

COUNCIL GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2009

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CGMS November 2009 Activity Calendar

11/4/09 – District Planning Meeting – 4:30
11/4/09 – Principal’s Chat Room - 6:30 – 8:00
11/6/09 – Early Dismissal – 1:10
11/9/09 – CGMS BB @ Chase County – 4:00
11/9/09 – BOE – 6:30
11/11/09 – District Academic Council – 8:00
11/11/09 – District Planning Meeting – 4:30
11/11/09 – CGE/MS PTO – 6:30
11/11/09 – CGE/MS Site Council – 7:00
11/12/09 – Retake/Group Picture Day
11/12/09 – CGMS BB @ West Franklin – 4:00
11/16/09 – Pep Rally – 2:50
11/16/09 – CGMS BB vs Mission Valley – 4:00
11/19/09 – CGMS BB @ Americus – 4:00
11/23/09 – Pep Rally – 2:50
11/23/09 – CGMS BB vs Lyndon – 4:00
11/25/09 – No School! Thanksgiving Break
11/26/09 – No School! Thanksgiving Day
11/27/09 – No School! Thanksgiving Break
11/30/09 – CGMS BB @ Osage City – 4:00

November Lunch Rotation

November 2-6

- 8th – Disberger, Fund, Turkovic
- 6th – Brooks, Fillmore, Frye
- 7th – Burton, Dingler, Smith

November 9-13

- 8th – Fund, Turkovic, Disberger
- 6th – Fillmore, Frye, Brooks
- 7th – Dingler, Smith, Burton

November 16-20

- 8th – Turkovic, Disberger, Fund
- 6th – Frye, Brooks, Fillmore
- 7th – Smith, Burton, Dingler

November 23-24

- 8th – Disberger, Fund, Turkovic
- 6th – Brooks, Fillmore, Frye
- 7th – Burton, Dingler, Smith

November 30-December 4

- 8th – Fund, Turkovic, Disberger
- 6th – Fillmore, Frye, Brooks
- 7th – Dingler, Smith, Burton

“Paws”-itively Drug Free

Red Ribbon Week has gone to the dogs!

- Students at CGES and CGMS have celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 26-30 thanks to the support of Morris County Anti-Drug Task Force, Morris County Attorney, Community Corrections, CGEMS Parent Teacher Organization, CGMS Student Council, CGMS Peer Helpers, Council Grove Police Department, and Morris County Sheriff’s Department. Choosing to be drug free has been the focus of the week’s activities!
- An all school assembly kicked off the activities for the week. Cynthia Engle, Morris County Anti-Drug Task Force, and Dorothy Jochem, Regional Prevention Center, talked with students about the history of Red Ribbon Week as well as the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. All students and staff were given Red Ribbons and stickers to wear throughout the week.
- Tuesday featured dog bone snack shapes for all students. “Pound out Drugs” was observed in the elementary grades on Wednesday as students brought stuffed dogs to create their own class pound. Class prizes were given to recognize the best looking, scariest, and silliest pounds. Students in middle school used clues to “Snoop out Drugs”. A clue was read at the start of each class period and students used inferences and strategies to determine where Snoopy was hidden. Clues included: there is only one of these, the door is sometimes open but mostly closed, the sign is different than most, the room is small, the direction to travel is east or west, “Lefties” beware! The handle was meant for a right-handed world, the place to check for climate control is at my fingertips, and it smells so clean. Can you guess where Snoopy was hidden?
- The end of the week featured “Who’s in the Dog House” on Thursday when students guessed who the Snoopy roaming around the hallways really was. The day’s contest was culminated with Scooby Snacks for all students. Finally, Friday offered students an opportunity to experience traveling through an obstacle course while wearing impairment goggles. Students at CGMS also explored a variety of refusal skills as they practiced resisting peer pressure and saying “No!” to drugs and other negative choices.
- All students received a pencil reminding them to be **“Paws”-itively Drug Free. Thank you to all of the supporting agencies and organizations as well as the CG Staff as they supported Red Ribbon Week 2009. Our challenge is to continue to encourage students in making positive choices. Please call or stop by if we can help!**

