

NEWSLETTER

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SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

It is exciting to have our school district newsletter back in the works. Mrs. Mixon and students in her Interactive Media class will be publishing the newsletter each month. I'm excited to see what they put together for us throughout the school year.

After a summer of getting somewhat back to normal, we were excited to start the school year in a somewhat normal fashion. That excitement ended quickly when we had several positive cases within our school buildings. In a matter of a few days we discovered around 25 positive cases in our student and staff population. We were forced to close the doors for a few days to slow any chance of spread and because we did not have enough substitutes to cover classrooms.

The board met in their regular October meeting and amended the Covid protocols for the year. Information about those protocols is posted on our website and has been communicated to families. Our goals are very simple: keep students in school and keep everyone safe and healthy. How exactly we go about meeting those goals is not straightforward to say the least.

While we will never have 100% agreement on any of this, our families have been very supportive and understanding. We can disagree and discuss in a civilized manner. There have been some wild things happening in other communities that we've not seen here. We don't have hateful threats of violence or lawsuits. We have not seen people out of control screaming irrationally at board meetings. We have a great community and for that I am grateful.

I am like all of you in that I'd really rather not have to worry about this Covid stuff anymore. While it seems like this is all we are dealing with -

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



2nd Grade - Ms. Behnke, Art Class

PRINTED BUBBLES

by Arlena Miller and Mrs. Mixon

A few weeks ago the 2nd graders had the opportunity to create printed bubbles on paper during art class with Ms. Behnke. Each student used their own straw to create bubbles in trays filled with tempera paint, dish soap and water. We asked a couple of 2nd graders about their experience, and this is what they had to say:

"I had fun blowing the bubbles. I did not know they were going to look so cool."

- *Kyler, 2nd Grader*

"Oh it was a lot of fun. I thought the paint would be flat on the paper but it wasn't. The art looked really pretty."

- *Maddie, 2nd Grader*



2nd Grade - Ms. Behnke, Art Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates to Remember

FRESHMAN FIELD TRIP

Wednesday, Oct 6th

ST JOHN COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - HOSTED BY LIBRARY

Saturday, October 9th all day

Call the library (by October 6th) to have your address added at no cost to the master garage sale map. Phone: (620) 549 - 3227

MISS KANSAS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, Oct 13th

TRASH TO TRENDS FASHION CONTEST / PHOTO SHOOT IN ANNEX

Wednesday, Oct 13th

NO SCHOOL / STAFF DEV.

Friday, Oct 15th

THINK BEFORE YOU POST / ASSEMBLY

Monday, Oct 18th

HOPEFUL HEARTS ART CONTEST

Entry Submission, Oct 1st - 18th
Voting, Oct 19 - 26th

JH / HS BAND & CHOIR CONCERT

Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm

WORK-KEYS TESTING / JUNIORS

Wednesday, Oct 20th

FCCLA POWDER PUFF T-SHIRT

Order Money Due, Oct 20th

SOPHOMORE FIELD TRIP

Wednesday, Oct 20th

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday, Oct 25th 4pm - 7pm
Tuesday, Oct 26th 4pm - 7pm

PRE-ACT TESTING / FRESHMAN

Wednesday, Oct 27th

NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct 29th

- to start out the school year, we do have some great things going on. Miss Kansas 2021, Taylor Clark will be back to her alma mater to present to all of our students on October 13th. Our junior high students have been out in Pratt and Great Bend for job shadowing experiences for career exploration. The house remodel project is rolling along in the second year. We hope to have the house near completion by the end of the school year. This is a small sample of the great things we have going on in spite of the challenges presented by the pandemic.

Daycare is a clear need in our community. We have quality daycares in St. John, but there is still a need for more. Many of our school employees experience difficulties finding childcare, which can affect our ability to recruit and retain great people to work in our schools. Also, many of our preschool parents find it difficult to manage the logistics of getting kids to and from daycare and preschool. For these reasons, the school board is considering facilitating child care options on or near the school campus. We are only in the planning stages at this point and hope to have more information on this soon.

