

# COUNCIL GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2009

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## CGMS December 2009 Activity Calendar

12/2/09 – PDC @ DO – 4:30  
12/2/09 – Principal's Chat Room (CGMS Office) 5:30-7:30  
12/3/09 – Pep Rally – 2:55  
12/3/09 – BB vs Chase County – 4:00 (C-games @ HS/5:45)  
12/7/09 – Kansas Communities That Care Survey Week  
12/7/09 – BB vs Americus – 4:00 (C-games TBD) [Grades 4-8 Academic Recognition for KS Assessment Exemplary Awards](#)  
12/9/09 – District Academic Council – 8:00  
12/9/09 – District Planning Team (MS/HS only) – 4:30  
12/9/09 – PTO – 6:30  
12/10/09 – Pep Rally – 2:55  
12/10/09 – BB vs Herington – 4:00 (C-games @ HS/5:45)  
[Grade 8 Recognition Night](#)  
12/14/09 – BB vs SE Saline – 4:00 (C-games TBD)  
12/14/00 – BOE – 6:30  
12/16/09 – Brave Voices Tour – 2:30  
12/16/09 – District Planning Team – 4:30  
12/17/09 – BB @ Mission Valley – 4:00  
12/21/09 – CGMS Band/Vocal – 7:00 @ HS Auditorium  
12/22/09 – Early Release Day/End of Semester I  
12/23/09 – No School! Winter break begins!  
*Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!*

## CGMS A Peek into the New Year!

1/4/10 – Staff Development Day  
1/4/10 – BB @ Herington – 4:00  
1/5/10 – School Resumes – Welcome Back!  
1/6/10 – PDC – 4:30  
1/6/10 – Principal's Chat Room (CGMS Office) 5:30-7:30  
1/7/10 – BB Make-Up Game vs Mission Valley- 4:00 (C-games @ HS/5:45)  
1/8/09 – FHJL Meeting – 9:30 @ CG

## Exemplary Awards Recognition Night

Mrs. Parks and I would like to recognize students in grades 4-8 who earned “Exemplary Awards” on state assessments during spring 2009. The Exemplary Awards Recognition is scheduled for December 7, 2009 when CGMS hosts Americus Middle School “Indians” for basketball on our home court.

Grades 4-5 earning “Exemplary” awards will be honored between the B-Boys and A-Girls games with approximate time set between 6:00-6:30 PM. Grades 6-8 “Exemplary” awards will be honored between the A-Girls and A-Boys games with approximate time set between 7:30-8:00 PM. Letters to students earning awards are scheduled to go home on December 1.

*Behavior Bytes from the Social Worker and Counselor  
December's Character Focus: Compassion*

## **6 ways for Students to show COMPASSION:**

1. Show others that you genuinely understand and respect their needs and concerns by listening well and making a concerted effort to see issues from their point of view (empathy).
2. Be genuinely transparent to others. Share what's on your mind and let people see your genuineness by telling them your story including the high and low points. Your candor will build trust and pave the way for deeper understanding.
3. Get to know people. Encourage them to talk about their interests, dreams and hopes for the future.
4. Be sensitive and allow people to vent their frustrations. Look for ways to help ease their pain and overcome hurts.
5. Always treat people fairly and with respect and dignity. Your behavior sets the expectation others will have of you, so follow through on any good intentions.
6. Search for clear examples of compassionate people. Consider famous people, family members and students. Look for ways they show compassion and how you can adapt them for your use.

**4 Ways for Parents to Teach Compassion to their child** (*modified from “Raising Compassionate Kids: Ways to Model Compassion in the Home”.* [www.articlesbase.com](http://www.articlesbase.com))

1. **Teaching Compassion for Other Family Members.** Talk about the importance of showing compassion to others in the family. Even if you're tired or even if you're a child, you can still show kindness in easy, helpful ways. These acts of kindness make people feel good inside - both the receiver and the giver!
2. **Teaching Compassion for Animals.** Having pets in the home is a great way to teach children compassion. Just like when he was a little baby and he was hungry, he would cry. The parents treat the pets with the same kindness they show to the rest of the family. The parents are kind and affectionate. Children will learn to treat the family pets the same way.

**3. Teaching Compassion for Playmates.** Talk to your child about helping when friends get hurt, that he/she needs to stop what he/she is doing and take care of the friend. That means helping them when they trip or getting an adult when they need some extra assistance.

