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Meet the New BOE Members to the District



Stacy Gear and her family have lived in district for 14 years. She and her husband are raising 2 children, Brigham 9 and Melia 7. Stacy has her undergrad-BSA from Avila and her graduate degree-MBS from WSU. She currently works at Citizens Bank of Kansas in Derby as a SVP/Chief Development Officer. After growing up in a small town, they chose Mulvane to raise their family. She appreciates the community feel, support and the village that is helping her family learn and grow. She is proud and happy to call Mulvane home.



Fred Heersche has been a long time resident of Mulvane. He has lived in the district for 61 years. He and his wife Karen have two boys Max and Jed. Fred and Karen have been married for 38 years. Fred received a BS degree at K-State and is the Fire Lieutenant for the Mulvane Fire Department. Fred says the biggest challenge for him as a school board member will be staying up past 8:00 pm.

Art at Munson

Munson Primary has been quite busy making art! All students have had an opportunity to do a collaboration piece. Second Grade left a legacy project in the gymnasium; "Be the "I" In Kind". Kindergarten made red poppies in honor of our military for Veterans Day. First Grade has been learning about various artists and warm/cool colors. Great things are happening here in the art room!



Mulvane PTO Information

The following are scheduled events for MPS and MGS:

Meetings will be held in the Mulvane Grade School Library at 7:00 pm on: February 6th, March 5th, and May 7th.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night benefitting Mulvane Grade School will be held on March 31st from 5 to 7:00pm.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night benefitting Munson Primary School will be held on April 9th from 5 to 7:00 pm.

Family Movie Night will be on May 8th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm, the movie will begin at 6:30. This is a free family event. We ask that parents stay and enjoy the movie with their children.

The Mulvane PTO invites all Munson Primary and Mulvane Grade School parents and/or guardians to attend our monthly meetings. We welcome you and your ideas on how to foster better relationships between families and teachers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at MulvanePTO@yahoo.com or ask our current PTO board members for more information.

President: Marie Moore

Vice President: Jennifer Gillespie

Secretary: Maria Smith, Treasurer: Jesse Meisch

Annual MGS Thanksgiving Lunch 2019

Every year since 2012, MGS has been hosting our students' families around the Thanksgiving holiday to come and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast at our school. This is always such a fun time for our students and their invited guests to include parents, grandparents, siblings, and all the important people in their lives. The meal prepared and served by the MGS Kitchen staff and several other USD #263 employees was definitely a feast to be enjoyed. From chicken and noodles, sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans, and cranberry sauce to the always awesome apple and pumpkin pies. From the holiday music that played lightly in the background to the homemade crafted decorations that adorned each table; the long lines, smiling faces, and low murmur of conversations was a true tribute to the fun Thanksgiving memories that were being made on this special day. Thank you to everyone who made it possible to serve nearly 750 people during our feast - we couldn't have done it without you!



MGS Annual Capture the Turkey Tournament

Did someone say turkeys? Gobble, gobble, gobble! That's right - MGS hosted their annual Capture the turkey tournament on Tuesday, November 26th right before Thanksgiving Break. This is an event that the students look forward to each and every year! In fact, the students begin practicing for these games early in the school year during their PE class so they can be well prepared come November.

If you are unfamiliar with this highly-intensive, very competitive game, Capture the Turkey most resembles Capture the Flag...the only difference of course being we capture turkeys instead of flags! Two equal teams with forward, center, and defender positions play against each other, crossing enemy territory to retrieve a turkey to bring it back to safety without having the flag pulled from their belts. If they cross back into safety with their flag still secured then that turkey is safe and counted toward the team's score. In addition, teammates must safely cross enemy lines to remove their team members from jail during the tournament. The team with the most turkeys at the end of each round is the winner and advances to the next bracket.

Our morning brackets each played for 9 minutes, rotating positions every 3 minutes. The afternoon finals bracket games were 12 minutes in length. The students displayed amazing sportsmanship and did a great job of competing and having fun. Below are the results from the grade level brackets and all of the Championship games.

