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SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

News of another school shooting in Tennessee has us all thinking about school safety and security again. It's not that we really ever stop thinking about it, but when events like this occur it brings the issue to the forefront. It does not seem right that we must be prepared to protect children in our schools from gun violence, but that is the reality of the world we live in.

We have an established crisis plan which is reviewed with staff at the beginning of each school year. While we understand that parents may want to know all of the specifics of our plans, it is important to keep some details private in order to protect them from any potential bad actors. We periodically practice lockdown drills and talk through our procedures with students.

Our district is equipped with the SafeDefend system. In the event that there is a violent intruder, the system will be activated and will provide immediate notification to all staff members and law enforcement officers with the location of the threat. Every classroom also has a safe with equipment to keep students and staff safe. More information about SafeDefend and is available on our website or in the school offices.

We also contract with Providence Working Canines. This company provides regular safety sweeps of the school campus. The dogs search for illegal drugs, alcohol, gunpowder, and other items that should not be at school. This is a bit different than a police dog that will only look for illegal drugs. During each visit, the dog handlers also provide input to school administration about how to keep our school safe and secure.

There is a controlled entrance on the south side at the elementary/district office. No one may enter the school without first going through the office. One recent change is that the doors at the north main entrance are locked during the school day. We are in the process of adding a camera and doorbell for those doors. Until that is installed, visitors must call the office to be allowed entry into the building. If parents have specific questions or concerns about school safety and security, they should contact the school office.

The board of education has approved the academic calendar for the 2023-24 school year. The first day of school will be on August 17th and the last day on May 16th. Spring break is scheduled for the week of March 11th, which is the same week as most schools and colleges in Kansas. You can download a copy of the calendar on our website.

On May 6th the Education Foundation and the Booster Club are putting on a golf tournament fundraiser at the Stafford County Country Club. Please see our district Facebook page or contact the office if you are interested in donating or signing up a team for the tournament. We always appreciate the support of our Foundation and Booster Club as well as those who donate to their causes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JR SR SPRING PLAY

April 1st and 2nd

NO SCHOOL / GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th

EMAGINE FESTIVAL

April 15th @ Olathe

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

April 19th @ 8 am - 12 pm

EARLY RELEASE

April 19th @ 1:15 pm

STATE MUSIC

April 20th

PROM - ENCHANTED GARDEN

April 22nd @ 7:30 pm

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

April 23rd @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

K-3RD MUSIC CONCERT

April 24th @ 7:00 pm

STATE MUSIC SOLOS & ENSEMBLES

April 29th

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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Our district is blessed to have seven caring community leaders that serve on our board of education. Board members are elected to four year terms and elections occur every two years. Four of the seven board positions are up for election in November. These positions are currently being held by Derek Foote, Debby Waddle, Raymond Long, and Katrina Hickel. In order to run for one of the open board positions, candidates must file with the county clerk's office by noon on June 1st. For more information about the USD 350 board of education districts or the election, please contact the district office or see our website.

As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with Purpose, Passion, and Pride.

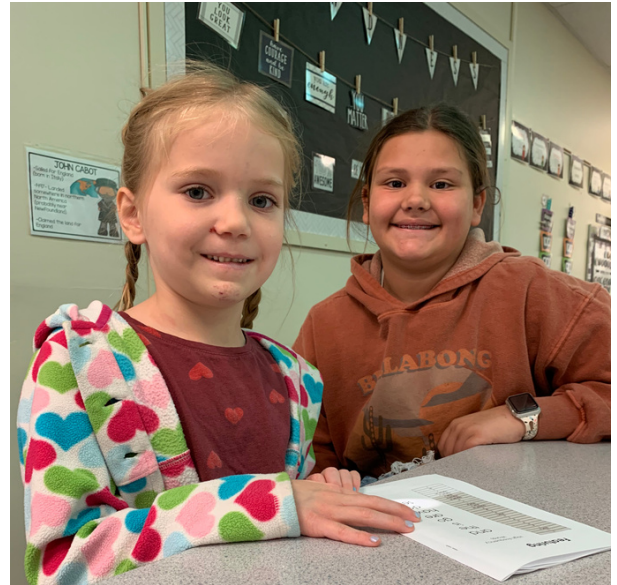
- Josh Meyer - USD 350 Superintendent



SEASON OF HAPPINESS

by Angela Petersen, Elementary Principal

I am not sure about you, but in my household, Spring is a season of happiness. New plants and animals are arriving, pleasant weather is returning, sports and other outdoor activities are taking folks back outdoors, and our school-day joy has been revived following spring break. In honor of this season of happiness, we asked each of our classes to complete a simple writing prompt telling us about their personal feelings on the subject. Please enjoy some of our favorite answers to this question!