Susan Mulryan, Social Worker
Cindy Schultz, Counselor



Honor Roll – Quarter 1

CGMS has three honor rolls to recognize students for their scholastic achievement. The average is derived from all classes in which they are enrolled. The honor rolls are as follows:

- Principal's – All A's (4.0 GPA)
- Gold Honor Roll – 3.75-3.99 GPA w/ no C's
- Silver Honor Roll – 3.25-3.74 GPA w/ no C's

Principal's Honor Roll – Ryan Adams, Aaron Bachura, Kelsey Bremer, Shaylee Fetters, Brier Fox, Erica Hecht, Kate Hula, Demi Jackson, Jodi Johnson, Kaitlyn Powell, Chris Siegle, Kolby Washburn, Emily Whitaker, and Grace Wohlschlegel-Grade 8; Nick Boyce, Chance Henke, Hannah Johnston, Michael Sigle, Makaela Zuege-Grade 7; Daniel Bachura, Megan Goeckel, Jodi Jensen, Peyton Lerner, Luke Richardson, Jaxen Stewart, Madison Tischhauser, and Chelsea Watson-Grade 6;

Gold Honor Roll – Michaela Carroll, Grant Laughridge, Michaela Peterson, and Emily Watson-Grade 8; Amber Bacon, Elizabeth Baker, Dakota Crichton, Monica Henton, Abby Ink, Abigail Kline, Kacey Selby, Mitchell Wecker, and Francesca Whatley-Grade 7; Bailey Allen, Caleb Kirk, Kristina Laizure, Austin McNorton, and Randy Phillips-Grade 6;

Silver Honor Roll – Berkley Criqui, Austin LeMay, Layton Leydig, and Skyler Stevenson-Grade 8; Amanda Anderson, Colt Hiebert, Maty Leydig, Brant Mahanay, and Alex Wooden-Grade 7; Nadine Armstrong, Erica Auchard, Jordan Birzer, Evan Cunningham, Keegan Honas, Levi Koepsel, and Mattea Tompkins-Grade 6

NWEA MAP Testing Information

CGMS students were assessed in reading and mathematics using Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests on October 23 and 26. MAP tests can be given fall, winter, and spring.

This is our first year for taking MAP tests. USD #417 students in grades 5-10 completed the Fall 2009 testing by October 30. Next year, we plan to give our fall test earlier in the school year.

In order to get ready for the new tests, teachers received training on giving the tests and how to access reports during the September Staff Development Day.

MAP data will be used to find skill gaps, monitor progress, monitor programs, and inform instructional decisions. Parents can learn more about MAP testing at www.nwea.org

Test Glossary of Terms

NWEA – Northwest Evaluation Association is the company that developed MAP tests

MAP – Measures of Academic Progress are skill survey tests for Reading, Mathematics, Language Arts, and

Science. USD #417 will take MAP tests for Reading and Mathematics in grades 5-10.

RIT – Rasch uIT Scale is the measure of achievement that is independent of grade level. A RIT score can range from 150-300. The RIT score will be used to show academic growth over time.

Dynamic – MAP tests are dynamic which means that the test adjusts according to the student's skill level. As students get answers correct, the level of the test questions increase. As the student misses questions, the level of test questions decrease.

Survey Test w/Goals – The survey test w/goals is given 2-3 times each year. It is the longer of the two tests and will show progress from Fall to Winter to Spring and from year to year.

Survey Test – Or called the survey without goals is a short test and can be used to assess skills in reading and math when new students enroll. This is a short test.

Cell Phones in School

On October 23, an email survey was sent out to parents in grades 6, 7, and 8 that had provided email addresses at the time of enrollment. Results of the survey can be requested by contacting the middle school office or it is available in the News Bytes section on the Newsletter page on our website www.usd417.net then go to Council Grove Middle School then Newsletter.

