

COUNCIL GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2009

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CGMS August 2009 Activity Calendar

8/3/09 – PTO – 5:30
8/4/09 – CGE/MS Enrollment – 12:00-7:00
8/5/09 – CGE/MS Enrollment – 12:00-7:00
8/7/09 – USD #417 New Teacher Training
8/10/09 – Teacher Workday
8/10/09 – BOE – 6:30
8/11/09 – District/Building Staff Development
8/11/09 – Back 2 School Night – 6:00-8:00 PM
8/12/09 – District/Building Staff Development
8/12/09 – First Day of School!
8/17/09 – Sports Practice Begins!
8/19/09 – District MTSS Committee – 4:30-6:00
8/25/09 – Cheerleader Clinic @ Bethany College
8/26/09 – District MTSS Committee – 4:30-6:00
8/27/09 – FHJL Meeting/CG – 9:30

CGE/MS Enrollment

Enrollment packets were mailed to parents during the summer. Please update any necessary changes and return the packet at the time of enrollment. CGE/MS enrollment will be held in the cafeteria from 12:00 – 7:00 PM on August 3-4.

Child Identification Kits for Grades K-6

The state of Kansas has the opportunity to provide a child identification kit for every kindergartner through 6th grade student. Funded solely by WalMart, the Kansas Department of Education along with other state and national organizations have partnered with WalMart in order to provide every kindergartner through 6th grade child in Kansas a fingerprint kit for parents to use in case of an emergency. This National Child Identification Program was developed to help the more than 800,000 children who disappear each year in the United States. Through this initiative, Kansas has the opportunity to become one of the leading states in the protection of children by providing Inkless Child Identification Kits for use by parents.

Child identification kits that include an inkless fingerprint kit, a wallet card, and a DNA envelope will be available during enrollment. Our goal is to match the state's goal where **100%** of all children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade will have their fingerprints taken no later than September 30, 2009.

Back 2 School Night Agenda – August 11

6:00 – All School Opening Assembly – Gym (East side)
6:15 – Distribute Schedules to all students
6:25 – Grades 7/8 Lockers/Visit Classrooms
6:25 – Grade 6 Orientation
6:45 – Grade 6 Lockers/Visit Classrooms
7:00 – 6th Grade Band Meeting 2/ Mr. Brooks
7:00 – Fall Sports Parents Meeting w/ Coaches
7:30 – 7/8th Grades Band Meeting w/Mr. Brooks

Welcome New Staff

Please welcome the following new educators to our middle school staff.

Cindy Schultz – Counselor (grades 4-8)
Pam Smith – Reading/LA (grade 7)
Deborah Martin – Reading (grades 7-8)

PTO Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by TinaRae Scott. Those in attendance were: Sherri Edmiston, Tammy Stevenson, Marla Goeckel, Paula Holmes, Shannon Green, Judy Parks, Terri Goodell, Kim Bacon, Lisa Bolieu, Patricia Schroeder and Cheerie Baker.

The minutes were presented by Tammy and approved as read on a motion by Judy and seconded by Paula. The treasurer's report was presented by Marla. On a motion by Tammy and seconded by Lisa the report was approved.

Sherri reminded us of our school's Mission statement: "The mission of the PTO is to carry out activities that support, promote, provide, and enhance the educational experience of the students of Council Grove Elementary/Middle School."

In the Executive Director's report, TinaRae mentioned that the Teacher Appreciation meal was very much appreciated and the PTO was thanked for all their efforts. On the boxtop competition: Mrs. Goodell's and Mrs. Hanson's classes were the top winners in the elementary school and will receive extended recesses as their rewards for doing such a great job! In the Middle school, Mr. Turkovic's class was the winning class and they will get home baked cookies by Kollette Gilbert that the PTO will reimburse her for the supplies.

The PTO, again, received many Thank you notes from the kids and teachers for all the projects we had helped fund lately.

Lisa reported on how well the Bookfair went and that we had made \$1,023.73! Thank you to all who purchased books! We also raised enough change to send a book to Toys for Tots!

It was discussed to find our Bylaws and possibly change the Annual meeting so that we don't have a speaker since attendance is always so poor and in exchange have a teacher sign up for one meeting during the year and then they can bring some of their students in to tell us about something exciting that is going on in their classroom or possibly give us some kind of a demonstration. (This will only need to last about 10 minutes.)

TinaRae has volunteered to man the PTO booth during enrollment and if you are able to help, please let her know. We tend to get more parents involved when someone is in the booth and can explain what all the PTO is involved in. Tammy also suggested that through the year everyone try to take pictures of all our activities and then next year at enrollment we can create a collage for the bulletin board. So if you are at a PTO snack shack, bowling party, field trip, skating party, pizza party, etc. please take a picture and forward it to TinaRae or Tammy. It would greatly be appreciated and fun to see what we end up with at the end of the year!!! It was reported that 180 students got to go on the bowling trip (that was over 70% qualifying-way to go!)

It was noted that we are still trying to get hot water in the snack shack at the football field.

