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## USD 263 Patrons and Staff,

Many of you have asked what you can do to help our schools in this difficult time. My answer is simple: VOTE. We live in a wonderful state that's been made strong by generations of voting Kansans. In our democracy, your vote is your voice.

We all know that there will be a big election in November -- but Kansans have a critical opportunity to vote in the August primaries. Are you concerned about the future funding of our schools or the future of Kansas public education? VOTE on Tuesday, August 2. Here's what you need to do:

**Today:** Make sure you're registered to vote by [clicking here](#). If you've moved or changed your name, you must re-register.

**This week:** Apply for a mail ballot for the August Primary. Summer is a busy time for families and employees -- a mail ballot allows you to vote from home, when it's convenient for you. [Click here](#) to apply TODAY to receive a ballot by mail. Complete the form as soon as possible and you'll be set to make your vote count in August.

**Before NOON on Wednesday, June 1:** Go to your county election office and select the party affiliation (Republican or Democrat) for the primary you want to vote in on Aug. 2. [Click here for a printable voter application and party designation form](#) or find online registration information [here](#). *If you aren't sure which primary you want to vote in yet, change your registration to Unaffiliated before this deadline.* You can then request a Republican OR Democratic ballot at your polling place on Aug. 2. (If you do this, you will need to complete paperwork at the poll to affiliate with the party whose ballot you select.) If you are doing a mail-in ballot, you must designate your party affiliation before noon on June 1.

**Before Tuesday, August 2:** Find out who will be on the Republican and Democratic primary ballots -- and learn their positions on the issues that are important to you. Review voting records, campaign literature, websites and personal conversations or e-mails to decide which candidates best match your views.

**On or before Tuesday, August 2:** CAST YOUR VOTE! In person advance voting begins 20 days before the Aug. 2 primary.

If you select a party affiliation before June 1, or at your polling place on Aug. 2, you can always change your affiliation after the primary by contacting your county election office. Remember, your party affiliation never affects your voting options in a November general election.

Whether by mail or in person, THANK YOU for voting in the August primary. By casting a ballot, you will join the generations of great Kansans before us who helped build this state -- and help ensure a strong Kansas for the generations to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brad Rahe, Superintendent of Schools

## Hoops for Heart 2016 *Saving Lives*



What better month than February to do a campaign for raising money to save someone's heart? This year, the fourth and fifth graders raised over \$6,000 in our annual Hoops for Heart Campaign. Our Celebration events were held on February 10th and 11th. On one of these days, fourth and fifth graders participated in Knock-Out games for a full hour, during their regularly scheduled Music and Physical Education periods. There were a lot of smiles and sweaty faces when they walked out the door, and everyone got a great work-out for their own heart!

Our Shoot-Out event was held the morning of March 4th. One boy and one girl from each celebration event qualified for the shoot-out by winning the most Knock-Out games during the one hour celebration for their class. Also invited to the Shoot-Out was Madison Phipps, who raised the most money for our school in the amount of \$408.00. Winners from the Shoot-Out were Christian Duranleau and Addison Mackey. They received a one month family pass to the Derby Recreation Center for their efforts. Second place winners, Kaiden Abasolo and Karlie Kanaga, won two day passes from the Mulvane Recreation Center. Third place winners, Tyke Creekmore and Ashley Young were rewarded with a day pass from Mulvane Recreation Center for their efforts. All other participants received a gift coupon from Applebees. This year's event also showcased student, Ashlyn Alumbaugh. Ashlyn was born with four holes in her heart. She had major heart surgery to repair these holes when she was eight years old. She is now in the fourth grade here at MGS. It is entirely possible that the money we have raised in this community helped to save her life!

Since 1996, this community and the children of Mulvane Grade School have saved a lot of hearts with their contributions to the American Heart Association. This year's campaign brought our total contributions to approximately \$166,000. Congratulations to the students and our wonderful community for their efforts and donations to this important campaign.