According to our school student handbook, any use of cell phones during the school day is misuse. Making sure kids follow our school handbook policy on cell phones is constantly a challenge for many reasons. Students can find ways to use their phone: in the restroom, when they change classes between buildings, on a trip to the library, and in class (under the desk, in a pocket, etc.). When a school adult sees a student using his/her cell phone without permission, the adult collects the phone and takes it to the office. The first time this happens, the student can pick up the phone at the end of the school day. The second time it happens, we and/or the student call the parent and the phone is given to the parent - not the student. Students seem to interpret this as, "if (or when) I get caught" not "I'm not suppose to use my phone at school!"

Parent response from the email survey is supportive of the current policy of no cell phone use, especially during class. Over the next week, students will once again be reminded of the policy and "reminder" signs will be posted on doors and in the hallways. We will not, at this time, ask students to put their phones in a basket when they enter class. We (adults) will, however, as we have in the past, collect cell phones when students are seen using them during the school day.

Parents can help support this policy by talking with their child about the school cell phone policy. Parents can

also view their child's phone message centers to view text messages and phone call logs for when the child has been using the phone. Time and date is usually posted next to each text or phone call sent or received.

EMAIL SURVEY: CELL PHONE POLICY

Please give me your feedback whether you would support similar practice.

Would you support the following steps to decrease student use or misuse of cell phones during the school day?

1. Signs on each classroom door: WE WANT YOU TO TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE BEFORE ENTERING CLASS.
2. STUDENTS PUTTING THEIR CELL PHONES IN A BASKET ON THE TEACHER'S DESK WHEN THEY ENTER CLASS. Students can pick them up when they leave the classroom.

SITE COUNCIL MINUTES -No meeting in October!

PTO MINUTES – October 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President TinaRae Scott. The following were present: Paula Holmes, Marla Goeckel, Judy Parks, Allen Selby, Joyce Heilman, Valerie Wohlschlegel, Teresa Disberger, Colt & Valerie Hiegert, Lisa Bolieu, Amanda Henton, Linda Johnson, Cheerie Baker, Sherry Edmiston, Jill Mayer, and TinaRae Scott. The meeting was held on a special date due to Parent Teacher Conferences and Cookie Dough distribution.

Colt Hiegert spoke on behalf of the 7th graders and Ms. Disberger thanking the group for the field trip to the Kansas State Fair in September. He said that they had a lot of fun and that the trip was very enjoyable.

The group then went to Mrs. Mayers classroom to view a Powerpoint presentation on the first grade and SIOP progress. The program lasted about 10 minutes and was greatly appreciated by the group.

There were many thank yous for the group with regards to the new playground balls and jump ropes as well as for the food provided during parent teacher conferences.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion by Linda Johnson and a second by Judy Parks.

Marla Goeckel read and explained the treasurer's report. It was approved on a motion by Cheerie Baker and a second by Paula Holmes. There was some discussion about the snack shack and what we will do in the future with regards to funds and payments for groups. It was decided to discuss this later in the school year with guidelines for next year.

In Old Business, TinaRae mentioned that cookie dough collection money was due today. All students who haven't turned in money will be followed up on.

Judy Parks stated that Box Top collection was completed for the fall, with totals from Kolette Gilbert for each grade. 6555 tops were collected for a total of \$655.00 for the school. There was some discussion about how to keep the contest going and keeping it fun for the classes. There was some discussion about putting containers in the classrooms now for the spring collection. Maybe students would be encouraged to bring Box Tops to school more often and more funds could be collected.

