

COUNCIL GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2010

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CGMS March 2010 Activity Calendar

3/1/10 – WR @ Mission Valley – 4:00
3/2/10 – Kansas Assessments in Reading/ Mathematics
3/2/10 – QB @ West Franklin – 4:00
3/3/10 – Kansas Assessments in Reading/ Mathematics
3/3/10 – Spring Picture Day (also WR, QB, Class pictures)
3/3/10 – District Planning Meeting – 4:30
3/4/10 – Kansas Assessments in Reading/ Mathematics
3/4/10 – WR @ Douglass – 4:00
3/5/10 – End of Quarter 3
3/5/10 – Early Dismissal for Teacher Grading – 1:10
3/6/10 – WR @ Chase County – 9:30
3/8/10 – FHJL QB @ Americus – 4:00
3/8/10 – BOE Meeting – 6:30 @ PH
3/9/10 – Kansas Assessments in Reading/ Mathematics
3/10/10 – Kansas Assessments in Reading/ Mathematics
3/10/10 – District Academic Council – 8:00
3/10/10 – PTO Meeting – 5:30
3/10/10 – Site Council Meeting – 6:30
3/11/10 – Kansas Assessments in Reading/ Mathematics
3/11/10 – WR @ Bluestem – 3:00
3/11/10 – CGHS Musical – 7:00
3/12/10 – CGHS Musical – 7:00
3/15/10 – Spring Break Week Begins!
3/22/10 – Staff Development Day – No School for Students!
3/23/10 – CGMS Track Practice Begins
3/31/10 – Track Pictures Today @ HS Stadium/ Practice
3/31/10 – District Planning Team – 4:30

Braves on Fire in Seussical Jr. Musical – March 11-12, 2010

This Year's Brave Voices Musical will be *Seussical Jr.* and will be presented March 11th and 12th at 7:00 PM in the CGHS Auditorium. Many of the *Braves on Fire* as well as a few members of the 6th grade music classes will again be participating in the musical as members of the chorus (Whos, jungle creatures, birds, monkeys, and circus animals).

Seussical Musical Practice Times:

Monday, February 22nd, 6:00 PM at the High School Auditorium

Monday, March 1st, 6:00 PM at the High School Auditorium

Saturday, March 6th, 10:00 AM at the High School Auditorium

Monday, March 8th, 6:00 PM at the High School Auditorium

Wednesday, March 10th, During the School Day at the High School Auditorium.

Middle school students should be at the high school by 6 PM on the evenings of the performances.

We will be implementing a change in the reservation policy for tickets this year. Tickets will again be \$5.00 per seat and will be available for reservation starting March 8th by calling the High School Office at 620-767-5149 or from any member of Brave Voices. This year, however, tickets will need to be paid for in advance. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook order deadline has been extended to March 5th. The cost is \$11.50.

Behavior Bytes from the Social Worker & Counselor
March's Skill Focus: Communication (continued)

“Top Five to Effective Family Communication”

It seems that these long, snowy winter months have offered me many opportunities to ponder **communication** with families of all make-ups and ages. And, really, what engaging activity is there that does not require effective two-way communication: talking and listening? I suppose some would readily nominate television, movies, or digital/electronic media but surely there is a saturation point to those. In addition to the ideas mentioned in the January Newsletter, here are the tried-and-true practices that have topped our list over the past thirty years:

- A friend of ours once said, “If you want to find out what is going on with [the two boys], **plan a sit-down meal together.** Then, just sit back and listen.”
- Eldon Moore often said, “They don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” For us, he could not have been more right! There are many, many important qualities to model for our children that, we believe, will lead them

down a pathway of success. However, in retrospect, I know that none of them was more important than **caring for one another.**