### **USD #263 - Mulvane Child Find Clinics**

Developmental Screening for Children  
Birth to age 5  
(Areas screened: Language, Concepts, Motor,  
Behavior, Hearing & Vision)  
Screenings are conducted by: USD #263  
Early Childhood Staff

Please call 777-0256, ext. 202, to make an appointment for August 17, 2016 clinic.

Call 777-0151 for all other clinic appointments.  
Screenings are held at **Munson Primary School**,  
Northeast Hall, 1007 Westview, Mulvane, KS

**August 17, 2016**  
**September 7, 2016**  
**October 5, 2016**  
**November 2, 2016**  
**December 7, 2016**  
**January 11, 2017**  
**February 8, 2017**  
**March 8, 2017**  
**April 12, 2017**  
**May 3, 2017**

**Summer Meals for Kids are in Session!!**

**Join us for FREE  
Breakfast and Lunch!  
Open to all children and teens age 1 to  
18 No registration is required**

**MULVANE GRADE SCHOOL  
May 31st - July 29th (closed July 4th)**

**Monday through Friday  
Breakfast Served 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch Served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by: Mulvane USD 263  
Richard Hampton, FSD 316-777-0442**

**Free & Reduced Meal Applications  
On-line**

On-line applications for Free or Reduced Meals will be available starting Tuesday, July 5, 2016. A new application **must be** completed each school year.

You will find this information at the district website, [www.usd263.org](http://www.usd263.org). Look at the right hand column under Free & Reduced Application.

**Attention:  
All Students/Athletes  
Sports/Activities Physicals**

Good for 2016-2017 School Year

**\$25.00**

(All proceeds donated to  
Mulvane High School Athletics/  
Activities/Student Programs)

**Tuesday, May 24th**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Mulvane High School**

**Print out your sports physical form  
online at [www.KSHSAA.org](http://www.KSHSAA.org)**

**Make checks payable to:  
Mulvane High School**

- Do not drink energy drinks for 24 hours prior to your physical. They cause the heart rate to rise to an abnormal rate.
- Please bring/wear your glasses or contacts for the eye exam.

**Sponsored by  
Mulvane Family Med Center  
and Dr. Brian Comer**

## Circle of Friends

The Middle School and High School Circle of Friends Clubs met March 11th for an end of the year celebration. Several high school students spoke about what the 8th graders can expect when they come to their building next year. Then they broke into groups for games such as Cheetos Head and Have you Ever? All students also had question and answer time for anything they wanted to learn about the high school. It was a lot of fun, and everyone is looking forward to doing this again next year.



## MMS recognized as Kansas “2016 High Performing Schools”

On May 6th, MMS was recognized for the fifth year as one of a Kansas’ High Performing Schools. KAMSA (Kansas Association of Middle Schools Administration) will also recognize our principal as Kansas’ 2016 Middle School Principal of the Year. Twenty three middle schools will be recognized for their dedication and commitment to the effort of improvement in student achievement in multiple areas as a “High Performing School.” We are proud of the students and staff for the dedication and hard work!!

The MMS Staff would also like to thank parents/guardians for entrusting your children to us. We want to thank you for the positive support you have offered throughout the school year. Our goal is for the middle-schoolers to have a rewarding experience, and be ready for high school, as well. We have seen increased test scores, fewer failing grades, and positive interactions amongst the students. It is all of us working together that helps to make this a great place to learn!

## Congratulations MMS Vocal Music Department!

The Mulvane Middle School Vocal Department attended the Pioneer League Vocal Music Festival on Wednesday, April 27th at Andover Middle School. The ratings were as follows:

7/8 Choir-II, Mixed Ensemble-I, Women’s Ensemble -I, Vocal Solos: Anya Mitchell-I, Layla Moses-I, Linda Shaw-II, Haley Israel-I, Victoria Neece-I, Kenzie Cunningham-I, Ainsley Vandergiesen-II, Robby Brown-II, Bethany Middendorf-comments only, Jarron Turnbull-II, Ian Full-I, Kiser Jansen-II, Candace DeWitt-I and Kate Helton-I. Piano soloist included Emily Woods-I.

The totals were forty-six ones and forty-two twos. Great job everyone! Thank you to all the talented students!

