Allison Ballinger

Tyler Barton, son of Bryan & Jan Barton

Taylor Bradley, daughter of Larry & Martha Slack & Pete Bradley

Meghan Carver, daughter of Mark Carver & Karla Morton

Elise Dayton, daughter of Mark & Shane Dayton

Baine Dikeman, son of Tammy Withrow

Larissa Ester, daughter of Lowell & Linda Ester

Alannah Federico, daughter of Ronda Federico & Alvin Federico

Brandon Foster, son of Bradley & Heather Foster

Logan Gossett, son of Greg & Terri Gossett

Morgan Jarrett, son of Larry Jarrett & Rebecca Wray-Jarrett

Angelica Killinger, daughter of Jan & Shirley Killinger

Courtney Mark, daughter of Jody & Suzanne Miller & Timothy Mark

Jonathan Serrano-Ramsey, son of Juan & Linda Serrano

These students earned this distinction by being ranked in the top 10% of their senior class. In honor of the students, the KU Alumni Association hosted a reception following the Honors Scholars program in September.

MHS Fall Musical

Cast and crew are working very hard on polishing up their talents and their instruments for this year's fall musical, "The Music Man". Directors Jason Mitchell and Rachel Jansen have selected their cast and crew and have begun rehearsals to present this fun play about an unscrupulous salesman and the town he tries to swindle. As usual, there is romance, great music and titillating dialog to keep you laughing, listening and singing along.

Please be sure to join us November 20, 21 and 22 and support the hard work and hours of practice that the "athletes of the stage" have put in to making this play a wonderful evening of music and mayhem.

Tickets can be purchased through the Thespians and through the district web-page soon. Please stay tuned for more information.

Vision and Hearing Screenings in October

Kendra Kanaga and Laura Canfield, School Nurses, will be conducting vision and hearing screenings this month throughout the school district. Parents will be contacted if your child's screening results are insufficient.



Mulvane P.A.T. (Parents As Teachers) Activities & Upcoming Events

Mulvane Parents as Teachers has been very busy with different types of activities this past month.

On September 6th, we had an exciting adventure to Tanganyika Wildlife Park. Parents and their little ones had hands-on experiences with some of the animals, such as giraffes, birds, lemurs, turtles, rabbits, and guinea pigs.

On Saturday, September 20th, National Roll and Read for Parents as Teachers encouraged exercising and reading together as a family. Several different gross motor and literacy activities were incorporated along a walking course in Munson's parking lot.

Dr. Jennifer Carr, an optometrist and PAT parent, gave a presentation on September 25th to our parents titled, "The Eyes Have It: What You Need to Know about Vision." Parents learned about children's vision and how to be proactive in recognizing vision problems.

Chelsea Powell, another PAT parent, helped lead a Make-It and Take-It workshop for PAT parents on October 6th. Parents made six different types of games geared for toddlers to practice their fine motor and language skills and learn about colors, textures and shapes.

Some upcoming group events in October and November include:

Oct. 17th - Rock and Read: Halloween in Munson's library at 6:30 pm.

Oct. 20th - Sense-ational Fall play group at 10:00 am in Munson's PAT room.

Nov. 10th - Turkey Time Play Group at 10:00 am in Munson's PAT room.

Nov. 21st - Rock and Read: Is Everyone Ready for Fun? In Munson's library at 6:30 pm.

For more information about Mulvane Parents as Teachers, please e-mail Kim McGuire at: kmcguire@usd263.org or Debbie White at: dwhite@usd263.org or phone 316-777-0151, ext. 1124.

Healthy School Meals

Under the National School Lunch Program, school lunches must include a choice of milk, fruits and vegetables, grains and proteins. These meals are required to meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat and portion size.

In Mulvane, we are meeting all these requirements and going the extra mile to make school meals healthy and inviting for our students. We offer a full salad bar daily at each building that is included with every school meal. Some of the items on the salad bars are broccoli, cucumbers, carrots, bell peppers, salad mix, fresh fruits and low calorie dressings. We're even making kid favorites more nutritious.

Sodium levels have been reduced this year under the new HHFKA standards and all grains are at least 51% whole grain in all items. We are trying to find new ways to make the food healthier and to find other items for students to try that may someday become a favorite.

We encourage parents to join their student for lunch or breakfast. If you would like to do so, please call the school to let them know and they will inform the cooks so they can plan for more guest.

Thank you,

Richard Hampton
Food Service Director

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Silent Auction and Dinner
October 25, 2014 at 5pm
Kansas Star Casino



Auction and Dinner



Live
Entertainment
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Some of the items being auctioned include:

- \$1,000 bill from Carson Bank
- 2 KU Basketball Tickets + \$100 Spending Money
- 2 KU Basketball Tickets and Signed Game Ball
- 2 WSU Shocker Basketball Tickets and Parking Pass
- Basket from Shirts Plus
- Car washes from Rex and Nancy Reed
- Pasta Certificate from Calabrone's
- Engraved Rock from Craig Wilson
- Party Room- Main Street Bar and Grill
- Basket from the Mulvane Pharmacy
- 2 \$20.00 gift cards at Luciano's
- Gift Certificate from Revive Spa and Salon
- Mulvane Wildcat Jersey #61 Green and White
- KSU vs. KU football tickets. 4 tickets in the North End Zone Saturday, 11/29/14
- Ultimate Sampler from Sterling Silver Meats
- 4 rounds of golf and 2 cart fees at Quail Ridge
- Basket from the Mulvane Senior Center
- MHS Booster Club (Wildcat Blanket)
- Fish Window Cleaning (Gift Certificate)
- Wellington Golf Club (Green Fees for 4 people)

Tickets available
to purchase
\$100



Contact: Candy Kurimsky
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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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