It has been discussed that in the future possibly having parents volunteering to help occasionally in the classrooms.

Sherri also brought up that the "Privacy Laws" are in effect in our school.

It was also noted by both principals that cell phones are becoming a problem and a distraction, so try to keep your children aware of when it is appropriate to have them turned on and the punishments that can happen if they abuse they system.

She also reported that the League track meet only got partially ran and was rained out so those that got their events finished will get their medals on the last day of school at the awards assembly for 6th & 7th graders, but there would be no League Championship this year. The Awards Assembly recognizes accomplishments with the State Assessment Tests, Quiz Bowl, Academic Achievements for the top 10% of each class and some special awards presented by the teachers too!

8th Grade Graduation was discussed and how great the attendance was!! Anita Mahanay and Teresa Disberger helped the 8th graders put on a great 8th grade day and graduation and are to be commended for a job well done!

It was reported by Judy that we had 42 children at kindergarten roundup to welcome in for next year!! The K-5 Field Days were concluded on May 19th and everyone got some kind of a ribbon even if it was a "participation ribbon!"

On May 21st, an assembly was held by "Netsmart" to teach internet safety for the K-5 children!!

May 21st was also move up day, where the kids get to go to the classrooms and teachers that they will be in next year and get acquainted with the rooms and the teachers!!!

Recognition Day is also May 21st and the rest of the staff will bring food and treats for the cooks, bus drivers, custodian, etc. in appreciation for all they do.

Cheerie Baker gave out a handout as to some of the improvements she and others would like to see in our school and will follow up with Sherri.

We would like to recognize Rita Buchanan who will be retiring this year for all her many years with the school system-good luck and also to Terri Goodell, Diane Jernigan, Martha House and Deryl Jimerson who have been with us 25 years!! Thank you all!

Amber Bacon and Elizabeth Baker were our babysitters for tonight.

The next fall PTO meeting will be held at the La Hacienda @ 5:30 on August 3rd.

Enrollment will be August 4th & 5th from 12-7 pm.

Back to school night will be Tuesday, August 11th from 6-8 pm with watermelon.

First day back to school will be August 13th.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming fall meetings: September 9th PTO & Site Council 6:30-8:30 pm; October's TBA; November 11th PTO & Site Council 6:30-8:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:30.
Submitted by Tammy

2009 VB/FB JUNIOR BRAVES OPENER SEPTEMBER 3 vs. MISSION VALLEY

CGMS Coaching/ Activity Sponsors 2009-2010

Football – Keith Grafel – Head Coach

Terry Burgett – Assistant Coach

Football practice is after school each day, 3:30-5:30, MS practice field.

Volleyball – Anita Mahanay – Head Coach

Amanda Henton – Assistant Coach

Volleyball practice is after school each day, 3:30-5:30, MS gym.

Cheerleading – Joany Fox

Student Council – Open Position

VB/FB Fall 2009 Schedule

September 3 – CGMS vs. Mission Valley – 4:00/6:00

September 10 – CGMS @ West Franklin – 4:00/6:00

September 17 – CGMS vs. Americus – 4:00/6:00

September 24 – CGMS @ Lyndon – 4:00/6:00

October 1 – CGMS vs. Osage City – 4:00/6:00

October 8 – CGMS @ Chase County – 4:00/6:00

October 15 – CGMS vs. Herington – 4:00/6:00

October 15 – 8th Grade Fall Sports Recognition Night

October 17 – FHJL VB Tourney @ Lyndon - TBA

Home events are held at CGHS in order to accommodate transportation between volleyball and football competitions.

Volleyball start time is 4:00 PM. There will be a 15 minutes warm-up for the “A” match and 10 minutes warm-up for the “B” match. Single net order of play is B-A-C. Upon mutual agreement, a D game with a running clock may be played after the C game. Two-net order of play is A-C, B-D at 4:00 PM.

Beginning Fall 2009, the FHJL Volleyball Tournament will be Junior Varsity only (A-Team). All teams will play clear through with no first round elimination.

Single Net Sites

- Council Grove
- Americus
- Chase County
- Herington
- Lyndon

Double Net Sites

- Mission Valley
- Osage City
- West Franklin

Football start time is 6:00 PM. 5th Quarter option is available pending the decision of coaches at each site.

Simple Tips for Academic Success

1. Use your agenda to keep track of daily assignments and tests coming up.
2. Hand-in assignments on time.
3. Monitor grades often, if not daily, by reviewing Power School grades.
4. Communicate with teachers on a regular basis. Don't assume. Know what is going on with your assignments and grades.
5. Avoid the blame game and accept personal ownership. Your assignments and behavior belong to you.
6. When you need help in school or on the field ASK! Talk to your coach, your teacher, or the principal.

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

CGMS Activity Student Attendance

Expectations CGMS student non-athletes are encouraged to attend extracurricular activities and support their school athletic programs. Students are expected to sit in the designated student section and support our teams by cheering along with the cheerleaders. Students choosing inappropriate behavior or roaming the halls or hanging out outside can be sent home and may be asked not to return unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Fall Sports Athlete 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.*