I FEEL HAPPY WHEN . . .

Kindergarten

- When it is nice outside. -Graham
- When I go and throw water balloons. -Matthew
- When I play zombies and werewolves. -Zane
- When I read to my brother. -Bronson
- When I hug my mom. -Rylee
- When I go fishing with my dad. -Kendon P.
- When I get to take a nap. -Lily

1st Grade

- When I am doing something new. -Lydia
- When I am at the pool for my birthday with my whole family. -Adriel
- When it is family game night at my house. -Willa
- When my brother Nate gets me a PS5. -Brayden
- When I am with my friends and family. -Sadie
- When my mom and dad take me to the water park. -Ty

2nd Grade

- When I giggle. -Bo
- When I see my dog. -Hoyt
- When I work the claw machine. -Klaire
- When I'm riding my bike. -Carter
- When I get to see my cousins from Missouri. -Kallee
- When Mrs. Ward (and all my teachers) teach me. -Kenzie

3rd Grade

- When I am at school. -Naomi
- When I do something with my family. -Connor
- At recess when I get to talk to my sister. Brayson
- When I have a good teacher like you, Mrs. Foote. -Madison

4th Grade

- When I am helping people. -Liddy
- When I'm with my friends and family. -Kate
- When I have free time. -William
- When my mom gives me hugs. -Avery

5th Grade

- When i'm at school with everyone -Eva
- When I play baseball with my friends. -Kenyon
- When my family and I have a cookout because my parents' cooking is yummy. -Briana

6th Grade

- After school at track practice is when i'm most happy. -Jackson
- My teachers and family are my highlights because they give me hugs. -Caisalyn
- I feel happy when at recess. -Makennon

If you didn't see a response from a child in your life, ask them what they had to say.

My hope is that reading through this list brought some cheerfulness to your day and put a smile on your face. We've got so many delightful things going on at school these days that I hope your students are bringing that joy home and sharing all of their excitement with you. We look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming weeks as we wrap up the year. Best wishes for a happy Spring!



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

CERAMICS PROJECTS BY GRADE LEVEL

by Brad Emery

7TH GRADE CAKE BOXES



2ND GRADE OWLS





1ST GRADE PENGUINS



3RD GRADE ANIMAL FACES



7TH GRADE FISH

ST JOHN HUDSON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

by Brad Emery

The St. John Hudson National Honor Society inducted six new members in late February. Selected students had to have at least a 3.6 grade point average, complete an application, and receive a majority vote from a faculty panel. This year's inductees include junior Eli Foote and sophomores Evelyn Lopez, Garrett McAlister, Lydia Reed, Quade Smith, and Faith Wiltshire.

The induction ceremony highlighted the three aspects of NHS: character, leadership, and service. Inductees were given their membership cards, a certificate, and a collar that will be worn at graduation. 2nd year members including Paige Mansel, Caden McCandless, Jade Portillo, Heidi Fisher, and Ian Dunn were given their pin. Mackenzie Hacker, a 3rd year member was given a guard for her pin.

NHS students will be busy this last part of the year helping with the high school home golf tournaments and providing a luncheon for honor students.





PROM IS APRIL 22ND

The Prom this year is "Enchanted Garden". Prom is April 22nd. Promenade will start at 7:30, pictures following then the dance will start at 8:30 till 11:30.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Daddy Daughter Dance is on Sunday April 23rd with the Prom decorations. The dance will be from 1:30 to 3 pm

SUCCESSFUL JH SCHOLARS BOWL YEAR!

by Meagan Feril

The junior high scholars bowl teams just completed a successful season in March. This year, 8 members practiced and competed at various tournaments. 8th graders Garrett Dunn, William Martin, Ixik Mawhirter, and Jericho Mawhirter were returning members from last year and brought with them valuable experience. New members included 7th graders Easton Alpers, Zoey Carter, Jayce Feril, and Liam Knight.





