

WILDCAT PRIDE



Issue 21

USD 263 District Newsletter

MAY 2009

Showcasing our District's Achievements

MMS Received Standard of Excellence



MHS Received Standard of Excellence



MA Received Standard of Excellence



MGS Received Standard of Excellence

Kindergarten Service Learning Project @ MPS



Munson Primary News



US Army Lieutenant Colonel James Robideau

Ms. Endres' 1st grade class has been writing to LTC James Robideau, who is currently serving in Afghanistan. He is the uncle of one of her students, Ian Morrissey. The class has sent cards and journals to him and he has written back, as well as, sent pictures and Afghan money. Ms. Endres stated that it has been a really great experience for her students.

The following is an e-mail sent to the class from LTC James Robideau:

Dear Ms. Endres:

I am Ian Morrissey's uncle and a US Army Lieutenant Colonel based at Kandahar Airfield, a military base in southern Afghanistan.

Last week a manila envelope was delivered to my office containing cards from your 1st Grade Class. They were a blessing to receive and read. I immediately put the cards up on the wall in my office, which I share with several colleagues, so that others may also enjoy them. I am attaching an image of me in front of my desk with the cards in the background. Please thank your class on my behalf for sending them.

The cards arrived while I was being visited by Flat Stanley, who Ian sent by way of his Aunt Robin. Flat Stanley had an interesting time here in Afghanistan.

Thanks again for the cards, and your investment in your students and please tell Ian that I look forward to seeing him when I get back to the United States later this year.

If I can be of assistance to you or your class in any way, please let me know.

Jim Robideau

Second Grade Art Installation

Munson Primary School second graders show off their artistic talent by working together to create an art installation for their school cafeteria. The project began to take shape as students learned about radial design, symmetry and repetition. Lively discussions were had as classes identified things having radial and symmetrical design. Throughout the discussion, students discovered the similarities and differences between the two types of design. Now, time for the big project! What could be better than to use old records for radial designs? Each student drew their design onto the surface of a record and then painted it with tempera. Once the tempera paint was dry, black sharpies were used to outline each color area making the repeated designs a little clearer. One hundred and twenty-three records were then laid out to create a symmetrical grouping and hung along one end of the wall for all to enjoy.

A special thank you goes to Mr. Boden for his help in installing the 2009 second grade group project.

The second grade students would like to invite all to come view the new installation in the Munson Primary School cafeteria.

Full-time Kindergarten Fees

Parents will have an option on all day kindergarten fees for the 2009-2010 school year. There are two ways that parents can pay.

Option 1: 2 lump sum payments

\$425 per semester (due dates - April 09/Oct. 09)

Deposits will be made in August and January. Total for option 1 - \$803 tuition \$47 book rental = \$850

Option 2: 8 monthly payments

\$115 per month for 8 months (Aug. Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., and Apr.) August payment is due in April 09 and will be deposited in August. Total for option 2 - \$873 tuition \$47 book rental = \$923

Half day kindergarten fees will remain the same with the \$47 book rental fee.



MGS kicked off their second annual Pennies for Patients campaign on April 13th, 2009. A very special guest, Taylor Heersche, spoke at the kick-off assembly. She shared her personal story about how Leukemia has impacted her life. Taylor's sister, 3rd grade student Connor Heersche also spoke of their experiences.



Students and Staff donated pennies the week of April 13-24 to raise funds for *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*. Funds will be used for blood cancer research and services for patients.

World Communities Day March 13, 2009



All MGS students had the opportunity to study a country and present what they learned to the community by hosting a World Communities Tour. Students displayed many items for visitors to see; maps, flags, poster board displays, artifacts, and music. Munson Primary second graders visited the countries as well. Students were provided "passports" so that they could visit other countries.

Prior to the World Communities Tour, three classrooms had special guest speakers who shared their knowledge, photographs and cultural artifacts.

Terry and Linda Houser spoke with Mrs. Bogner's class about South Africa, Katie McElroy spoke with Mrs. Canfield's class about China, and Karla Morton spoke with Mr. Goertz's class about Nepal. Lynne Blaine brought currency from other countries to share with students.

