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Getting to Know Your School Board

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I was a military brat that landed in Mulvane in 1990. I graduated from Mulvane High School in 1998. Throughout my high school years, I worked as a server for Ms. Laurie at Laurie's Kitchen where I met and began serving our community. In 1999, cemented my decision to plant myself and grow my family's roots in this beautiful community by purchasing my first home in Mulvane.

I am the mother of 4 boys; Michael, a senior at MHS, William, a 6th grader at MMS, Lathen, a 1st grader at MPS and Micha, 22 months.

In 2001, I purchased The Pizza Place, a local restaurant that has been in town since 1988. In 2010 I closed the restaurant during my bout with Hodgkins Lymphoma, reopening in January of 2011 under the name Calabrones.

I joined Mulvane's Fire Department in 2003 and still proudly serve our community with some of the best men and women I have ever met (past and present). Mulvane's Fire Department is an all volunteer department, serving the Mulvane community for 110 years and counting!

I am excited to be a new Board Member. My Grandmother always told me that it was my responsibility to be involved and sit at least one term in a civil position. She said I would learn so much from the experience, and so far she's been correct! I am learning more and more every day.

Thank you for this opportunity to represent you and your children. I take the responsibility very seriously and hope to be a true asset to our already amazing community and schools!



Congratulations Mrs. Perkins!

Heidi Perkins, Language Arts Teacher at Mulvane High School, was selected as a Region IV semifinalist for the 2016 Kansas Teacher of the Year award.

Mrs. Perkins was selected from 23 other district nominees. Pictured is Mrs. Perkins, her family and the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Watson.

Mrs. Perkins received the award on Saturday, September 12, 2015 during the Kansas State Department of Education Awards Banquet held at the Double Tree by Hilton.

The Kansas Teacher of the Year Award recognizes individuals from the elementary and secondary classroom who are representative of excellence in teaching. Its mission is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance, and the teaching profession.



Congratulations Mrs. White!

Sherry White, a teacher at Mulvane Grade School received the Golden Apple Award. She was presented the award by Gloria Balding from KAKE TV and Dawson Grimsley from Davis Moore. Sherry received the Golden Apple trophy, \$250 she can use in her classroom on supplies and frozen custard for her classroom students.

Mrs. White was nominated for the award by a district parent. Mrs. White considers the needs of her students her number one priority. She is always searching for ways to improve her practice and her lesson delivery for different types of learners.

The Golden Apple Award has been sponsored by ABC affiliate, KAKE 10 since 2003 and it has awarded over 400 Golden Apple Awards honoring area educators.



We have the most amazing teachers and staff in Mulvane!



Parents as Teachers

Oct. 1, Thurs. 6-7pm: Parent Meeting with Mickie Mason and Heather Walcher, speech pathologist, discussing Speech and Language Development in Munson's library. RSVP required by Sunday, Sept. 27, for free child care and light dinner.

Oct. 10, Sat. 11am-2pm: Joining Team Dylan @ Wichita's 12th Annual Buddy Walk, a fun-filled day of celebrating our loved ones with Downs Syndrome! PAT families will meet @ WSU's Cessna Stadium. Contact Debbie White for details (dwhite@usd263.org)

Oct. 23, Fri. 6-7pm: Halloween Rock 'N' Read in Munson's library. Kids are invited to wear their Halloween costumes as we rock and roll to some fall tunes. Families are asked to bring approximately 30 small "toddler-safe" Halloween treats (food or non-food items) to share as we "trick or treat" PAT-style. Each PAT family currently receiving home visits will receive a free book for attending. RSVP to Debbie White (dwhite@usd263.org) by Wednesday, Oct. 21

Nov. 19, Thurs. 6-7pm: KS Reads to Preschoolers Rock 'N' Read in Munson's library. This year's featured book is, IS YOUR MAMA A LLAMA? By Deborah Guarino. Fun activities for children and their parents to enjoy, as well as a free book to take home for all PAT families currently receiving home visits.

Dec. 1, Tues. 5-6pm: Parents as Teachers Advisory Council meeting. Community members, business leaders, Munson/USD 263 staff members, and past and present PAT parents are invited to discuss ways to meet the needs of birth to 36 month old children and their families in Mulvane USD 263 and evaluate our local PAT program, focusing on strengths and ways to improve Mulvane PAT. RSVP to Debbie White (dwhite@usd263.org) by Monday, Nov. 30.