**4. Teaching Compassion for Those In Need.** When children see their parents participate in giving to charity. Children will likely want to join in and help the people in need as well.

Susan Mulryan, Social Worker  
Cindy Schultz, Counselor



### **Kansas Communities That Care**

**Survey** is a statewide needs assessment survey supported by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Addiction and Prevention Services.

The study results will be used to help plan substance abuse prevention programs in our community and schools. The survey is anonymous. Students will take the survey online. No one will be able to connect any student with his or her responses. The student may skip any question he/she does not wish to answer.

Surveys will be given to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 during the second week in December. Letters will be sent home with CGMS students in grades 6 and 8 during the first week of December.

### **SITE COUNCIL MINUTES November 11, 2009**

The CGES/CGMS SITE Council meeting was held November 11, 2009. Sherry Edminston and Judy Parks briefly discussed the visit to USD 417 from the Kansas Learning Network team. Judy shared information about the tools being used and being put into place to ensure the success of MTSS. Those in attendance were Paula Holmes, Amanda Henton, Sid Wilkerson, Diane Jernigan, Judeen Bachura, Patricia Schroeder, Donna Freese, Judy Parks, Sherry Edminston, Brenda Kirk and Cara McNorton.

### **PTO MINUTES November 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by TinaRae Scott. Those in attendance were TinaRae, Tammy Stevenson, Paula Holmes, Lisa Bolieu, Judy Parks, Marla Goeckel, Brenda Kirk, Julie Hodges, Mary DeVries, Cheryl Downes, Heather Honas, Vicki Stone, Judeen Bachura, Becky Catlin, Larry Willis, Sherri Edmiston, Leah Hanson, Valerie Wohlschlegal, Cara McNorton, Kim Bacon, Amanda Henton, Allen Selby and Patricia Schroeder.

The minutes and Treasurer's reports were approved. It was noted that we made \$12,673.10 from the cookie dough sales minus a few bad checks that we are waiting

to clear that will be used on projects for our school and children throughout the year. A big thank you to all who purchased cookie dough!!! (It was noted we were down \$297 from the time before when we sold cookie dough.) Lisa Bolieu presented information about the sound system that we will need to repair or try to trade off for a new system before the Christmas Program held on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The K-2 grades will perform at 6 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will perform at 7:30 pm.

Leah had Adree Honas, Allison Hodges, Joshua Willis and Dylan DeVries read for the group their essays on family members about Veteran's Day. Dylan DeVries also won with his when she entered his in a contest in Emporia. Way to go Dylan!!!

Paula reported that the die cut company had retired the wrestling die cut so we have come up with a new design to be made and the group agreed to give \$65 and see if the high school Booster Club would pay the other half of the costs, since it will be used at both the high school and middle school.

It was moved by Tammy and seconded by Amanda to give the three teachers that want to resubscribe to Quia the money to do so. (This is a program they use on their computers in the classrooms.)

The Book Fair will be held November 18-20<sup>th</sup>!!! Read! Read! Read! They are still needing volunteers if you are available.

The Body Venture program was a huge success and we had over 75 volunteers helping with it. Thank you all!!! The basketball snack shack coordinators are Amanda Henton and Cheerie Baker with Vicki Stone helping start up warming the foods.

There was a discussion about Boxtop containers being set out in front of each classroom. We are looking into this. It is noted that we have to trim both the boxtops and labels, so if you could do this before turning them into the school it would be a great help!

Sherri reported that we will be having "C" games at the high school starting with boys at 5:45 and girls following. There will be no gatekeepers nor snack shacks at this gym. We will have a local referee that has agreed to train high school volunteers to try to keep costs down. There has been one more game added to the schedule on December 14<sup>th</sup> here against S.E. Saline.

Judy reported that there will be early dismissal and Christmas parties for all grades on December 22<sup>nd</sup> starting after each classroom's lunch period. It was decided that party favors are no longer needed for the parties but possibly a box of baggies or Clorox wipes would be a great addition for cleanup! Judy also said that the "Needs Assessment Analysis for USD 417 -Morris

County” report can be viewed on our school website. It has also been noted that we will need to keep the PTO meetings every other month to start at 6:30 in order to have the principals attending. This is due to other conflicts that they have with other meetings.

There will be no meeting in December. The next one will be January.

Submitted by Tammy Stevenson, secretary.