- Sherry Edmiston tells of her mother's adage, "You can get glad in the same pants you got mad in." We choose our mood and our attitude; we must **be in control of ourselves.** As the adults it is imperative that we model the behavior we ask of our children.
- We must **listen more than we talk.** My husband reminds me that we have two ears and one mouth and they need to be used in that proportion. We must seek to understand before we seek to be heard. Finally, do you realize that "silent" and "listen" have the exact same letters?
- I would be amiss to leave out the **journal.** In fact, it would easily top our list. Journaling played a vital role in mending a difficult time for us. I often found that I was so intent on getting done what I felt had to be done that I forgot to say the positives to the girls and my husband. Then, after all were in bed and I was finishing up the day, I remembered, too late, what I hadn't said. So the family room journal was born, a place I could write the positive messages of appreciation, love and caring that I hadn't taken time to say earlier. The journal became a best-seller at our house: the first to be read in the morning and vigorously sought after to record messages of joy, appreciation, love, as well as frustration. We all used it; and through it we were reminded of the power of positive, effective communication.
- (I know, number 6 – but it is important!) Sometimes, we have to **work at listening** so kids will talk. For one of ours, it was at bedtime with the lights out. For her, it was easier to talk side-by-side rather than face-to-face. For the other, it was when she got home at night; no stopping her then and I learned so much! If we had not been up when she got home, little would have been shared eight hours later. A book from the 1980's, **How to Talk so Kids Will Listen & Listen so Kids Will Talk** by Faber and Mazlish, still offers great guidelines on how to work at listening. As the *Science Monitor* printed, "It will bring about more cooperation from children than all the

yelling and pleading in the world." Just let me know if you would like to borrow it.

Listening is the oldest and perhaps the most powerful tool of healing. It is often the quality of our listening rather than the wisdom of our words that makes a difference to the people we love.

*Susan Mulryan, Social Worker
Cindy Schultz, Counselor*

Eighth Grade Field Trip 2010

The Eighth Grade Field Trip is scheduled for April 23, 2010. Students will travel to Kansas City and visit The College Basketball Experience (Sprint Center), Steamboat Arabia Museum, Crown Center, World War II Museum, and finish the day with a Royals vs Twins game.

Cost per student is \$60.25 and the adult cost is \$76.50. This amount includes gate passes and tickets and transportation expenses. This cost does not include food or souvenir purchases. Field trip money is due March 1, 2010.

Drivers Ed – Summer 2010

Details regarding Drivers Education classes for summer 2010 will be released in the CGHS February Newsletter. Copies will be available to all 8th grade students. The following information has been shared at this time to help parents plan for summer activities.

Cost: \$150 for pre-enrolled USD 417 students; \$300 for non-USD 417 students

Dates: June 1 – June 14 w/one session – NOT two sessions as summer 2009. Driving will begin June 7

Transportation: Parents will need to provide transportation to and from class. District transportation will not be provided.

CGE/MS Spelling Bee Results

The 2010 Council Grove Elementary/Middle Spelling Bee was held on February 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Council Grove Elementary Cafeteria. Participants went 14 rounds to determine a winner. Erica Hecht, 8th grader, came out on top as the champion speller. Erica will advance to the Morris County Bee along with Abigail Kline, 7th grader, and Kristina Laizure, 6th grader.

The Morris County Bee was held on February 10, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. at the Council Grove High School auditorium. The three Council Grove winners competed against the winners of the Prairie Heights Spelling Bee and the winners of White City Spelling Bee. The winner of the Morris County Spelling bee will advance to the State Spelling Bee in Topeka, Kansas.

Spelling Bee qualifiers were: **1st grade- Mrs. Goodell**– Ally Bacon, Sanaia Palmquist, Javier Pool-Alternate; **Mrs. Maver** – Gavin Swalley, Cora Noer, Isaac Buchman-Alternate; **Mr. England**– Kyra Smith, Brooke McNorton, Colton Tiffany-Alternate; **2nd grade - Mrs. Hayes**– Charles Olson, Shyanne Allen, Kristen Watson-Alternate; **Mrs. Collins**– Logan Callahan, Jason Hecht, Macy Seadeek –Alternate; **3rd grade - Mrs. Johnson**– Jaedyn Miller, Kale Noer, Abbie Schroeder-Alternate; **Mrs. Richardson** – Detric Frese, Zoey Barber, Lydia Weltha-Alternate; **Mrs. Stone**– Jordan Kelly, Keanna Reed, Brett Birzer-Alternate; **4th grade - Mrs. Jernigan**– Christian Helton, Elijah Ackley, Dakota Kelley-Alternate; **Miss Moran**– Sam Kirk, Brittney Wells, Alvin Holmes-Alternate; **Mrs. Tischhauser**– Melissa Filkin, Armando Mascote, Carlos Solis-Alternate; **5th grade - Mrs. Catlin**– Blake McNorton, Meghan LeMay, Ethan Schraad-Alternate; **Mrs. Hanson**– Joey Acosta, Brett Frye, Blake Buchman – Alternate; **Mrs. Bachura**– Zach Graham, Courtney Seadeek, Mara Grover-Alternate; **6th grade** – Austin McNorton, Kristina Laizure, Luke Richardson, C.J.Brammer, Chelsea Watson, Nikki Hawkins, Payton Lerner-Alternate, Maddy Tischhauser-Alternate; **7th grade**- Chance Henke, Mitchell Wecker, Harley Truan, Emilee Bowen, Abigail Kline, Bobby Grover, Makaela Zuege-Alternate, Kacey Selby-Alternate, Colt Hiegert-Alternate; **8th grade** – Berkley Criqui, Ryan Adams, Erica Hecht, Brier Fox, Brett Rohloff, Jodi Johnson, Emily Whitaker-Alternate, Skyler Stevenson-Alternate.