Elections for city and school positions are coming up in November. There are three board of education positions up for election. Those positions are currently occupied by Shawn Ward, Carl Behr, and Vance Fisher and they are all running unopposed.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

by *Laura Davis, Library Director*

Our 8-week Summer Reading Program, had over 30 students attend story time and participate in a literacy craft led by Mrs. Ixchel Mixon. We would like to congratulate 11 students who reached the 50 book reading goal:

Rosales Gonzales, *1st Grade*
Olivia Dick, *2nd Grade*
Blakely Sanders, *2nd Grade*
Kynli Burgan, *2nd Grade*
Kinsey Ward, *3rd Grade*
Belle Gonzales, *3rd Grade*

Elle Devine, *4th Grade*
Victor Cornwell, *4th Grade*
Aaliyah Gonzalez, *5th Grade*
Jaleigh Burgan, *5th Grade*
Hadley Bright, *5th Grade*

The deadline to register to vote is October 12th. After that, advanced voting will be open until November 1st and election day is November 2nd. You can find information about board of education positions and districts on our website.

I want to again remind parents that all students receive free meals for the entire 2021-22 school year. There is no application or signup process to qualify and this applies to both breakfast and lunch.

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

QUIZ

FIND OUT WHAT SUPERPOWER YOU HAVE FROM THE INCREDIBLE'S FAMILY.

Go down the list and pick your favorite from each group.

- A. Up! C. Inside Out
B. A Bug's Life D. Finding Nemo
- A. WALL-E C. Remy from Ratatouille
B. Mater from Cars D. Boo from Monsters Inc
- A. Cinderella C. Rapunzel
B. Belle D. Ariel
- A. Kim Possible C. Hannah Montana
B. That's so Raven D. The Suite Life of Zack & Cody
- A. Popcorn C. Skittles
B. Soft Pretzel D. Slushie
- A. Mint Green C. Orange
B. Red D. Purple
- A. Spider Man C. Wonder Woman
B. Superman D. Iron Man
- A. Justice League C. Powerpuff Girls
B. Teen Titans D. Mermaid Man & Barnacle Boy

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HS TEAM SCHEDULES

from Fall Sports Flyer



OCT 7 - STERLING	3:30pm
OCT 15 - NESS CITY CPL	4pm
OCT 23 - REGIONALS	TBD
OCT 30 - STATE	TBD



OCT 2 - DODGE CITY	9am
OCT 8-9 REGIONALS	TBD
OCT 15-16 - STATE	TBD



Games start at 7pm

OCT 1 - KIOWA	Home
OCT 4 - MACKSVILLE	Away
OCT 11 - MACKSVILLE JV	Home
OCT 15 - KINSLEY SRS	Home
OCT 22 - SKYLING	Away
OCT 28 - BRACKET	TBD



OCT 5 LACROSSE/KINSLEY	4pm
OCT 12 CENTRAL PLAINS / NESS CITY	4pm
OCT 15-16 - STATE	9am
OCT 23 SUB STATE	TBD
OCT 29-30 STATE	TBD



SPORTS AND MUSIC

[Tiger Music Facebook Page](#)

NEW BAND MEMBERS GET INSTRUMENTS

by Mrs. Mixon, Spanish Language Aide

This year is filled with excited 5th graders that are joining a school band for the first time. During Band class, the students tested different instruments to find which one they were most compatible with. The students and their family were all recently invited to attend Instrument Night to learn more about each instrument in order to rent, purchase or lease it for their school career.

We asked one 5th grade girl how she choose her instrument, and this is what she said: "I was fitted for a trumpet or a trombone. I liked both but I chose the trumpet because it was lighter." You can't argue with logic like that!

The students eagerly await their first concert this winter as they practice with their instruments at home. Be sure to follow the St. John Hudson Tiger Music Facebook page for concert announcements and more:



www.facebook.com/groups/stjohntigermusic

JH TEAM SCHEDULES

from School Google Calendar

JH JV CPL VB @ Central Plains, Oct 2nd @ 9am
 JH VB/FB @ Ellinwood, Oct 7th @4:30pm
 JH CPL VB @ Ness City, Oct 9th @ 9am
 JH VB/FB (H) v Victoria, Oct 14th @ 4pm

Events are subject to change without notice.
 Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR.



SCAN HERE

OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR



photo by JeShoots

TECH CLUB NEEDS APPROVAL

by David Leckenby

Are you looking for a new club to join? We want to get a new technology club approved! Mrs. Mixon, the new Spanish Language Aide, is putting together a new club for anyone in 7th - 12th grade to join.

Before the club can get approved by the school principal, we need to know who is interested in joining! The club will be doing things like: gaming, web design, programming, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, eSports, interactive art and media, blogging, marketing, copywriting and more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

by Ixchel Mixon, Spanish Language Aide

JUNIOR CLASS - UPCOMING MEETINGS & FUNDRAISER

Mrs. Ixchel Mixon, Sponsor

The next Junior Class meetings will be on Oct 14th and Oct 26th during LS in Mrs. Mixon's room. We will be preparing for our super-secret fundraiser for the month of November. Ticket sales for this super-secret-yet-exciting fundraiser will begin November 1st and end November 19th.

