

COUNCIL GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CGMS October 2009 Activity Calendar

- 10/1/09 – Pep Rally – 2:50
- 10/1/09 – VB/FB vs Osage City – 4:00/6:00
- 10/2/09 – CGHS Homecoming Parade – 2:00
- 10/7/09 – District Planning Team – 4:30
- 10/7/09 – Principal’s Chat Room – **CANCELLED THIS MONTH**
- 10/7/09 – Middle School Sports/Activities Meeting 6:30
- 10/8/09 – VB/FB @ Chase County – 4:00/6:00
- 10/9/09 – End of First 9-Weeks
- 10/9/09 – Early Dismissal – 1:10
- 10/12/09 – BOE – 6:30
- 10/13/09 – CGE/MS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00
- 10/14/09 – District Academic Council – 8:00
- 10/14/09 – CGE/MS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00
- 10/14/09 – PTO – 5:30
- 10/15/09 – Pep Rally – 2:50
- 10/15/09 – VB/FB vs Herington – 4:00/6:00 also **8th Grade Recognition Night**
- 10/16/09 – No School for CGE/MS
- 10/16/09 – FHJL Meeting @ Osage City – 9:30
- 10/17/09 – FHJL Volleyball Tournament @ Lyndon
- 10/19/09 – Staff Development Day – No School for Students
- 10/21/09 – District Planning Meeting – 4:30
- 10/22/09 – FHJL Vocal Clinic @ ESU – 3:00/7:00
- 10/28/09 – District Planning Meeting – 4:30

Congratulations to Brant Mahanay for qualifying for the McDonald’s Invitational Youth Rodeo. This is a great honor. The youth rodeo event takes place at the America Royal held in Kemper Arena, Kansas City. Brant is scheduled to compete on October 19 and pending results will compete again on October 21. Students and staff at CGE/MS wish him the best of luck! Anyone wanting additional information can log onto www.americanroyal.com.

FHJL Vocal Clinic will be held at Emporia State University on October 22. Between 200-250 students representing eight (8) league schools will participate in the league vocal clinic. Rehearsal is scheduled to begin

at 3:00 PM with an evening public performance at 7:00 PM in Memorial Union, ESU. Mr. Walters will be send home more detailed information as it is available.

Behavior Bytes *from the Social Worker and Counselor*

October’s Character Focus: Respect

For Parents: (*adapted from The Parent’s Little Book of Lists by Jane Bluestein, Ph.D.*)

13 Ways to Model Respect

- **Listen.** Make eye contact when your child is talking to you.
- **Knock**, especially if the door is closed.
- **Use language**, words and a tone of voice that would be acceptable to you if your child were speaking to you.
- **Value your child’s need** for fun and the time he spends with his friends.
- **Give your child space** to have different opinions and preferences from you (or other members of the family).
- **Value your child’s need for privacy.** Don’t open his mail or listen in on his phone conversations.
- **Ask** before using or borrowing something of his.
- **If your child is struggling with something** and is in no danger of getting hurt, hurting anyone or ruining something valuable, ask him if he wants help before you step in and do something for him.
- **Allow your child to respond** to situations differently from the way you would, without criticizing, shaming or ridiculing him.
- **Stop tickling or teasing when your child asks you to** – immediately and without comment, ridicule or judgment.
- **Call your child what he wishes to be called.** Resist calling him names or nicknames that embarrass him, or names he feels he has outgrown.
- **When someone asks your child a question**, let your child answer for himself. Resist the temptation to speak for your child, especially when he is present.
- **Introduce your child** when you encounter someone who hasn’t met him. When you meet a grown-up friend who has a child along, be sure to say hello to the child as well as the adult.

For Students: (*adapted from Life Lists for Teens by Pamela Espeland*)

6 Questions to determine if your are respectful to others

True	False	
		I treat other people the way I want to be treated.
		I am considerate of other people.
		I treat people with civility, courtesy, and dignity.
		I accept personal differences.
		I work to solve problems without violence.
		I never intentionally ridicule, embarrass, or hurt others.