The Morris County Spelling Bee was held February 10, 2010, at the Council Grove High School Auditorium. There were three participants from Council Grove Elementary/Middle School, three from Prairie Heights Elementary/Middle and three from White City Schools. Erica Hecht, 8th grader, Kristina Laizure, 6th grader and alternate Luke Richardson, 6th grader participated from Council Grove Elementary/Middle.

Luke Richardson won in 12 rounds with Erica Hecht coming in second. Morgan Ash from White City was third. The Council Grove team won the team competition also.

Kansas Assessment Dates

March 2, 3, 4

- 6th Grade Reading
- 7th Grade Mathematics
- 8th Grade Reading

March 9, 10, 11

- 6th Grade Mathematics
- 7th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Mathematics

April 6, 7

- 7th Grade Science

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

Required Immunizations for 2010-2011

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. Booster dose of **Tdap** required at 7th grade if more than 2 years since previous dose of Td.

Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses required. Three doses acceptable if dose 3 given on or after the 4th birthday.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella: two doses required.

Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 10.

Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for Kindergarten and grade 1; one dose required grades 2-10 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are currently *recommended* by the ACIP for all ages.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib): three doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.

Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7): four doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.

Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs.

Highly Recommended Immunizations that are not required for school entry:

Meningococcal (MCV4): one dose *recommended* at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV): three doses *recommended* for females and males at 11 years of age and provisionally recommended for males at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

Influenza: yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages > 6 months of age; not required for school entry.

SITE COUNCIL MINUTES January 20, 2010

See February Newsletter for minutes. The next Site Council Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2010.

PTO Minutes for February 10, 2010

Those in attendance: Tammy Stevenson, TinaRae Scott, Marla Goeckel, Paula Holmes, Allen Selby, Sherri Edmiston, Judy Parks, Joyce Heilman, Brenda Kirk, Lisa Bolieu, Terri Goodell, Christy Henke, Shara Roe, & Jan Lerner.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Judy, seconded by Brenda, and approved by all.

The Treasurer's report was approved by all after a motion by Allen and a second by Tammy.

Mrs. Tischhauser's 4th grade class did a presentation called "Trip through the U.S." The group used the wireless cart and new computers to show us each state that they had done a power point presentation on.

At the last USD 417 Board meeting, our PTO was thanked for donating \$5,000 so our school could purchase another wireless cart. It has been reported that both wireless internet carts are checked out daily and used immensely.

We received 20 e-mails from the teachers and staff thanking us for supplying the food for the Parent/Teacher's Conferences so that the teachers would have something to eat on those long days.

The PTO went to the Morris County Treasurer's office and claimed the money that was sitting there from Oriental Trading for unclaimed property and it amounted to \$154.

We received \$651 from boxtops we turned in and it was put in our student assistance fund.

Lisa reported on the new sound system that she was looking at purchasing. The group allotted \$2,000 so she can purchase a new one from Flint Hills Music in Emporia. It was motioned on by Brenda, seconded by Tammy and approved by the group. The old one was beyond repair. It is a 6 line with 2 stereo plug-ins, 2 wireless mics, and extra microphone stands. She is also going to purchase a DVD player to go with it. This will be used for graduations, speakers, spelling bees, music programs, etc. It will be kept and checked out in the library.