3rd Grade Champions - Mrs. Brownlee

4th Grade Champions. - Mrs. Nelson

5th Grade Champions - Mr. Ryherd

3rd Grade vs 4th Grade - Mrs. Nelson

4th Grade vs 5th Grade - Mr. Ryherd

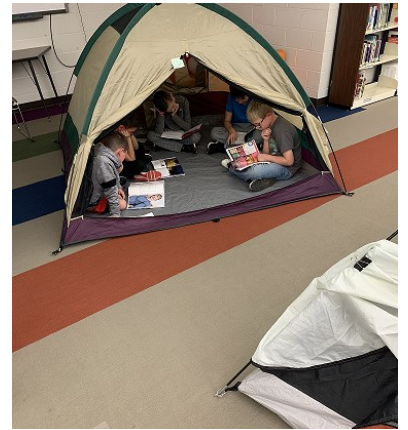
The best part of Capture the Turkey Tournament is when the overall Champions play against the TEACHERS! This year Mr. Ryherd's class competed against the teachers and.... The teachers took the WIN with a score of 20-14! Fun was had by ALL!



MGS Library Read-a-thon

Mrs. Entwisle, our MGS Librarian hosted a Read-a-thon at our school on November 25th. Not only did the students help to raise over \$5,500 which will help to fund the library by adding new books and comfortable furniture, but the students read for a total of 75,032 minutes which was even more impressive. There were a total of 32 different stations for the students to choose from during their 2-hour read-a-thon.

These stations included many fun areas to read in including blanket forts, guest readers, read to a dog, reading donuts, reading under the sun (in our glass hallway), and many other creatively decorated reading spaces. During the 2-hour Read-a-thon, the students rotated to five stations for 20 minutes in each session.



The students were given three goals by Mrs. Entwisle at the start of the Read-a-thon: activate their online page, contact family and friends to receive a \$10 donation, and log a 20-minute reading session. In addition, prizes were donated by local businesses and were given to students in the following categories: most amount of money raised, greatest number of sponsors, highest number of reading sessions, and most minutes read. The MGS Read-a-thon was a huge success! Dr. Seuss says it best, "The more that you READ the more things you will know. The more that you LEARN the more places you'll go."

MGS Music...All the Happenings!

This year's 3rd grade music program had a completely new look from years past! Mrs. Dayton was ready for a change from The Nutcracker and so "A Bear-y Merry Holiday" was born. On Thursday, December 5th, the 3rd Graders performed this winter musical composed by John Jacobson and John Higgins. The Polar Bears hosted a holiday celebration and invited many guests to join in the fun. The guests included Black Bears, Brown Bears, Pandas, Kodiaks, and Grizzlies. All five songs featured a winter theme such as "Dancing on Ice and Covered in White." Each 3rd grade class was featured by doing their own bear dance to one song in the program. This new program was a huge success and the students did an amazing job performing it!

Fourth grade will be the next grade level performing a music program on Thursday, February 27th. The main theme of their program will be patriotic and American folk music. Fifth grade will be the last grade level to perform on Tuesday, April 28th.

All grade levels finished up the semester by singing seasonal winter songs in class. Each grade level also tried out their percussion skills by playing songs on boom whackers. Boom whackers are a lightweight, hollow, color coded, plastic tube tuned to a musical pitch by length.



MMS Poetry Slam

The 8th grade students in Mrs. Roderick's English class competed in a poetry slam on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, in the Mulvane Middle School Library. A typical poetry slam is a competitive event where poets perform their own poetry. In this case, the students selected a poem written by a professional poet, and the audience chose the best three performances using a rubric. Prior to the event, the students learned the skills needed for reading and analyzing poetry. This event gave each child a chance to practice those skills as well as improve fluency. Katie Entwisle and Penny Hooten, the middle school library staff, turned the library into a coffee shop for the day, and the attendees enjoyed coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and a variety of baked goods. Parents and family members donated all items needed to make this special event a success. Every year the students and adults enjoy the competition and this year did not disappoint. The performances and the poetry shared proved, yet again, that the Mulvane Middle School students have amazing talent!