Chess Club Offered to MGS Students

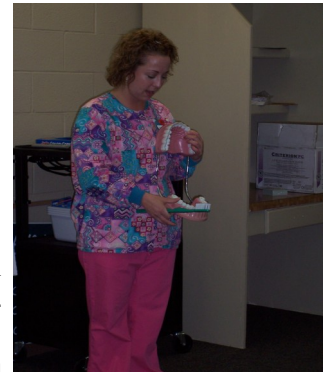


Fifteen to twenty students are members of the MGS Chess Club. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students come to school early on Thursday mornings to play chess before classes start. There are three levels - level one players (little to no experience) alternate Thursdays with level two and three player's (experienced) every other week.

The Health Room News

On January 29th, Melissa a dental hygienist from Small Smiles Dental Clinic came to visit with 3rd grade students about dental hygiene.

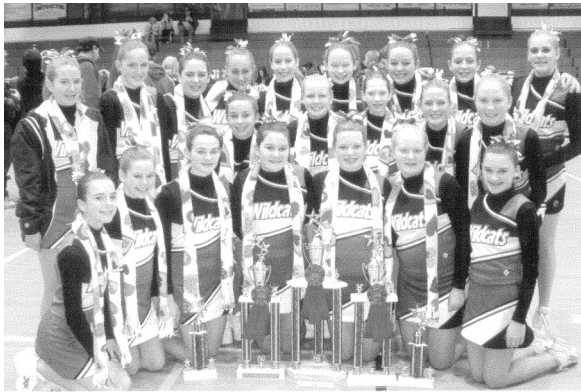
Melissa discussed proper techniques for brushing and flossing. She also went over how to make healthy food decisions. The Small Smiles Dental Clinic provided a bag of goodies for each student, which contained a toothbrush and a timer to ensure the necessary 2 minutes of brushing twice daily. This visit helped



kick off February's "Dental Month". The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Office of Oral Health provided free dental screening for all Grade School students on March 12th. Reports were then sent home to parents whose children needed further evaluation.

MMS Cheerleaders Receive Awards

The Middle School Cheerleaders attended the Sunflower Classic Cheer and Dance Festival on Saturday, February 14th at Cloud County Community College in Concordia. They came home with five trophies. The squad was awarded the Team Division Shining Star Award of Excellence trophy. This is awarded to teams receiving a 90 or above from the judges on all of their routines. They also received the Team Division Sweepstakes Award trophy for the score they received from the judges on their team routine and the Judges Award for Outstanding Spirit and Showmanship and for Outstanding Choreography.



MMS Band Invitation to Perform in Kansas City

The 7th and 8th grade Middle School Band has accepted an invitation to perform in the Annual Worlds of Fun *Music in the Park Band Festival* in Kansas City, MO on Saturday, May 9th 2009. This event will bring together several school bands from across the Midwest. Our students will have the opportunity to perform for a panel of qualified judges. They will receive educational feedback via taped and/or written critiques about the groups' performances.



Art News

Now that the Art and Technology Show is over and was well received by the community, students are busy creating new works of art.

At the high school, students have been working in groups, studying various artists and their styles, while others have been studying color theory, incorporating some of the vocabulary into their painting projects.

At the middle school, the 6th and 7th grade students have been busy studying figure drawing and still life compositions, learning how to create forms out of simple flat looking shapes. The 8th graders have been drawing a variety of subjects. Many of the assignments incorporate math terms, while keeping the focus on light and shadows as it relates to the subjects. The students also have an art display at the Mulvane Public Library during the month of April.

At the grade school, the 3rd grade students are learning watercolor techniques and applying what they have learned by painting a floral still life. The 4th grade students watched a Mary Cassatt film and have been working on an Impressionist piece to replicate Cassatt's style of painting. Students in the 5th grade have studied Georgia O'Keefe. They are using pastels to draw a magnified area of a flower.