### **Flint Hills Junior League Minutes - October 16, 2009**

Call to order at 9:45

Members present: Americus (Aron Dody), Chase County (Jay Talkington), Council Grove (Sherry Edmiston), Herington (Mark Cook), Lyndon (Jeff Kohlman), Mission Valley (Brady Anschutz), Osage City (Tony Heward), West Franklin (Kris Hassler), Commissioner David Johnson(absent)

I. Approve Agenda

Motion by Lyndon; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Osage City to approve agenda as amended. Passed 8-0.

II. Approve Minutes

Motion by Herington; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chase County to approve minutes as amended to show commissioner was paid ½ of salary. Passed 8-0.

III. Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Lyndon; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chase County to approve treasure report. Passed 8-0.

IV. Business

1. VB Tournament

Each school will provide a line judge.  
Hospitality will be in the Cafeteria.  
All schools will share locker rooms.  
Pictures are to be taken in lobby after the tournament.

2. League Music Clinic

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Herington @ ESU  
3:00/7:00. At break times teachers need to supervise their students.

Clinician will be Mr. Jeremy Manternach.

3. Basketball Questions/Concerns  
Order of play was reviewed for each location.

4. Review future FB/VB Schedule

V. Principal Share Time

VI. Adjournment:

Next meeting: January 8<sup>th</sup> @ Council Grove @ 9:30

### **CGMS Coaching/ Activity Sponsors 2009-2010**

Boys Basketball – Justin Carlson – Head Coach  
Shawn Fund – Assistant Coach

Girls Basketball – Landon Hinkson – Head Coach  
Amy Finch – Assistant Coach

Cheerleading – Joany Fox

Band/ Marching Band – Dennis Brooks

Braves on Fire/ Vocal – Todd Walters

Peer Helpers/ Student Leaders – Cindy Schultz

Student Council – Jenny Throne

**Sportsmanship** is always important and thank you to our sports fans for your support. We appreciate your support and commend our fans for modeling outstanding sportsmanship. THANK YOU!

### **FHJL League Records**

#### ***Girls A-Team***

#### **Council Grove 3-1**

Americus  
Chase County  
Herington  
Lyndon  
Mission Valley  
Osage City  
West Franklin

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#### ***Boys A-Team***

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Lyndon  
Mission Valley  
Osage City  
West Franklin

### CGMS Girls Basketball Scoreboard – Season

November 9 @ Chase County  
❑ A-Team – CG 21/ **CC 23**  
❑ B-Team – CG 8/ **CC 22**

November 12 @ West Franklin  
❑ A-Team – **CG 30**/ WF 14  
❑ B-Team – **CG 19**/ WF 5

November 16 vs Mission Valley – Make up 1/7/10  
❑ A-Team – Cancelled  
❑ B-Team – Cancelled

November 19 @ Americus  
❑ A-Team – **CG 33**/ AM 27  
❑ B-Team – **CG 29**/ AM 19

November 23 vs Lyndon  
❑ A-Team – **CG 28**/ LY 21  
❑ B-Team – **CG 18**/ LY 17

November 30 @ Osage City  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

December 3 vs Chase County  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

December 7 vs Americus  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

December 10 vs Herington  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

December 14 vs SE Saline  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

December 17 @ Mission Valley  
❑ A-Team – CC  
❑ B-Team – CG

January 4 @ Herington  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

January 7 vs Mission Valley (MAKE-UP)  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

January 11 FHJL Play-In @ Mission Valley  
January 14 FHJL Semi-Finals @ Mission Valley  
January 16 FHJL Finals @ Mission Valley

### CGMS Boys Basketball Scoreboard – Season

November 9 @ Chase County  
❑ A-Team – **CG 31**/ CC 14  
❑ B-Team – CG 16/ **CC 40**

November 12 @ West Franklin  
❑ A-Team – **CG 39**/ WF 31  
❑ B-Team – **CG 25**/ WF 20

November 16 vs Mission Valley – Make up 1/7/10  
❑ A-Team – Cancelled  
❑ B-Team – Cancelled

November 19 @ Americus  
❑ A-Team – **CG 38**/ AM 28  
❑ B-Team – **CG 31**/ AM 15

November 23 vs Lyndon  
❑ A-Team – CG 29/ **LY 36**  
❑ B-Team – CG 16/ **LY 31**

November 30 @ Osage City  
❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

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❑ A-Team – CG  
❑ B-Team – CG

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❑ A-Team – CG  
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