Throughout the season, jv and varsity tournaments were held and the teams were everchanging. The students competed at Central Plains, Kinsley, Otis Bison, LaCrosse, Ellinwood and at our home meet. The 7th graders brought home gold medals at the Otis-Bison JV tournament with an undefeated record while the 8th graders got 3rd on the varsity side. Other tournaments were very close with most matches being decided by 1 question! The team closed out the season with a silver medal at CPL! Those playing that night included Garrett, William, Ixik, Jericho, Liam and Zoey.

Thank you to everyone who helped at our home and CPL tournaments. It is great that we can offer the students this competition and we couldn't do it without you!

Photo Credits to Natasha Mawhirter, Zeb Carter, and Kristen Knight.



CARING FOR SEEDLINGS POLLINATOR GARDEN

by Kim Helfrich

6th grade students thinning and caring for seedlings for their pollinator garden project.



SILVER MEDALIST IN NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ARTS

by Meagan Feril

Jazlene Ramirez was just announced as a Silver Medalist in the National Scholastic Arts and Writing competition for her Trash to Trends dress, Past News. There were over 260,000 submissions across the United States which placed Jazlene's work in the top 1 percent! Only 14 national medalists were chosen from Kansas and she is one of less than 2,000 finalists in the US.

Her work will be part of a special traveling collection for the next two years and will be displayed across the country. Congratulations, Jazlene!



ART ACTION PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

by Brad Emery

The main things to remember are:

- Finished pieces should be brought to the art room on or before Friday, May 12
- Only 20 pieces are chosen for the auction. Other work will be returned to students.
- All pieces must be ready to hang (with wire, frame, hangers, etc.) or ready to display (last year we had a table)
- All submitted work must have an artist form attached (let me know if you need extra)

Thank you for letting me interrupt your day and for helping with this auction! Last year they raised over \$10,000 which has all come back into our school (the education foundation helps fund the grants from SCCF that have benefited many of our classrooms and students).

Let me know if you have any questions or students who need help!

GOING TO KANSAS STATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION!

by Ixchel Mixon

Congratulations to Jorja and Maylin for placing in the top 15 out of 82 wild card entries for the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge. They will be traveling to K-State Student Union to compete on April 20th at the State competition!

The iTable Menu is also featured as a top 5 finalist in the eImagine Festival on April 15th under the Project Website category!



GALLERY



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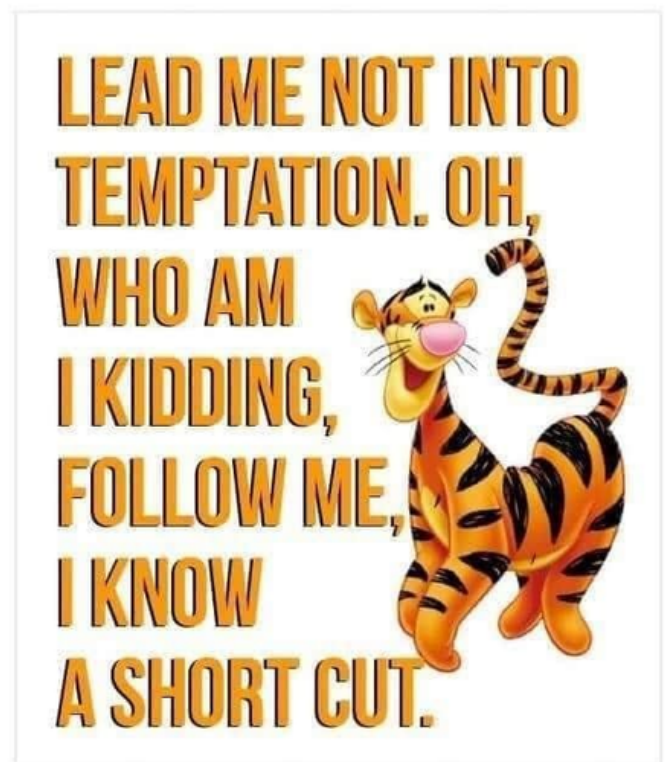


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MEME COLLECTION

Memes have been regularly shared via email throughout the school year. We have made this collection of our most favorite memes.. We hope they bring you smiles and giggles. They did for us! Enjoy!