MHS Art Show

The Mulvane High School Art Department attended the Hays Art Show on April 15, 2009, in Hays, Kansas. The show featured art work from over 85 different districts in the state of Kansas. Freshman through senior art was on display representing our school, and our students earned a total of 20 certificates of merit. The exhibit featured the following students:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| ***Katie Brown (Sr.) | *Dana Nelson (Sr.) |
| Megan Thompson (Soph.) | *Madison Cox (Fr.) |
| Austin Knapp (Soph.) | Alicia Riley (Fr.) |
| *Hannah Hughes (Jr.) | Katie Yohe (Fr.) |
| **Jordan Nooney (Soph.) | **Ashlee Rau (Jr.) |
| Daniel Crowe (Sr.) | *Blake Weaver (Fr.) |
| *Meghan Schippers (Fr.) | Nikki Pyeatt (Jr.) |
| *Lauren Stump (Fr.) | **Jessica Kerr (Jr.) |
| Brittany Beck (Soph.) | *Amanda Hood (Jr.) |
| ***Emily Davenport (Soph.) | |

* Represents number of "Certificate of Merit" awards received by the student for outstanding work.



2009 Kansas TSA State Conference

Ten Mulvane High School students participated in the 2009 Kansas Technology Student Association State Conference in Salina, KS on April 16th, 17th, and 18th. An eleventh student who was unable to attend, Kaitlyn Santonge, contributed to the team's efforts by assisting others with their event preparation.

James Beckner won third place in Desktop Publishing. Brice Walsten won 3rd place in Transportation Modeling, 4th place in Agriculture/Bio Technology, and 4th place in Extemporaneous Presentation. Kyle Walsten won 4th place in Agriculture/Bio Technology along with his teammate and brother Brice. Kyle also won 4th place in Flight Endurance.

As a team, and for the 2nd time in three years, the Mulvane High School TSA Chapter won the TSA State Traveling Trophy Leadership Award. "The plaque is awarded to the school in recognition of exemplary leadership while attending the State TSA Conference".

David Dieker, Assistant TSA Advisor, judged numerous events, as well as providing guidance for the MHS participants. Alan Brumbaugh, from Derby, volunteered again for judging of events. Joe Clausen, MHS TSA Advisor, received the Kansas State TSA Advisor of the Year Award. The MHS TSA Chapter wishes to thank the many people who made it possible for this year's team to be so successful.



Friends of Education

The district hosted the annual Friends of Education Banquet on Saturday, April 4th at MHS. The School Volunteer award was presented to Sarah Titus and Jim Webb. Receiving an award in the Community or Civic Organization category was the Mulvane Faculty Scholarship. The Mulvane Wildcat Victory Vittles won in the Partner Activity category.



Sarah Titus has been a volunteer for the Mulvane School District for the past 5 years. She has spent countless hours gathering donations, working concession stands, providing food, proctoring, gathering prizes and raising money for scholarships. She is the type of volunteer every school needs.

Jim Webb has volunteered at the Mulvane Grade School for the past two years. Rain or shine, hot or cold, Mr. Webb helps students cross the street, makes sure they get on the correct bus or find their parents. Mulvane is fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer.

The Mulvane Faculty Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 with a simple coffee can in the faculty lounge. Today the fund has generated more than \$57,000 and provided 115 scholarships to Mulvane graduates. We are proud that our teachers and staff make a positive impact on students long after they leave our district.

Victory Vittles was established in 1992 by the parents of Mulvane Wildcat Football players. The parents organize, donate, prepare and serve dinner prior to each varsity football game. They are parents coming together to show their love and support for their children, teammates, coaches, the school and the sport. Congratulations to the award winners.



MHS Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival

On April 4th Mulvane High School sent three ensembles and nine soloists to Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival at Andover Central. Esprit de Corps received a "II", Women's Ensemble received a "I" (State Qualifier), and Mixed Ensemble received a "II". Kyla Ball, Nathan Leslie and Paige Shrauner all qualified to go to State with "I" ratings on their solos. Jesi Conner, Alex Vogt-Woodin and Seth Mundt all received "II" ratings on their solos. Kara Wilkes, Zoe Shaw and Allyson Geschwentner all received "III" ratings on their solos. In all, the vocal department qualified 27 students for State Solo and Ensemble on April 25th at Andover High School.