Paula reported that the diecut machine has been renovated and the new diecut for wrestling is in. The cost on it was \$35.

The Valentine's Parties were held February 11th for the lower grades and "Problem solving activities" will be held for the Middle School students on March 12th. Cindy Schultz is in charge. The 6th-8th graders are mixed up in these activities so they can work together and mingle.

Tammy thanked the principal, etc. for helping make it possible for the 8th graders to take a trip again this year. Sherri gave an Administrative report and noted that CGES/MS has 443 students and will be cut back to 1 principal next year, while CGHS has 223 with 2

administrators and Prairie Heights has 137 students with 1 principal. CGES/MS is also losing their counselor next year due to retirement which they are not replacing. She noted that Cindy Schultz has been a real help at the Middle school this year. There will be a special BOE meeting on February 15th and they will be picking our new Superintendent. It was advised to please call your board member and tell them your opinions of where they are making their budget cuts. The next BOE meeting after that will be March 8th at Alta Vista.

The 3rd grade students, 49 of them are going to Rock Springs for their Field trip and asked if we would pay \$2 per child to sponsor the trip like we have in the past. On a motion by Tammy, seconded by Paula, the group approved the money.

It was noted that the PTO is not making any money on the snack shacks by the time we pay the group and pay for all the expense. We are looking at different ways to handle it next year.

In the Morris County Spelling Bee, it was noted Luke Richardson took 1st, Erica Hecht, 2nd and Morgan Ash from White City got 3rd place. Congratulations to all that were chosen to participate and our winners!

The Classes of the week this time are Mrs. Stone's class and Mrs. Heilman's.

Mrs. Collin's and the 2nd graders visited the Kaw Mission and asked that we pay the \$30 it cost to go there. It was approved on a motion by Brenda and a second by Tammy.

Brenda, Paula, TinaRae and Jan have been working hard on the nominating committee, and still have several spots that need filled. If you can help, please call one of them and volunteer for next year.

We are working on a Teacher's Appreciation meal for the first week of May.

A PTO fundraiser night at Dairy Queen has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th. 20% goes to our local PTO, so please come out and help support us! We would like to thank all of the adults and student babysitters who helped during the Parent/Teacher's conferences!

The next meeting will be March 10th @ 5:30 in the school library. Everyone is welcome to come. Meeting adjourned.

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Flint Hills Junior League Minutes – January 25, 2010

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

I. Approve Agenda

Motion by Chase County; 2nd by Council Grove to approve agenda as amended.
Passed 8-0.

II. Approve Minutes

Motion by Osage City; 2nd by Lyndon to approve minutes. Passed 8-0.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Lyndon; 2nd by Council Grove to approve treasure report. Passed 8-0.

IV. Business

1. Commissioner Evaluation

Mr. Johnson will be asked to come to the next meeting and provide officials for next year's volleyball, football, and basketball games. Schools need to provide any requests to Dave as soon as possible.

2. Basketball Schedule

Looked at several options to try and fill schedules with more league games and less non-league games. 2010-2011 schedules reflect the 09-10 schedules reversing home and away. Monday's games after Thanksgiving have been moved to Tuesday. Sherry will email master schedule.

Osage City moved to count all games with only league schools towards seeding of tournament. 2nd by Mission Valley. 7-0 passes (Herington abstained)

3. League Track

Council Grove will check into their Hi-Tech. Mr. Johnson should have league track starter, paid by league.

4. Quiz Bowl

5 person team, 6 medals, 7th and 8th grade divisions

Feb. 1st @ Chase County, Feb. 8th at Lyndon, Feb. 22nd at Council Grove, March 2nd at West Franklin, March 8th at Americus (League)

5. FJHL Band Clinic on Feb. 4th at ESU (3:00 practice/7:00 performance)

6. League Plaques

V. Principal Share Time

VI. Adjournment:

Next meeting: May 4th @ Osage City @ 9:30

CGMS Coaching/ Activity Sponsors 2009-2010

Wrestling – Casey Maransani

Track – Keith Grafel

Band/ Marching Band – Dennis Brooks

Braves on Fire/ Vocal – Todd Walters

Peer Helpers/ Student Leaders – Cindy Schultz

Student Council – Teresa Disberger

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!