**Dear Mother Nature,
Having received my
free sample of winter,
I would like to cancel
the remainder of my
subscription.**



Thank you.



I DID A PUSH-UP TODAY.



WELL, ACTUALLY
I FELL DOWN, BUT
I HAD TO USE MY
MY ARMS TO GET
BACK UP, SO ...
CLOSE ENOUGH

NOW I NEED CHOCOLATE

Thought this was a muppet.



**I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU,
I WAS SITTING ON THE COUCH**



**WHEN "BANG" THE CUSHIONS
EXPLODED, I COULD HAVE DIED**



**THE CIRCLE
OF LIFE**



IT'S FLU SEASON IF YOU EVEN HICCUP NEAR ME



I WILL MAKE YOU WITH LYSOL



It's only tuesday?
Monday took so long
I thought it was
Wednesday!



HUMAN LOGIC:

**CUT THE TREES,
MADE
PAPER
WITH
THEM
AND WRITE
"SAVE THE TREES"**

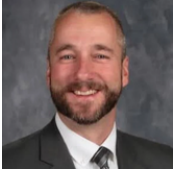


***JUST SPENT 15 MINUTES
SEARCHING FOR MY PHONE
IN MY CAR.
USING MY PHONE AS A
FLASHLIGHT.***

FOOD MENU

| USD #350 | | APRIL | | | 2023 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| MONDAY | | TUESDAY | | WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | |
| 3 | BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Grape Juice Pineapple Cereal Milk | 4 | BREAKFAST Muffin Apple Juice Applesauce Cereal Milk | 5 | BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Orange Juice Pears Cereal Milk | 6 | BREAKFAST French Toast Sticks Grape Juice Peaches Cereal Milk | 7 BREAKFAST NO SCHOOL!! | |
| LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | |
| Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Baby Carrots Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk | | Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk | | Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Peas Peaches Hot Roll Milk | | Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk | | NO SCHOOL!! | |
| 10 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Bites Grape Juice Peaches Cereal Milk | 11 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Apple Juice Applesauce Cereal Milk | 12 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Orange Juice Mixed Fruit Cereal Milk | 13 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Bar Apple Juice Pineapple Cereal Milk | 14 BREAKFAST Pumpkin Bread Pineapple/Orange Juice Peaches Cereal Milk | |
| LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | |
| Italian Pasta Bake Lettuce Salad Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk | | Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Peas Mixed Fruit Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk | | Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Cheese Pineapple Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk | | Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk | | Sloppy Joe/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Pears Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk | |
| 17 | BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Grape Juice Pears Cereal Milk | 18 | BREAKFAST Muffin Apple Juice Applesauce Cereal Milk | 19 | BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Orange Juice Pineapple Cereal Milk | 20 | BREAKFAST French Toast Sticks Pineapple/Orange Juice Peaches Cereal Milk | 21 BREAKFAST Banana Bread Apple Juice Mixed Fruit Cereal Milk | |
| LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | |
| Corn Dog French Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk | | Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk | | Hamburger/Bun Potato Salad Baked Beans Apple Chips Cookie Milk | | Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk | | Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Corn Pears Fresh Fruit Milk | |
| 24 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Bites Grape Juice Mixed Fruit Milk | 25 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Apple Juice Peaches Milk | 26 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Orange Juice Mixed Fruit Milk | 27 | BREAKFAST Breakfast Bar Grape Juice Pears Milk | 28 BREAKFAST Pumpkin Bread Apple Juice Applesauce Milk | |
| LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | | LUNCH | |
| Chicken Tetrizzini Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk | | Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Mixed Fruit Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk | | Lasagna Lettuce Salad Corn Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk | | Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk | | Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Cookie Milk | |

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Use your smartphone camera to scan.

