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## **Mulvane USD 263 BOE Approves Goals for Year**

Goals and priorities for establishing a community foundation, developing a district handbook, developing academic strategies to assist the schools with MTSS and meeting AYP, along with getting information for facility improvements have been established for the 2010 – 11 school year.

The goals, discussed at recent BOE meetings and work sessions, were developed with assistance from Tom Krebs of the Kansas Association of School Boards. The Board of Education expressed concern that due to recent budget cuts and the uncertainty of adequate funding from the State of Kansas, USD 263 has been forced to maintain a status quo rather than become aggressive about improving facilities, curriculum and strategies for student academic achievement. As the achievement requirements increase with No Child Left Behind, the school board feels that they need to become creative in order to provide support for the teachers and the strategies they develop for increasing our achievement levels.

- By January 1, 2011, the Board will receive a recommendation establishing a Community Foundation.
- By May 1, 2011, the board will approve a “customer friendly” handbook based on the revised policy manual approved in Fall 2010 with consistency of practices and procedures.
- By 12-1-10, the Board will receive the administration academic report, and determine strategies to implement recommendations for the 2011 school year.
- By 3-1-11, the Board will receive an administrative recommendation based on Site Council (MEA) input as to next facility steps.

## A New Reading Loft for Mrs. Endres' Kindergarten Class



Over the break Mrs. Endres' class had a Reading Fort built in their classroom. Mark and Amy Meek purchased all the lumber and supplies and with the help of Steve Endres they constructed a loft for the students to use. The Loft will be painted and the bottom portion will be used as a "housekeeping" area for Free Choice Centers.

The "Free Choice" centers will be where up to 4 students may choose to sit in the fort and read a variety of books. It is also used at Reading Center time when a group of 4 students practice pair-share reading in the loft. Sometimes the students have a "book look" time where they look at picture books in the Loft.

Thank you to Mark and Amy Meek and Steve Endres!

## Christmas Gifts Presented to Munson Pre-school Students

For Christmas, Mr. Brad Canfield's Residential Carpentry class presented each pre-school student at Munson with a wooden school bus that they made during class. Each bus was engraved with the student's name, a paw print on one side and a wildcat on the other.



## MPS P.A.W.S Celebration

Munson Primary students celebrated the last day of school before Christmas Break with a P.A.W.S. Party (Positive Attitudes Will Succeed). They watched Toy Story 3 in the gym as well as, celebrating their Christmas parties. Everyone enjoyed all the activities on this special day.

## Veterans Day Celebrations At MGS

Our Veteran's Day salute this year was a flag made out of our students' hand prints. Each child wrote a message of thanks to our veterans on their hand print and it was used to form the stripes of the flag. The picture below features Veteran Bill Nunn along with five students whose parents served or are serving our country.





## We Rock, Drug Free RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 25-29, 2010

The week was filled with fun activities at MGS. These activities included creating a fence message, a poster contest, and daily dress up days. To kick the week off, all students received a red ribbon and zipper pull.

The poster contest illustrated our theme “We Rock, Drug Free. Posters were judged on inclusion of theme, neatness, and creativity. The winners earned a prize and had their posters displayed in the main hallway.

For dress up days, teachers chose a student from their classrooms who best represented the day’s dress up theme. Prizes were awarded daily to students for their participation. Dress up days included: Stay in the Game (wear athletic clothes), Use your Head Don’t Do Drugs (crazy hair, wig, and hats), Follow your Dreams and Don’t Do Drugs (wear P.J.’s), Good Character, Good Choices (wear a “positive” character costume).



## WSU Speaker to Present on the Weather in Kansas



Fourth graders at MGS learned about thunderstorms and other severe Kansas weather in a presentation by professor Amy Strong from Wichita State on December 8th, 2010. Professor Strong talked about the science of thunderstorms. Students learned that large hailstones form when strong winds repeatedly drive the hail back up into a thunderhead to gather more ice and tornadoes form at the back end of a storm. Students also learned this safety precaution; if you are unable to find shelter from lightning, go to the lowest place you can find.

## Physical Education for November

November was cardiovascular fitness month in P.E. for the grade school. The unit culminated with our third annual all school Capture the Turkey competition on November 23, 2010. Below is a picture of the Capture the Turkey event - which the teachers won over Mr. Townsend’s fourth grade class 7 - 5!



## Australian Animal Show at MGS

On December 16, 2010, Mulvane Grade School hosted Wildlife Encounters. Wildlife Encounters showcased live animals and talked about their survival, natural history, geography, natural behaviors and conservation education. Wildlife Encounters works with "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" and focuses on promoting awareness and enthusiasm for wildlife conservation education, both at the grass roots community level and on a national scale. Live animal ambassadors from Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand were featured. The following animals were showcased: Kangaroo, Salt Water Crocodile, Kookaburra, Flying Phalanger, Blue Tongued Skink, Bearded Dragon, Cane Toad, Carpet Python, and Australian Snakeneck Turtle.