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”
–Mother Teresa

NWEA MAP Testing – New to USD #417

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills, also known as the ITBS or ITED depending on what grades were tested, will be replaced this year with MAP tests (Measures of Academic Progress).

Features of MAP include:

- Online testing provides immediate results – student information is available the next school day.
- Tests are untimed – each test takes approximately 45-50 minutes.
- Measures academic progress – the test is built to identify individual student skill levels in Reading and/or Mathematics.
- Measures academic growth – tests can be given fall, winter, and spring to chart growth in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

Reasons for choosing MAP include:

- Provides information about the instructional level of the student.
- Provides a road map for students toward achieving mastery.
- Identifies instructional level in order to inform instructional decisions in the classroom.
- Identifies students needing additional instructional support or needing to be challenged more in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

MAP tests in Reading and Mathematics will be given to students in grades 5-10 about mid-October. There are still a few details to work out regarding exact test dates and building schedules as final details weren't available in time to publish in the October newsletter. Schools will be sending out information in early October.

PTO MINUTES September 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 by TinaRae Scott.

Those attending were Tammy Stevenson, TinaRae, Brenda Kirk, Judy Parks, Linda Johnson, Kim Bacon, Mary Collins, Cara McNorton, Mary DeVries, Julie Hodges, Karen Jackson, Marla Goeckel, Sherri Edmiston, Vicki Stone, Vicki Cunningham, Jan Lerner, Cheerie Baker and Amanda Henton. The minutes were approved as read in the newsletter with a motion by Cara and a second from Judy, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Marla with a motion by Cara and seconded by Brenda. The motion carried. It was noted that we had made \$250 after all bills were paid with our first snack shack. We also gave out for Cara McNorton's class of the week.

In the Presidents report, TinaRae said the PTO is striving to get more involved with the school this year. We will be having a 10 minute program before the PTO meeting and in between PTO and Site Council meetings every other month when they meet. The program will be from teachers, classes and organizations to tell us what they are doing or how they used the money we donated to them.

Sherri presented a program on the Kansas Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) that our school has implemented this year. It is to help our children learn to read better and raise our testing results. It is a system of support for our school system to address the needs of kids that need additional help. It is to empower each Kansas student to achieve high standards at all grade levels. The Federal Multi-Tiered System of Support is called the Response to Intervention (RTI). We are addressing reading at the present time and will focus on math and behavioral problems in the future. Parents are a vital part of this process. There is a website www.kpirc.org that parents can go to and get booklets, and even download many different resources for free. Commissioner Posny's priority is helping all students meet or exceed academic standards. The Multi-Tiered system has 3 levels of reading. Each student gets a full 90 minutes of reading a day and if needed more to help them excel. Some of the students will be offered enrichment courses also! With this program, we will be able to do our own testing on line and will not have to do the IBTS tests this year! Judy asked if PTO would pay for envelopes, baggies and 5 rolls of laminating film to get us through the year to help with this project. The motion was carried.

The babysitters were Demi Jackson and Amber Bacon. Vicki and Mary's requests for balls, jump ropes and notebooks which were approved last year have been ordered or picked up. It was voted to give Teresa Disberger and the 7th graders \$182.08 for them to go to the State Fair as we always have done in the past. This is \$2 for each student and money for gas for the bus. It was passed on a motion by Cara, and seconded by Tammy.

CGES received a second wireless cart from the district and everyone is very thankful. There was discussion as to helping the district pay for it with some of our cookie dough money, we will see how sales go. It is also noted that CGMS would like and could really use a wireless cart also.

The PTO is asking that everyone in our school district log onto www.thebigclip.com and you can register our school to win 1 million boxtops which would help our school with many projects!! You can enter every day-please help us out!!!

We will be collecting boxtops and soup labels and sending them in to the companies in October. PTO received over \$80 for our school for parents using their Target cards. Thank you all!!!

