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Getting to Know Your School Board

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I am a 1995 graduate of Mulvane. My wife Shannon and I both graduated in 1995 and have been together since we were freshman. Both of us attended school from Kindergarten through graduation in Mulvane. We have been married since 1999. We have three children, Drew (Freshman), Mason (6th), and Olivia (3rd).

The reason I ran for school board was to give back to the community and school district that have given so much to me. My success comes from the teachers and all of the support staff from all my years in Mulvane. I have many memories from my bus driver, Virginia Nichols to Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Fooshee, Mr. Channel, Mr. White, Mr. Huss, Principal Huslig, Principal Quigley, office staff Shirley Dunn and Julie Jackson, and of course, Coach Swaney and Coach Fenny that have made an impact in my life. At this point, the majority of my knowledge and memories have been as a student. Now, with children going to school in Mulvane, I am creating experiences as a parent.



My career in aviation and customer support roles have allowed me to be around many amazing leaders and mentors that I believe I can use to add value to the Mulvane School District. As a board member, I am 1 of 7 people listening, communicating, and helping to make decisions that are best for the students and staff of Mulvane. I value this opportunity and do not take the responsibility lightly. It's my privilege to give back to the community and friends that have helped me for many years.

MPS 13th Annual Book Swap! What a Success!

In November, students shared the gift of reading with one another as they participated in Munson's 13th annual book swap. Students were able to bring in their own books to swap for other "new to me" books to take home. Because of the generosity of Munson students, families and staff, every child at Munson was able to take home a "new to me" book of their choice.



The following are dates of interest for your students:

READ ACROSS AMERICA Week @ Munson -
February 29 - March 4, 2016

Munson Book Fair - March 2 - 10, 2016.

Fair Hours:

Wed. March 2, 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Thur. March 3, 7:45 am - 12:15 pm, 1:00-3:00 pm

Fri. March 4, 7:45 am - 12:15 pm, 1:00-3:00 pm

Mon. March 7, 7:45 am - 3:00 pm, 4:00-7:30 pm

Tues. March 8, 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

Wed. March 9, 7:45 am - 3:30 pm

Thur. March 10, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Munson Library and Family Fun event:
Monday, March 7, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Munson GRAND event:
Thursday, March 10, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Sherry White Receives TGIF Grant

Congratulations to Sherry White at the Mulvane Grade School who received a \$500 TGIF grant from the Credit Union of America. The \$500 grant will support the Circle of Friends social/friendship group sponsored by The ARC of Sedgwick County.

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.



Skyward Family Access

Skyward Family Access is a web portal into Mulvane School District's Student Information System.

Students, parents, or guardians can access this website and see information on their student(s). Information that can be viewed includes: Grades, Attendance, Demographics, Calendar, Skylert, Fee Management, Health and many others. You can also manage how you receive auto generated emails, texts and phone calls. To access this information, you must have a login name and password.

For additional information visit the Mulvane School District's main page at www.usd263.com.

MGS Capture the Turkey 2015



The morning of the 2015 annual Capture the Turkey event at the Mulvane Grade School dawned clear and sunny with mild winds and above freezing temperatures! All systems were "Go!" for beginning the annual Capture the Turkey preliminaries on the soccer field east of the building. By noon, all the preliminary games were out of the way and students took a break from the action over the lunch period. Classes emerging from these preliminary battles as winners were Ms. Emily Burch's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turkeys," Mr. Trevor Metzger's "Turkey Thieves," and Mr. Josh Hansen's "Big Bad Turkey Unicorns!"

At 1:30 the afternoon battles began with the "...Ninja Turkeys" losing to the "Turkey Thieves," by a score of 0 - 5, followed by the "...Unicorns" overcoming the "Turkey Thieves" by a score of 3 - 0. The stage was now set for the annual battle between the victors and the teachers!