## MMS Annual Pioneer League Food Drive

During the week of November 15th, Mulvane Middle School students participated in the annual Pioneer League Food Drive sponsored by StuCo in preparation for the holiday season. All donated food and money helps local families.

One class per grade was awarded a breakfast party for bringing the most items and they were able to nominate someone from their class to participate in bowling with a frozen turkey in front of the student body. This year's winning advisement classes were: Mr. Crady's (6th), Mrs. Fitzmaurice's (7th) and Mrs. Cusick's (8th). Our bowlers were Mrs. Barnett, Jake Ballinger, Matt Temple, and Jordan Blaine who stepped in for Kiley White.

This year, we had almost 2000 food items, including two frozen turkeys and \$1200 donated.

The donations came from students, staff, Mulvane Academy and community members.

There was enough food to give a variety of food items to 40 Mulvane families, the FROG Diner and the Catholic Church food pantry over the holidays.

Our appreciation goes to Mrs. Barnett; MMS STUCO; Mulvane's Police Department and Mulvane's EMS, for their coordination efforts to help local families in need.



Another fundraiser MMS does every day is: Aluminum Cans and Tabs. Mulvane Middle School students are collecting tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald Houses. The tabs are sold to recyclers and pay the utilities for the houses that provide housing for families of hospitalized children. The tabs can be dropped off in the office or cafeteria.

## Operation Stay Warm

The 7th grade will be conducting a coat drive Jan. 10-14 for our community service project. We are going to be collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and blankets. Each district building will have a collection box for items. The items collected will be donated to the schools first, then extras will be sent to Goodwill/Care and Share.





## **An Eventful 1st Semester for MHS and MMS Vocal Music Department**

The MHS and MMS Vocal Music Departments have been busy first semester. Esprit de Corps has performed at the Homecoming Football game, NHS Induction, Sedgwick County Courthouse, Villa Maria, Derby Health and Rehab Center, Towne West, Carson Bank, Junior Wrestling Tournament and all schools in the district. Esprit de Corps also did their yearly fundraiser in October. Thanks to all who supported them.

The MHS production of "Fiddler on the Roof" performed for appreciative crowds in November.

The MMS Honor Choir attended an all day clinic in Augusta culminating in a concert of the combined choirs from all the pioneer league schools in our division. Women's Choir performed for the Villa Maria.

Esprit de Corps, Women's Choir, Mixed Chorus and a few special acts joined together on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> to present the MHS Winter Concert which was a big success.

The MMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade general music students of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks and the 7/8 Choir presented their Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the high school. All school sponsored concerts are free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Are you in charge of finding entertainment for an event, meeting or party? Call Rachel Jansen 777-1183 to see about booking a choir.

The following name was inadvertently left off the list of Honorees from the Kansas Honors Scholars Program in the October Newsletter:

Katilyn Kurtz, daughter of Mike and Pamela Kurtz

Congratulations Katilyn!

## **MRC Reindeer Run/Walk**

The MRC held their first 5K Reindeer Run/Walk on December 18, 2010. Despite the occasional snowflake and rather cold temperatures, several USD 263 staff members and students participated in the event. Many chose to run the course---maybe in an effort to finish faster and get back inside! Upon completing the 3.1 miles, participants were treated to hot chocolate and snacks.



## **KAKE TV Golden Apple Award Presented to Cathy McElroy**

Cathy McElroy, a Mulvane Middle School teacher, received the award based on nominations submitted to KAKE TV. The studio receives hundreds of nominations weekly. The winner receives a \$250 check from Papa Johns Pizza for classroom needs, as well as, a pizza party for the class and a Golden Apple Trophy from Davis Moore Auto and KAKE TV.



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## FROM THE CITY OF MULVANE

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

**City Hall - 777-1143**

**City Utility Bills:** Payment online now available. Go to the City web site and click Online Payment on the sidebar. Payment is due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month in order to avoid the late penalty. Bills paid after the 5<sup>th</sup> are subject to a 5% penalty. Bills must be paid by the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month in order to avoid being disconnected. 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.

**City Council Meetings:** First and third Mondays of each month at city hall at 211 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome. Council members are Mayor Jim Ford, Joe Johnson, Jenean Keck, Doug Hatfield, Terry Richardson and Shawn Townson.

**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 homeowner's or renter's insurance policy covers sewer back-up damage. It may need to be a separate policy rider.

### **Local Elections:**

The position of mayor and two city council members are up for election in April, 2011.

The filing deadline is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. All city council candidates must file at the Mulvane city hall.

The General Election is Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Register to vote at city hall at 211 N. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Last day to register to vote in the primary is: February 14<sup>th</sup>

Last day to register to vote in the General Election is: March 21<sup>st</sup>

All school board candidates must file at the Sedgwick County Election Commission office in Wichita.

The filing fee is \$5.00 (check payable to the Sedgwick County Election Commission).

Polling location: First Baptist Church – 1020 N. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mulvane

*(The Sedgwick County Election Commission manages this election for both Sumner and Sedgwick Counties). For more information contact the Sedgwick County Election Comm. (660-7100)*



**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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**Financial Officer - 777-1102**  
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