*Have news to share? Email Mrs. Mixon!
mixon@usd350.com*

COMIC BOOK CLUB - UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mark Bryant, Sponsor

The Comic Book Club has an officers meeting scheduled for Oct 5th in the Spanish Room during LS. Regular club meetings are scheduled for Oct 8th and Oct 21st in the Spanish Room during LS.



*Follow the cross country Twitter
feed at @sjhtigerxc*

The logo for Tech P.A.W.S. features two black paw prints above the text 'TECH P.A.W.S.' in a bold, sans-serif font. To the left of the paw prints is a small gear icon. The background is a dark blue with a grid of glowing hexagons and various tech-related icons like a dollar sign, a lightbulb, and a gear.

TECH P.A.W.S.

**TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAMMING AND
WEB SKILLS**

*Please email if you would like to
join or learn more:
mixon@usd350.com*

ST JOHN GRADUATE IS CROWNED MISS KANSAS 2021

by Erynn Cantrell / Source - misskansas.org

IN THE KNOW



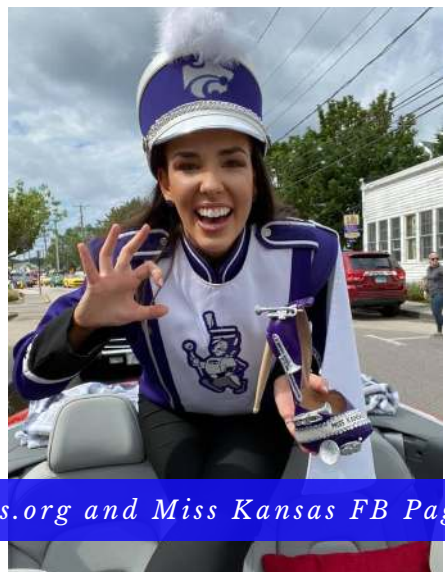
Miss Kansas 2021 is Taylor Clark. She graduated from St. John High School. She is going on to compete at Miss America in December 2021. Clark was crowned Miss Kansas on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Before that she was Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen in 2017. She won the Miss Kansas on her first try.

She is currently a senior at K-State studying music education. Clark claimed the title of Miss Kansas with a drum performance. She is also able to perform on timpani, marimba, piano and all percussion instruments.

She has been awarded over \$17,000 in scholarships toward her education from Miss Kansas, Miss Kansas' Outstanding Teen and Miss America Outstanding Teen competitions.

Miss Taylor Clark will be visiting the St John school district for a student assembly on October 13th. We are really excited to meet her!

 www.facebook.com/MissAmericaKS

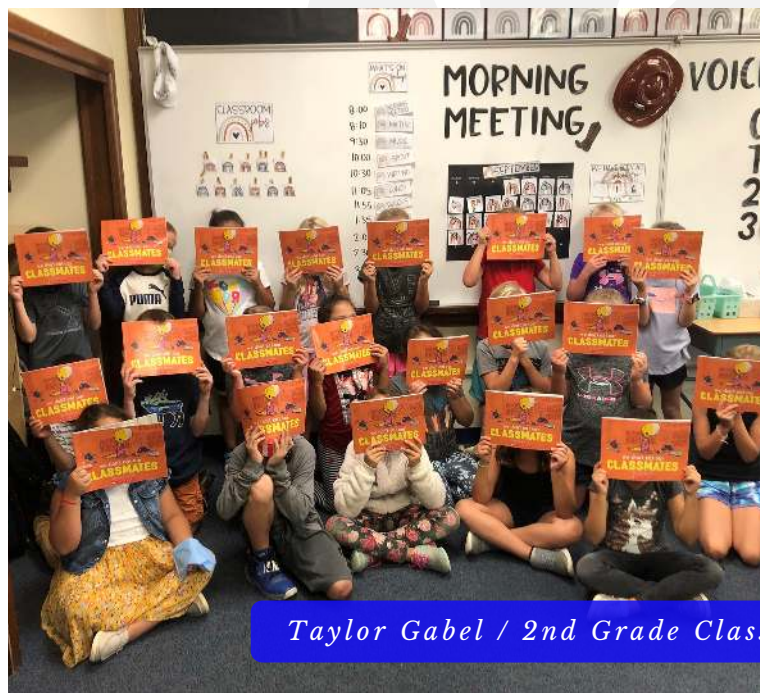


misskansas.org and Miss Kansas FB Page

2ND GRADE CLASS RECEIVES SPONSORSHIP

by Taylor Gabel / 2nd Grade Teacher

Our second grade class was fortunate enough to receive sponsorship for Scholastics \$1 book of the month program. Every student will receive a FREE book each month throughout the school year thanks to our generous donors. Here is a picture of us with our first book "We Don't Eat Our Classmates".



