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BOND PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION

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On May 8, 2012, USD 263 patrons passed a \$13 million dollar bond election. Thanks to careful planning, competitive bidding, effective project management and quality contractors (many of them local), the construction projects are nearing completion and have come in nearly on time and on budget.

On behalf of the USD 263 Board of Education and staff, we thank you for supporting our schools, enhancing the safety of our students and for investing in our community. Below is a summary of the projects that have been, or are near completion.

Munson Primary School



The Munson Primary School received extensive upgrades, two additional classrooms with storm shelters and a new entrance. Updated heating and air-conditioning systems have been installed and all remaining asbestos was removed. A separate drop-off and new main entrance was constructed to improve student safety. Parents can now drop-off students in a separate location from the bus drop off area.

Several areas at Munson were converted to classrooms and offices so students with special needs could be better-accommodated. The cafeteria was completely renovated with new lighting, ceiling, flooring and paint. Improvements have been made to provide additional parking for staff and visitors.



Lyle Couch Field



Major upgrades to Lyle Couch stadium were completed during 2012 and the beginning of the 2013 football season, including the new turf field and 7 lane track. (The home grandstand with a seating capacity of 1,500 was relocated to the west side of the field and includes ADA-accessible seating.) A ticket booth and an additional building that added a concession stand, restrooms, locker room and ADA upgrades were added. A parking lot and new field lighting were also installed.



Mulvane Grade School

Currently under construction and scheduled for completion the first part of 2014 are additional classrooms, storm shelters and a new gymnasium. The facility will have a walking track above the perimeter of the gymnasium. The facility will be shared between the school district and the Mulvane Recreation Center.



USD 263 Transportation and Maintenance Building

Currently under construction is the expansion of our maintenance, grounds and transportation facility. The expansion will consolidate many of our resources in one central location.



Middle School Multi-Purpose Room Addition

The final project, a multi-purpose room is currently being designed on the west side of the Middle School. We anticipate a fall completion.

For more information, visit www.usd263.com Click on “Construction Update” on the right side.



Patriot Guard Visits Munson Primary

The Patriot Guard came by to visit with the Munson 2nd graders on November 12th for a Veteran's Day presentation.

Members of the Legion discussed the importance of the American Flag, demonstrated how to fold the flag, and discussed information about the different branches of military in the U.S.



Congratulations 7th Grade Math Enrichment Students!

Mrs. Fenn's 7th grade Math Enrichment students participated in the Stock Market Game during the semester and earned placement in the top 10 among 224 teams throughout the region. Emery Leedy, Lane Shockey, and Brandon Dandurand's team placed 5th. Peyton Christian and Addison Seier's team placed 7th. Gage Milan, Nathan Klein, Logan Graves, and Trey Charbonneau's team placed 10th. These students did a fantastic job and are looking forward to attending a possible awards banquet in May!

The Stock Market Game is offered through the Kansas Council for Economic Education and is a project based program designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of investing while providing them with real world skills practice in math, language arts, economics, social studies, and other subjects. Teams invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in stocks, mutual funds, and bonds during their trading session. They also are required to create and track portfolios online.

Capture the Turkey Event at MGS



It was a chilly day for this year's Capture the Turkey event at Mulvane Grade School. Because of the inclement weather, grade level competitions were held in the morning in the MRC gym. A modified version of the game was played. Winners emerging from these grade level competitions were Mrs. Johnson's class from the third grade, Mr. Wyatt's class from the fourth grade and Mr. Townsend'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. Mr. Wyatt's 4th grade class fought Mrs. Johnson's 3rd grade class to an 8 to 4 victory only to fall to Mr. Townsend's 5th grade class in a 6 to 6 tiebreaker.

After a short break, the battle between teachers and students began. The teachers jumped aggressively into the competition by sending multiple challengers over the line simultaneously, to challenge the kids for turkeys. Though Mr. Townsend's class fought valiantly, they fell in a 17 to 4 defeat. What the teachers may have lacked in speed they made up for with strategy and great recruiting! It was a great way to burn off some calories before everyone's big Thanksgiving feast!



Art and Technology Fans Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, March 13th, 2014 join us for the Art and Technology Show.

The show will once again be held at the 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.

Events Scheduled for Vocal Music at MHS/MMS

The Vocal Music Departments at MHS and MMS just finished a very hectic December full of many concerts. It is very rewarding to see the hard work and effort of so many students pay off and turn into something that they can be proud of and, at the same time, bring so much joy to others. Thank you to those of you who attended.

The Esprit de Corps members are taking turns covering the National Anthems at all the home sporting events this winter and will be doing the Valentine-grams once again this Valentine's day within the high school.

The MHS Vocal Department is helping the Theater Department with the Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday January 25th in the Mulvane High School commons. Tickets for the dinner/show are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any student in the Music or Theater Department. The times are 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Come out and have a who-done-it good time with a group of friends or family.

The spring concerts will be in March for both MHS and MMS and we hope to see you there!

Enabling Skyward Text Message Feature

The Mulvane School District has enabled a new feature in Skyward Family Access. Parents and guardians now have the ability to receive text messages from the school district. General messages will be used as a resource in notifying parents or guardians of general information.

To receive Skylert notifications, it is important that you have valid contact information showing in your Family Access account. Follow the instructions below to update your text messaging contact information.

Open your web browser and type the Mulvane School District website as the URL address, www.usd263.com

1. Click on the Family Access box on the right side of the page.
2. Login to your Skyward Family Access.
3. Click on the SKYLERT link, found on the left under General Information.
4. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and you will see Text Message Numbers.
5. You can add additional contact information that will only affect Skylert and can only be maintained by you, the end user. After you enter the text number, be sure to check the box for the areas that you would like to receive alerts. Your options are Emergency, Attendance and General.
6. Scroll up to the top and click the save button in the right corner.

If you have any trouble setting up Skylert, please contact LeAnn at the Mulvane School District Office at: 777-1102.

Munson Book Fair Fiesta!

March 5, 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

March 6 & 7, 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

March 8, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. During our Books & Breakfast Event

March 10 & 11, 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. & 4:00-7:30 p.m. During Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 12, 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

March 13, 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

March 14, 7:30-11:00 a.m.

Library and Family Fun Grand Event will be on March 8, from 8:00-9:00 a.m., and on March 14, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.



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
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 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th
 Monday of each month.*



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