Cookie Sales started September 10th with a program and giving out the packets to the students. It will run through Tuesday, September 22nd and pick up day will be October 14th. The exciting news is there are 8 new flavors since we last sold the cookie dough!!!

Valerie Wohlschlegel asked for a convex security mirror for the library to put in the back corner for around \$50.74. On a motion by Mary, seconded by Tammy, it was approved.

We are still in desperate need of a football snack shack representative. If you can help, please call Cheerie Baker or Tina Rae Scott.

Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Secretary, Tammy Stevenson

SITE COUNCIL MINUTES September 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Cara McNorton, chairperson. Those present included: Brenda Kirk, TinaRae Scott, Diane Jernigan, Tammy Stevenson, Donna Frese, Rita Noll, Jan Lerner, Cheerie Baker, Sid Wilkerson, Amanda Henton, Cara McNorton, Sherry Edmiston, and Judy Parks.

Mrs. Parks began the first item of business by stating that PTO and Site Council will begin "sharing" portions of their meetings starting in November. PTO will meet and conduct their business meeting, followed by the program portion of the meeting, which will lead right into the Site meeting.

Focusing on the reading incentive information that has been in the new recently, Ms. Edmiston presented information to the group on the district wide implementation of MTSS. She stated what it means to our students and staff. MTSS stands for Multi-Tiered System of Support. MTSS is a coherent continuum of evidence based, system wide practices to support; a rapid response to academic and behavioral need; with frequent data-based monitoring for instructional decision making; to empower each Kansas student to achieve high standards. She explained the various levels of implementation for the middle school and high school. Mrs. Parks explained the program and how it is being applied in the elementary school.

There was much discussion from the group about testing, structuring, and how the staff and students will move forward. It was requested that those present convey information on to others in the community in an effort to help them understand the process and progress the District is making. Additional discussion continued about AYP and MTSS.

Mrs. Parks presented information on www.kpirc.org and its benefits, which are all free, to parents.

Parent resource information is also on the district website on the CGMS page in the newsletters.

The next meeting will be November 11, 2009. All who are interested in understanding more about curriculum and criteria that pertain to the school system are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Respectfully submitted by TinaRae Scott.

FLINT HILLS JUNIOR LEAGUE MEETING AUGUST 27, 2009

Call to order at 9:30

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

- I. Approve Agenda
Motion by Osage City; 2nd by Lyndon to approve agenda as amended. Passed 8-0.
- II. Approve Minutes
Motion by Council Grove; 2nd by Herington to approve minutes with the amendment that league

wrestling will be at Council Grove not Chase County.
Passed 8-0.

- III. Treasurer's Report
Motion by Lyndon; 2nd by Chase County to approve treasure report. Passed 8-0.
- IV. Business
 1. Commissioner's Report
David handed out assigned officials for football and volleyball for 2009. David will send out a master list of contact information for officials. Schools will pay their own fees for 2009. In 2010, \$45 for football and \$20 for volleyball/match, schools responsible for mileage. \$30 per game for basketball, \$5 for sitting a game, schools responsible for mileage. Motion by West Franklin; 2nd by Herington. Passed 8-0.
 2. League Dues
\$300
 3. League Music Clinic
Oct. 22nd at Herington @ ESU 3:00/7:00. Music teachers have talked about selection of music.
 4. Volleyball/Football Guidelines, Admission Prices, League Records and Score Keeping
Jeff Kohlman will collect FB/VB scores. Need only varsity scores. \$4/\$2 will remain the admission prices. 35 point running clock in 4th quarter, 5th quarter FB will be 10 plays offense/defense. 25-25-15 points used for all volleyball matches. If team uses Liberio they must provide tracker.
 5. Volleyball Numbers, C-Team, D-Team Games? Officiating
All schools have enough participants to play C and D team games.
Council Grove, Americus, Herington – BACD – one net – coaches officiate D
West Franklin, Chase County – two nets – BA officials – DC coaches/volunteers
Osage City, Mission Valley – two nets – BA officials – DC ???
Lyndon – two nets – BAC officials – D coaches
 6. Female FB player for Osage City
Please make arrangements for dressing room.
 7. Quiz Bowl rules
We will use 5 person buzzer systems. Council Grove will ordered questions for all the meets. Same categories will be used as in the pass. Motion by Chase County; 2nd by Herington. Passed 8-0.
 8. League Passes
Middle school passes for middle school events only. No high school passes honored at middle school events.
- V. Principal Share Time
- VI. Adjournment:

Next meeting: October 16th @ Osage City @ 9:30

Herington 0-4

CGMS Coaching/ Activity Sponsors 2009-2010

- Football – Keith Grafel – Head Coach
Terry Burgett – Assistant Coach
- Volleyball – Anita Mahanay – Head Coach
Amanda Henton – Assistant Coach
- Cheerleading – Joany Fox
- Band/ Marching Band – Dennis Brooks
- Braves on Fire/ Vocal – Todd Walters
- Peer Helpers/ Student Leaders – Cindy Schultz
- Student Council – Jennie Throne

CGMS Football Scoreboard – To Date

- Sept. 3 Mission Valley – MV 20/ CG 0
- Sept. 10 West Franklin – WF 26/ CG 0
- Sept. 17 Americus – AM 20/ CG 0
- Sept. 24 Lyndon – LY 50/ CG 0
- Oct. 1 Osage City
- Oct. 8 Chase County
- Oct. 15 Herington

CGMS Volleyball Scoreboard

- Sept. 3 vs Mission Valley
 - ❑ A-Team – MV in 2: 25-11/ 25-11
 - ❑ B-Team – CG in 2: 24-26/ 21-25
 - ❑ C-Team – MV in 2: 25-22/ 25-21
- Sept. 10 @ West Franklin
 - ❑ A-Team – WF in 2: 18-25/ 17-25
 - ❑ B-Team – WF in 2: 18-25/ 11-25
 - ❑ C-Team – WF in 2: 16-25/ 17-25
- Sept. 17 vs Americus
 - ❑ A-Team – AM in 3: 25-18/ 12-25/ 12-15
 - ❑ B-Team – AM in 3: 25-23/ 23-25/ 12-15
 - ❑ C-Team – CG in 2: 25-22/ 25-18
- Sept. 24 @ Lyndon
 - ❑ A-Team – LY in 2: 25-21/ 25-18
 - ❑ B-Team – LY in 3: 25-16/ 25-21/ 15-4
 - ❑ C-Team – LY in 3: 26-24/ 15-25/ 15-12
- Oct. 1 vs Osage City
 - ❑ A-Team –
- Oct. 8 @ Chase County
 - ❑ A-Team –
- Oct. 15 vs Herington
 - ❑ A-Team –
- October 17 FHJL Tournament @ Lyndon

FHJL League Records

- Football***
- North Lyon 4-0
- Lyndon 4-0
- Chase County 3-1
- Mission Valley 2-2
- West Franklin 2-2
- Osage City 1-3
- Council Grove 0-4

Volleyball A-Team

- West Franklin 4-0
- Americus 3-1
- Mission Valley 3-1
- Lyndon 2-2
- Osage City 2-2
- Chase County 2-2
- Council Grove 0-4
- Herington 0-4

Sportsmanship is always important and thank you to our sports fans for your continued support. We appreciate your support and commend our fans for modeling outstanding sportsmanship throughout the school athletic seasons.

Activity Attendance Policy for Students

USD 417 appreciates your cooperation in addressing safety and security issues.

Students/children in grade 5 or below are **required to be accompanied by their parents or a responsible adult** while in attendance at USD 417 school activities. Students/children in grade 5 or below will be required to be seated with their parents or a responsible adult. Youth will not be allowed to roam unattended around the building or grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation.
USD #417 BOE Approved for 2008-2009

Athletic/ Extracurricular Activity Reminders

Students must maintain required academic and behavior standards when involved in sports or other extracurricular activities. Parents and students should review *Scholastic Eligibility, pp 3-5 in the CGMS Student Handbook.*