It must be said that this was the closest battle the teachers have ever encountered in this Capture the Turkey event. In fact, for a small period of time, it looked as if Mr. Hansen's class might take this year's title. That being said...the teachers kicked in the afterburners and brought turkeys back across the line in mass! Final Score: Teachers - 8, the "Big Bad Turkey Unicorns" - 6. Good job Unicorns!



Great Job MGS Students!!

In conjunction with our annual Capture the Turkey event this year, the Grade School held a food drive. Students collected 702 cans of non-perishable items for this year's food drive which was held the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. All canned goods were given to Mulvane EMS to be given out over the Holiday season. Classes that collected the most (per grade level) had their picture taken with EMS personnel when they came over to pick up the collection. Classes winning this honor were:



Mrs. Dyan Steffen's class, with 62 canned goods, Mr. Josh Hansen's class with a collection of 63 canned goods and Ms. Candace Hays's class with a collection of 82 canned goods.



Hoby 2016

The staff of Mulvane High School would like to thank the Mulvane Optimist Club for their continued support of our students.

This year we have selected Anna Stephens and Jonathan Hankins as our representatives for the HOBY Leadership Conference. The students will participate in a 4 day, 3 night retreat at Kansas State University this summer. Each high school in the state is given the opportunity to nominate 10th grade students to attend. Students spend time with area leaders and learn what it takes to be a good leader. Students who have attended the HOBY conference are greatly impacted by the opportunity.

Congratulations, Anna and Jon!

Music Notes

The Mulvane High School 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, MGS, Senior Center/Central Office, Sedgwick County Courthouse, Villa Maria, Carson Bank, Towne West, Walmart Credit Services, American Legion, and 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, time and commitment.

The vocal department will be working with the theater department to hold the Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday, January 23rd 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 email: rjansen@usd263.org

Nacho Libros, MHS's Book Club



Nacho Libros, MHS's book club, hosted a community screening of the documentary film PROJECT 22 at MHS auditorium on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. Approximately one-hundred twenty members of the community attended one of the two shows and participated in a Q & A forum afterwards. The film brought an awareness of the high rate of suicides among combat veterans and highlighted different programs around the country aimed at helping those veterans and their families.

Nacho Libros hosted its annual 3Rs Half-marathon/ Marathon event from Oct. 1-Dec. 11. Thirteen MHS students and staff accepted the invitation to participate in one of the two events. Half-marathoners read either 1310 minutes or 1310 pages, ran or walked a total of 13.1 miles, and completed 13 random acts of (anonymous) kindness by Dec. 11. Marathoners read either 2620 minutes or 2620 pages, ran or walked a total of 26.2 miles, and completed 26 random acts of (anonymous) kindness.

Eight started the marathon event and three participants met the goals by the deadline. Finishing in just 14 days was sophomore, Taylor Claar. Second place was awarded to senior Alyssa Langlois, and rounding out the top three was Debbie White, MHS teacher-librarian. Of the seven half-marathoners who began the "race," Rachel Jansen, MHS teacher, finished in first place followed by her daughter, junior Tori Jansen.



Game On for Kansas Schools

We encourage all interested citizens to attend and listen to the story behind Game On. Patrons will hear why it is important to get involved and support public education.

Game On began when two Johnson County mothers became concerned with decisions and legislation in Kansas that did not support or promote public schools. The effects of those decisions were impacting their children's education. They decided it was time to step up and do something.

They created a nonpartisan group of parents, teachers, school board representatives and other community members whose sole purpose is to advocate for Kansas schools. Game On promotes a platform that advocates suitable funding and the pursuit of academic strategies with proven success. They encourage parents to learn more about the issues and get involved in the political process.

Their message can be found at www.facebook.com/gamonforksschools or their webpage is located at gameonforkkansasschools.com.

We are partnering with the Derby School District and will be jointly hosting Game On for Kansas Schools. The specific date and time is still being secured but we will provide additional information in the near future.

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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