Mulvane High School Courses to Push Students for 2009-2010

*Advanced Placement, Honors and Dual Credit
College Courses*

Mulvane High School was awarded a grant through the help of the South Central Kansas Service Center that has allowed for the addition of six advanced placement courses for the 2009-2010 school term. These courses and instructors must be certified by the College board in order to classify the course as Advanced Placement. Students are given a test at the end of the course and if they score well enough, the course counts as college credit. AP classes offered will be AP Biology, AP Spanish, AP American History, AP Calculus, AP Statistics and AP Literature and Composition. In addition, MHS Added two Honors courses starting in the 08-09 school term, Honors Geometry and Honors Algebra II. The other option Mulvane High School students have to excel in course work is through dual credit options. Students may earn both high school and college credit through Cowley County Community College in the following course: Composition 1, General Psychology, Public Speaking, College Algebra, and Composition 2.

Mulvane High School Teams Have Successful Seasons

MHS Baseball won the 4a Regional on Thursday, May 20th sending them to the State Tournament in Salina, Friday, May 22nd and Saturday May 23rd.

MHS Boys Track won the 4a District III League Championship and is headed to Regional May 22nd.

MHS Forensics qualified three for state and has two qualified for Nationals in Alabama this summer.

MHS TSA team took 3rd at State and Mr. Clausen was awarded sponsor of the year.

MHS Wrestling qualified six for State in March.

MHS Boys Cross Country Team won, League Regionals and 4a State

MHS Girls' Golf qualified two for State in October.

Congratulations to these teams and their coaches for an outstanding year!!



FROM THE CITY OF MULVANE

City Web Site: 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.

Dogs & Cats - Licensing & Running At Large: All dogs and cats in the City must be vaccinated and licensed. Licenses can be purchased at the Mulvane Police Dept. at 211 N. 2nd. City ordinance limits the total number of pets per house to three (3). All dogs must be kept on a leash or in a fenced enclosure. Please clean up after your pet in city parks and other public places.

City Council Meetings: First and third Mondays of each month at city hall at 211 N. 2nd. at 7:30 p.m. Public 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 khixson@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 homeowner's or renter's insurance policy covers sewer back-up damage.



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*

Mulvane USD 263
628 E. Mulvane St.
Mulvane, KS 67110
(316) 777-1102

FAX: (316) 777-1103

Website: www.usd263.k12.ks.us

Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Donna Augustine-Shaw
Assistant Superintendent
Richard Flores

Board of Education
Steve Fry, President
Renee Womacks, Vice President
Dennis Springer
Kent Ott
Ron Becker
Tim Snider
Mindy Sorensen

Board of Education meetings are held at the Mulvane District Office at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th 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

Scott Dunham, Asst. Principal/Athletic Dir.

High School - 777-1183

Ramon Wiseman, Principal

Cathi Wilson, Asst. Principal

Doug Evers, Asst. Principal/Athletic Dir.

Mulvane Academy - 777-3070

Barbie Hamlin, Principal

Maintenance - 777-3003

Darrien Wheeler, Director

Transportation - 777-0501

Daniel Fenn, Director

Food Service - 777-3003

Richard Hampton, Director

Special Education - 777-1102

Don Pennington, Director

Technology - 777-1102

Dave Johnson, Director

Human Resources - 777-1102

Tom Keil, Director

Wildcat Pride edited by: Angela Sagely

If you have any items for this publication, please contact Angela Sagely at the Administrative Office at 777-1102 or email to asagely@usd263.k12.ks.us

USD 263
628 E. Mulvane St.
Box 130
Mulvane, Ks 67110

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 8
Mulvane, KS

POSTAL PATRON
MULVANE, KS 67110