Taylor Gabel / 2nd Grade Class



OCTOBER FOOD MENU

from USD 350 website

	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
OCT 1	Banana Bread, Juice, Cereal, Milk	Cheeseburger, Fries, Beans, Cookie, Fruit	OCT 18	Pancake Stick, Juice, Applesauce	taco Soup, Carrots, Fruit, Birthday Cake
OCT 4	Pancake Stick, Juice, Pears, Cereal	Corn Dog, Wedges, Broccoli, Applesauce	OCT 19	Muffin, Juice, Pears, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Potatoes, Fruit
OCT 5	Muffin, Juice, Milk Applesauce, Cereal	Salisbury Steak, Gravy Potatoes, Veggies, Fruit	OCT 20	Biscuits Gravy, Juice, Fruite, Milk	Huntington Chicken, Salad, Fruit, Hot Roll
OCT 6	Biscuits Gravy, Juice, Fruit, Cereal	Spaghetti, Meat Sauce Salad, French Bread	OCT 21	French Toast Sticks Juice, Peaches, Milk	Hamburger, Fries, Beans, Fruit, Cookie
OCT 7	French Toast Sticks Juice, Pears, Cereal	Chicken, Noodles, Peas Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk	OCT 22	Banana Bread, Juice, Pineapple	Sausage Pizza, Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk
OCT 8	Pumpkin Bread, Juice, Peaches	Taco Salad, Pineapple Refried Beans, Cookie	OCT 25	Breakfast Bites, Juice, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Tetrizzini, Salad, Veggies, Fruit
OCT 11	Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Pineapple	Ham Cheese Sandwich Fries, Carrots, Cookie	OCT 26	Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Applesauce	Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots Beans, Fruit, Milk
OCT 12	Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Nuggets, Gravy Potatoes, Green Beans	OCT 27	Breakfast Burrito Juice, Peaches	Lasagna, Salad, Beans, Pears, French Bread
OCT 13	Breakfast Burrito Juice, Applesauce	Soft Taco, Pineapple, Refried Beans, Cookie	OCT 28	Breakfast Bar, Juice, Pears, Cereal	Popcorn Chicken, Gravy Potatoes, Fruit, Hot Roll
OCT 14	Breakfast Bar, Juice, Cereal, Milk	Cheese Pizza, Salad, Peas, Pears, Fruit, Milk			

MORE HIGHLIGHTS



images by Behnke

CAPTURING HEARTS

by Darlene Behnke

The photography class has been busy setting up shoots on campus. Morgan Gunter and Audrey Willinger made a heart in a book by carefully folding over sections of pages.

We can't wait to see what creative projects the photography class will work on next month!



CAPTIVATING ART

by Darlene Behnke

Lochlyn Duntz created a sea monster scene inside of a disposable coffee cup.

"Water has always been something that is mysterious to me, and you never know what could be beneath the surface."

- Lochlyn Duntz, 12th Grade



QUIZ

CHECK YOUR QUIZ RESULTS HERE

1. A = ●	2. A = ●	3. A = ★	4. A = ▲	5. A = ▲	6. A = ★	7. A = ■	8. A = ▲
B = ▲	B = ■	B = ▲	B = ★	B = ★	B = ▲	B = ▲	B = ★
C = ■	C = ▲	C = ■	C = ●	C = ●	C = ■	C = ★	C = ●
D = ★	D = ★	D = ●	D = ■	D = ■	D = ●	D = ●	D = ■

If you picked mostly: ● You got Violet's invisibility ▲ You got Mr. Incredible's superstrength
 ■ You got Dash's superspeed ★ You got Elastigirl's flexibility

HOPEFUL HEARTS: ART CONTEST OPEN TO ALL USD 350 STUDENTS AND TO THE PUBLIC

by Friends of the Library / Ida Goodman Memorial Library

Yes friends, our fundraiser is finally here! The joyous opportunity to "CREATE" is waiting for your artistic ingenuity. We've all experienced a frightening uncertain time of late, so let's celebrate each other and spread love with an art contest everyone can enjoy.