## Kansas Leadership Center

Mr. Jordan Blaine and Miss Alyssa Cannon, USD 263 Mulvane Project SEARCH Interns at the Hampton Inn & Suites had the unique opportunity to attend You. Lead. Now. A 3 day leadership developmental experience through the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. Scholarships were provided by the Kansas Council of Developmental Disabilities. During their experience, Jordan and Alyssa were both required to present a leadership challenge to their fellow participants during a peer consultation.



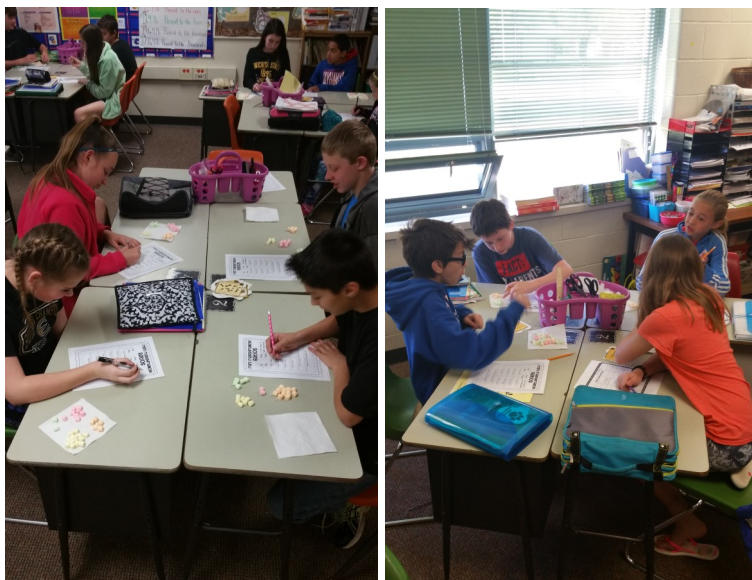
## Reverse Job Fair

April 13th was an incredible day for the USD 263 Mulvane Project SEARCH Interns at the Hampton Inn & Suites. They attended the 1st Annual Project SEARCH Reverse Job Fair at the South Central Kansas Workforce Center in Wichita. The Wichita Workforce Center and the Business Leadership Network of Sedgwick County hosted the event.

The interns displayed information on the skills they acquired while at the Hampton Inn and Suites. In addition, they had resumes and business cards on hand to share with employers within Wichita and surrounding areas. Project SEARCH sites from Mulvane, Derby, Via Christi St. Francis and Sedgwick County Government were highlighted during the Reverse Job Fair.



## MMS 6th Grade Activity in Math



For the Marshmallow Ratios activity, Ms. Withrow's 6th grade Math students are working on comparing groups of colored marshmallows to come up with a ratio, for example, pink to yellow.



Ms. Withrow's 8th grade Career Class made patty melts and spent the rest of their class time enjoying their snack.



7th Grade Career Class making Blender Salsa with Ms. Springer.

## Good Job MHS Vocal Music Department

The Mulvane High School Vocal Department has been very busy with Contests beginning with Regional Solo and Ensemble held on April 9th at Goddard Eisenhower High School. The ratings were as follows:

Esprit de Corps-I, Women's Ensemble-II, Mixed Ensemble-II, Vocal Solos: Hannah Spotts-I, Bethany Warne-I, Tori Jansen-I, Andrew Burgos-I, Connor Innes-II, Bradi Allen-II, Kallee Walton-II, Jaden Reekie-II, Nathan Wells-II, Anna Leslie-II, Melissa Heird-II, Desmond Williamson-II, and Ryan Roderick-II.

The totals were twenty-seven ones and fifty-three twos. Next the Women's Choir attended State Large Group on April 14th at Winfield High School where they received straight ones. Everyone who received a one at the Regional above was qualified and competed at State Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, April 23rd at Andover High School. The ratings were as follows:

Esprit de Corps-I, Bethany Warne-II, Hannah Spotts-II, Tori Jansen-II, and Andrew Burgos-II. The totals were twenty-three ones and four twos. The students did an excellent job and brought home awesome ratings for Mulvane Schools!



**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.*

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