Dec. 14, Mon. 5:30-6:45pm: Rock 'N' Read with Santa. PAT families are invited to bring cookies to share as we enjoy some time with friends, family and Santa making crafts, playing, reading, visiting with Santa (bring your own cameras), and enjoying milk and cookies with Santa. Each PAT family currently receiving home visits will receive a free book for attending.

Munson Events:

Book Fair opens @ Munson Oct. 21-23, 26-29 during school hours: M, T, & F, 7:45 am-3:00 pm. W, 8:45am-3:00pm.

Wed. Oct. 21: PENNIES day for ALL FOR BOOKS contest

Thurs. Oct. 22: NICKELS day for ALL FOR BOOKS contest

Fri. Oct. 23: DIMES day for ALL FOR BOOKS contest

Mon. Oct. 26: QUARTERS day for ALL FOR BOOKS contest

Tues. Oct. 27: DOLLARS day for ALL FOR BOOKS contest

LAFF night: Monday, Oct. 26: 5:30-6:30 pm @ Munson cafeteria

GRAND event: Thursday, Oct. 29: 9-10 am @ Munson cafeteria

Munson's 13th Annual Book Swap

November 16-18. Munson students are invited to bring in up to 3 books to swap with other students. Book Swap guidelines will be shared with students and their families the week prior to the Book Swap. Munson students and their families are also encouraged to show their care for others this month, by sharing extra books they may have to give to other Munson children who may not have books of their own to swap. Our goal is to make sure every Munson child takes home at least one "new to me" book to enjoy over the Thanksgiving holiday.



MMS Spanish Class Enjoys Traditional Mexican Food

Students in Mrs. McElroy's Introduction to Spanish class enjoy traditional Mexican food in the classroom on September 16. Although many people think Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican Independence Day, it is actually celebrated beginning at midnight on September 15. In addition to celebrating this holiday, students in this class have learned colors, numbers, the alphabet, days of the week, and common greetings since August. By semester end, they will have learned names of months, clothing, food, body parts and will have seen videos on all of the Central and South American countries whose official language is Spanish.



Mulvane Middle School
Yearbook Staff
will be taking orders for
yearbooks

October 19-23rd.
The price is \$30.

Thank You for the Kind Donation!!

The Mulvane High School art department, under the instruction of Lauri Terhune, received a donation of \$500 for their efforts in community service provided to Central Kansas Mechanical Services, Inc. The owner, Richard Roe, contacted the high school for assistance in a plan to paint an awning located on his business residence in Mulvane. He requested a design that would include student and community involvement. The final plan incorporated painted images of various school activities using green, black and white as the color scheme.

On behalf of the MHS art department, a big "Thank you" for the kind donation! The money will be used to purchase specialty art supplies for high school art students.

S.A.D.D. is Gearing Up!

MHS S.A.D.D. is already hard at work this year getting ready for After Prom.

This year's After Prom will feature the hypnotist, Mike Breeze. He has hypnotized MHS before and it promises to be another great show. If you would like to help us out by donating money to purchase prizes, that would be very helpful. We like to hit up the sales on Black Friday, but we need donations to make this happen.

MHS Library

Nacho Libros' 3Rs Half-marathon/Marathon starts Oct. 1-Dec. 11. Interested MHS students and staff are invited to sign-up. Half-marathoners will read either 1310 minutes or 1310 pages, run or walk a total of 13.1 miles, and complete 13 random acts of (anonymous) kindness by Dec. 11.

Marathoners will read either 2620 minutes or 2620 pages, run or walk a total of 26.2 miles, and complete 26 random acts of (anonymous) kindness by Dec. 11.

Participants will complete an online log, reporting progress to Mrs. White, for prizes to be awarded at random "check points" throughout the 3R's event.

MHS Book Fair: Nov. 5-6, 9-13

Tues. Nov. 10: Night Under the Stars event

Wed. Nov. 11: Honoring our Veterans event

Note from the School Nurse

Cold/Flu Season is upon us!

Fall is here and with the beautiful changing of the leaves we also have cold/flu season fast approaching. Now is a great time, as **ALWAYS**, to remember to practice good hand hygiene.

Students, teachers and all adults alike should wash their hands with soap and water after using the restrooms, coughing, sneezing, or blowing their noses. We can prevent a lot by washing our hands frequently with soap and water and covering our coughs and sneezes. Please help to remind your children how to properly cover their coughs and sneezes, and how to wash their hands.

Washing Hands:

- Wet hands under running water.
- Apply soap and scrub tops, bottoms, between fingers and sides for 20-30 seconds away from the water.
- Rinse off soap with running water and dry hands.