3rd Hour Poetry Slam



3rd Hour Poetry Slam Winners



4th Hour Poetry Slam



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5th Hour Poetry Slam



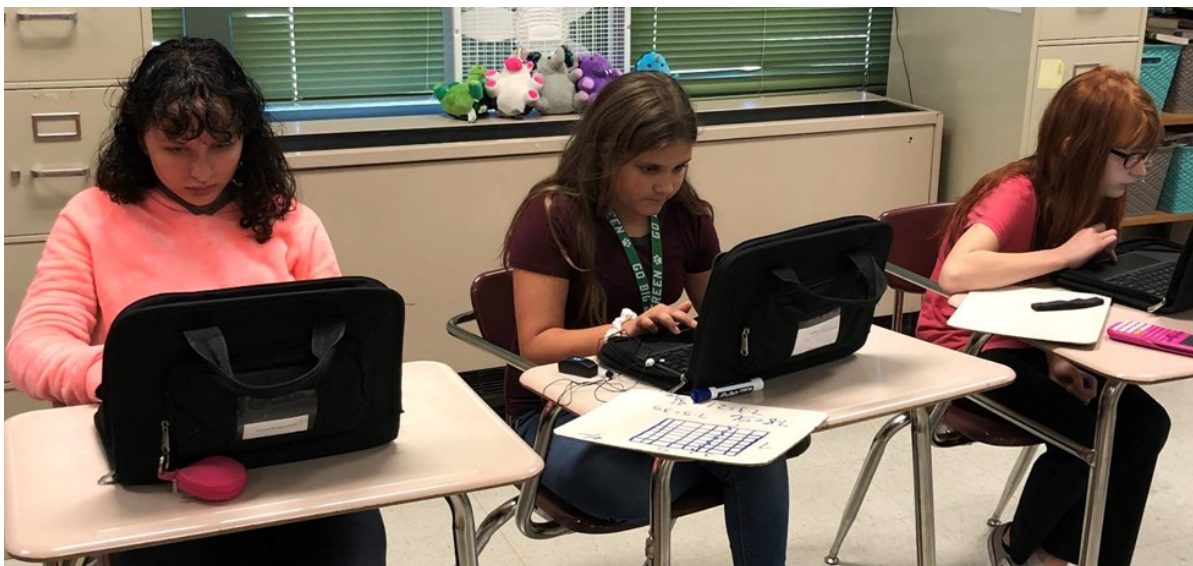
5th Hour Poetry Slam Winners

Mulvane School District Partners with Securly

The Mulvane School District is perpetually and progressively developing ways to promote creative, effective, and innovative infusion of technology. Our partnership with Securly keeps us in touch with Internet usage through live online data related to each student. Each parent/guardian is encouraged to create a personal Securly account to review and monitor his or her student's search history and sites visited (grades 3 – 12). It is quick and simple. Begin by clicking on the link below.

<http://bit.ly/usd263>

Valued cooperation from students, parents, teachers, and community facilitate our growth and success.



The Holiday Season Brought Acts of Kindness

Student ambassadors representing the entire student body in the Mulvane School District accepted a donation from the Mulvane Community Foundation for any outstanding lunch debt for the entire district.

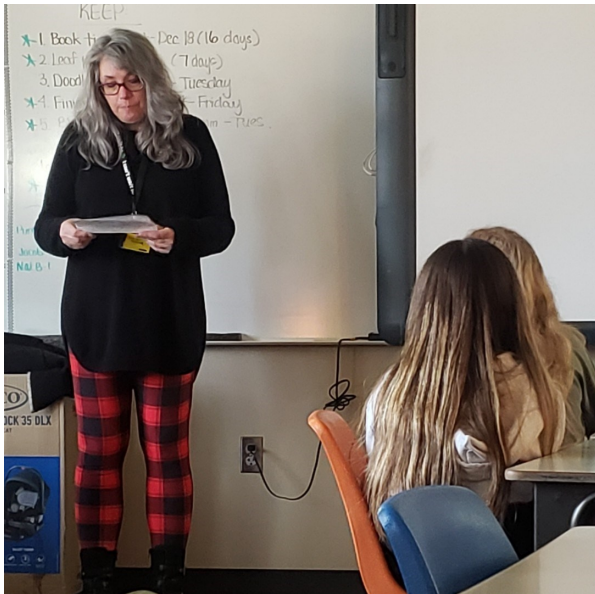
Thank you for supporting our students!