Design any entry in the media of your choice. The art must include a heart design or the written word "heart". Entries must be dropped off at the library:

IDA GOODMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

406 N Monroe
St. John, KS 67576

HOW VOTING WORKS

VISIT LIBRARY ON OCT 18TH - 26TH

Voting will begin on Oct 18th until Oct 26th. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to visit the library to vote.

\$1 DONATION

Everyone can vote for their favorite art by donating \$1 per vote.

UNLIMITED VOTING

Everyone can vote as many times as they want without any limits to voting! Each vote helps our fundraiser.

WINNERS

Each level will have 3 winners. There will be 3 winners from Kinder - 8th grade level, and there will be 3 more winners from 9th grade to Adult level. Any adult may enter the contest to win.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Anyone from the public can vote or enter the contest. Any USD 350 student can vote or enter the contest.

All entries will be judged by your friends, family, neighbors and the public for both entry levels. Show how you care and share. Your entries will fill the community with art appreciation and brotherly love. Visit the library during voting days to cast unlimited votes!

All entries will be identified by numbers. Please put your name on the backside of your art.

LEVEL 1: KINDER - 8TH GRADE

OCT 1 - 18 Create your masterpiece and turn it into the library by Oct. 18th

OCT 19 - 26 Votes will be accepted. Each person can vote an unlimited amount of times.

1ST PLACE Cash prize of \$25 will be awarded to the 1st place winner of this level.

2ND PLACE Cash prize of \$15 will be awarded to the 2nd place winner of this level.

3RD PLACE Cash prize of \$10 will be awarded to the 3rd place winner of this level.

LEVEL 2 - 9TH GRADE - ADULT

OCT 1 - 18 Create your masterpiece and turn it into the library by Oct. 18th

OCT 19 - 26 Votes will be accepted. Each person can vote an unlimited amount of times.

1ST PLACE Cash prize of \$25 will be awarded to the 1st place winner of this level.

2ND PLACE Cash prize of \$15 will be awarded to the 2nd place winner of this level.

3RD PLACE Cash prize of \$10 will be awarded to the 3rd place winner of this level.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Blain White, HS Principal

It's hard to believe that October is here and we are closing in on the end of a grading quarter. October 14th marks the end of the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year and there are a few things for students and parents to keep in mind as that date approaches.

- Progress reports were given to students on Sept. 28th. These reports are not a final grade and give students an idea of where they are academically in each class.
- If a student is struggling in a class, they should visit with the teacher and come up with a plan to improve their grade.
- We offer after-school tutoring on Monday thru Thursday and strongly encourage students to take advantage of that opportunity. Sometimes students are assigned to go to after-school tutoring.
- For high school students, quarterly grades do not go on transcripts (only semester grades do) but the 1st quarter grade will average with the 2nd quarter grade to determine semester grades. It is important to achieve as high of a grade as possible each quarter.
- One of the main factors associated with academic success is student attendance. Obviously, if a student is ill we don't want them at school spreading illness to others. However, if a student is absent one way to offset academic loss is to communicate with their teachers about lessons and try to do some work while they are gone.

- Blain White - HS Principal

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

by Blain White, HS Principal

St. John-Hudson USD #350 is in need of substitute teachers and substitute classroom aides and paraprofessionals. If you are interested in applying, please contact Alisa Fisher in the District office (620-549-3564) or Stephanie Smith in the High School Office (620-549-3277).

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

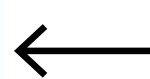
PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES PSA CONTEST

by Mac Knight, AV Productions

Please check out the first video of the school year by the AV Productions class! This is our entry in the 2021 Kansas Turnpike Authority PSA Contest. Views, likes, positive comments and shares are all great ways to promote our video. More importantly, we feel the message of the video needs to be seen by as many people as possible.



SCAN HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO



Use your smartphone camera to scan.



Deadline is October 28th

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YODER MEATS SNACK STICKS

PTO is offering PRE-ORDERS this year. Each box has 24 individually wrapped sticks. Please contact the office for order form or inquiries. Cash and checks are accepted.

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- TASTY TERIYAKI
- SIZZLIN' BACON
- ZESTY BBQ
- CRAZY FIRE BACON
- HONEY BBQ
- HICKORY SMOKED
- SWEET AND SPICY
- PEPPERED ORIGINAL
- JALAPEÑO HICKORY
- HOT PEPPERED

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