Covering the Cough:

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and make sure to cover your mouth and nose.
- Always wash your hands after using a tissue. Use hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.

Just a reminder that we can't prevent everyone from getting sick, but we can reduce the chances by practicing these steps above. Getting the flu vaccine is also a great way to reduce your risk.

2015-2016 Calendar Change

The Board of Education
has declared
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015
as a district holiday
for students and staff
in observance of Veterans day.

USD #263 Health Services

“Our goal is the safety, health and education of your child.”

Dear Parents,

Below is some helpful information regarding Head lice. Head lice should be suspect when there is intense itching and scratching of the scalp and back of neck. Any child with lice will be sent home and must be rechecked by the school nurse before returning to school or before they can ride the bus.

Head lice are spread most commonly by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Spread by contact with inanimate objects and personal belongings may occur but is very uncommon as head lice cannot live off of a human host for longer than 1-2 days.

Can head lice be spread by sharing objects such as sports helmets or headphone? Head lice feet are specially adapted for holding onto human hair. Head lice would have difficulty attaching firmly to smooth or slippery surfaces like plastic, metal, polished synthetic leathers, and other similar materials.

Head lice are small, about the size of a sesame seed. They move fast and shy away from light, so are hard to find in the hair. They cannot fly or jump. Diagnosis of head lice is usually made from the presence of their eggs, called nits. The nits are firmly attached to the hair shaft about 1/4 of an inch away from the scalp. They are whitish and tear-dropped shaped. Nits may be more plentiful behind the ears or at the nape of the neck. Although these eggs may look like dandruff, dandruff can easily be removed from the hair, while nits are not easily removed even by pulling. If the presence of nits are found, **the school nurse will call the parent and all the following steps need to be taken.**

The following steps need to be taken when head lice or nits are present:

1. Don't panic - anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with cleanliness, nor does it reflect on you as a parent.
2. Use an approved shampoo for lice as directed in instructions. There are several brands available, including prescription shampoos.
3. Remove all nits. The nits will not wash out. A fine toothed comb, good light and patience are needed. A cream rinse or vinegar rinse may help loosen the nits. It is usually necessary to pull nits from the hair shaft with your fingernails. Nits that are not removed and are not dead will hatch in 7-10 days after the first treatment. Therefore, a second treatment with shampoo is necessary a week later.
4. All clothing, towels, and bedding used during the time of infestation should be washed thoroughly in soap and hot water each time they are used. Items that cannot be safely washed, such as stuffed animals, should be put in a plastic bag for a minimum of two weeks. Insecticide spray may be used on carpets or cloth covered furniture.
5. Vacuum carpets, car seats, and furniture frequently - daily if possible.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions and speak to the nurse. Thank you for helping us help your child!

October 2015 - National Bullying Prevention Month

A School, Parent and Community Partnership

We have a great community and school district. We should all be proud of the efforts of our students, staff, parents and patrons as we support public education.

On any given day, event or activity, our school district and our students are supported by individuals that have and don't have children in the district. We are also appreciative of our local business community that always provides volunteers and donations to our schools. Without all of these positive interactions, our students would not be where they are today.

This month we will focus our efforts on Bully Prevention activities. This is consistent with National Bullying Prevention Month. This is an issue we focus on throughout the year. You should know our district has a strong bullying prevention policy and constantly works with students on preventing bullying behavior every month throughout the school year.

We spend a great deal of time with teachers on developing positive behaviors and instilling positive character in our students. We teach bullying prevention through the Lions Quest curriculum approved by the Board of Education. We would encourage you to visit with your child's principal and learn more about the activities that will be provided this week and throughout the year.

As was mentioned earlier, what makes Mulvane a great community and school district is our students and patrons. That support should carryover outside of the school day. We all have the responsibility of teaching our children that bullying behaviors are hurtful. They can be hurtful regardless of whether they are made in person, electronically, or on social media.

This October we ask that you help us by discussing bullying behaviors with your child. Have them practice or demonstrate behaviors that Promote Responsibility, Act with Respect, Work Together and Stop Bullying Behaviors. Let them know that bullying behavior will not be tolerated during or outside of the school day. Most importantly, as adult role models we must demonstrate positive behaviors for our children each and every day. Peers and family have a huge impact on our children during the time they are away from school.

Thank you for your support and being a partner in your child's education.

Please watch the PAWS-I-TIVE Behaviors video at <http://www.usd263.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/Grade%20School%7CPAWS-i-tive%20Behaviors>

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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