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MMS Sixth Graders Learn About Egypt

Sheila Yrjanainen spoke to Mrs. Grant's Social Studies class about her job as curator for the Coutts Museum in El Dorado. She shared interesting stories about hidden paintings and how museums have to make ethical decisions about keeping artifacts. She also gave students feedback on their Egypt Museum project and how to make them more informative and interesting.



MMS Team 7A Travels Through Space to the Cosmosphere

Team 7A had fun and learned a lot on their trip to the Cosmosphere.



Congratulations Horizon Award Winners Kelley Lowe and Crystal Logan!

Congratulations to two of our esteemed teacher colleagues, Kelley Lowe from Munson Primary and Crystal Logan from the Mulvane High School, who have been announced as **Kansas Horizon Award Winners**. They were each notified by a surprise phone call from KSDE commissioner, Dr. Randy Watson. The Kansas Horizon Award program identifies and recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. Specifically, the program recognizes exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. The Kansas Horizon Award program is based on regions as four elementary classroom teachers and four secondary classroom teachers are chosen per region for a total of 32 Horizon Award teachers statewide.

Please offer Kelley and Crystal our soundest congratulations for their Award and dedication to our Mulvane students. This is also a direct reflection of the collegial teamwork and support surrounding these individuals at all levels. Well done, and thank you for what you do as Mulvane Wildcats!



THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 20, 2020

MULVANE USD #263 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

***Days missed due to weather/unforeseen circumstances will be made up at the discretion of the BOE**

1 HR. LATE START EVERY WEDNESDAY

July 1 - August 16.....	District Wide Enrollment
August 6.....	Flex Day
August 7 - 9.....	Teacher Professional Learning
August 12.....	1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 16.....	NO SCHOOL/Old Settlers
August 30.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
Sept. 2.....	NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
Oct. 11.....	End of 1st Quarter/NO SCHOOL/TPL
Oct. 24.....	NO SCHOOL/P/T Conferences
Oct. 25.....	NO SCHOOL/Comp Day for Conferences
Nov. 27 - 29.....	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20.....	End of 2nd Quarter/End of 1st Semester
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3.....	Winter Break
Jan. 6.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
Jan. 7.....	Classes Resume
Jan. 20.....	NO SCHOOL/MLK Day
Feb. 14.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
Feb. 17.....	NO SCHOOL/Comp Day for Conferences
March 6.....	End of 3rd Quarter
March 13.....	NO SCHOOL P/T Conferences
March 16-20.....	Spring Break
April 10.....	NO SCHOOL/Good Friday
April 13.....	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Professional Learning
May 16.....	GRADUATION
May 20.....	.5 Student Last Day/.5 Teacher Work Day/End of 4th 9 weeks

SCHOOL HOURS

High School	7:45 - 3:00 pm
Middle School	7:50 - 3:05 pm
Grade School	8:10 - 3:25 pm
Munson Primary	7:55 - 3:10 pm

STUDENT FEE: (Nonrefundable)

MHS \$25.00 (Free & Reduced Fee)	\$20.00
MMS \$20.00 (Free & Reduced Fee)	\$10.00
MGS/MPS	\$10.00

TECHNOLOGY FEE

6 - 12	\$25.00 (Reduced Fee) \$7.50
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TEXTBOOK FEE

Grades K - 12	\$75.00 (Reduced Fee) \$22.50
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BREAKFAST/LUNCH FEES

Daily Breakfast Fee

K - 5	\$1.60
6 - 8	\$1.70
9 - 12	\$1.70
Adults	\$2.50
Milk	\$.40

Daily Lunch Fees

K - 5	\$2.60
6 - 8	\$2.80
9 - 12	\$2.80
Adults	\$4.00
Milk	\$.40



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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