In New Business, Sherry Edmiston passed out the CGMS basketball schedule. All home games will be held at the middle school this year, instead of at more than one site. Ms Edmiston also discussed the percentage of parents who attended conferences this fall. The data was positive and she will be working with her staff to expand the time for each conference from 20 minutes to 30 minutes. She also explained the Parent Survey data that was collected at conferences. Mrs Parks announced that there was a 95% rate of attendance at the grade school for conferences. She also thanked Mrs. Mayer for the presentation.

Wednesday, November 4th, the Body Venture exhibit will be viewed by K-5th grades. Dana Reddick asked that PTO donate food and water for the volunteers who will be assisting with the exhibit. The motion was made by Marla Goeckel and seconded by Paula Holmes. Motion carried.

Class of the Week went to Ken England for the rocket project with the 8th graders and the shopping activity. Pictures should appear in the Council Grove Republican soon.

Babysitters for this meeting were Monica Henton and Makayla Peterson.

Joyce Heilman spoke about her request for renewing her Tumblebooks subscription. An email had went out to PTO members earlier this month asking for any objections. The total amount was incorrect. Mrs. Heilman stated that the program is awesome and can be used by all grades K-5 and their parents. Motion carried at \$199.00 from Lisa Bolieu and a second from Cheerie Baker.

Red Ribbon Week is this week. All schools in the district are participating. A \$100.00 donation to the activities was approved via email earlier this month. A note went home with the students explaining the activities for the week. Those in charge of this program hope that it will continue to grow and expand in the future.

Lisa Bolieu asked the group for \$220.00 to repair the portable sound system used for activities throughout the school. There are 6 mikes with this system which make it

very handy. The group asked Mrs. Bolieu to get quotes on a new system as well as the timeline for repairs to present at the November 11th meeting.

The Book Fair was the next item discussed by Valerie Wolschlegel and Joyce Heilman. They have set the dates for November 18-20th. Family Night will be Thursday from 3:00-7:00 pm. Viewings and opportunities to purchase items will be 7:45 am -8:15 am each day and then 3:30 to 5:00 pm Wednesday and Friday. Parents and volunteers will be needed to help each day. Please contact the library for more information.

Classroom parties were discussed to make sure all reps had contacted the people who signed up for the Halloween parties.

Paula Holmes requested a wrestler diecut be purchased by PTO for use at the school. Judy moved and Amanda seconded the motion that passed. Paula will contact the company to see if she can get one ordered.

Again the snack shack was mentioned with the group needing to do some brainstorming prior to the end of the school year. It was mentioned that basketball snack shacks will pay \$100.00 per game since they will be at one site this year.

Stacey Tischhauser had requested that her \$49.00 subscription be renewed since her subscription doesn't renew at the same time as most of the others. It had been decided at a previous meeting to renew the subscriptions.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on November 11, 2009 in the library followed by Site Council. If you have something to discuss, please contact TinaRae Scott. Everyone is welcome!!

Respectfully submitted by TinaRae Scott.

CGMS SPORTS

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

CGMS Football Scoreboard

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 – CG 24/ OC 8

Oct. 8 Chase County – CC 38/ CG 0

Oct. 15 Herington – CG 24/ HE 0

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 – OC in 2: 25-23/ 27-25

☐ B-Team – CG in 3: 13-25/ 25-17/ 15-9

☐ C-Team – OC in 3: 25-22/ 13-25/ 15-9

Oct. 8 @ Chase County

☐ A-Team – CG in 2: 25-22/ 25-15

☐ B-Team – CC in 2: 25-16/ 25-23

☐ C-Team – CC 29/ CG 22

Oct. 15 vs Herington

☐ A-Team – CG in 2: 25-14/ 25-12

☐ B-Team – CG in 2: 25-17/ 25-13

☐ C-Team – CG in 2: 25-7/ 25-8

October 17 FHJL Tournament @ Lyndon
Council Groves Braves were 6th seed entering the tournament and placed 6th in tournament play.

FHJL League Records

Football

Lyndon 7-0 – FHJL Champions for 2009-2010

North Lyon 6-1

Chase County 5-2

West Franklin 4-3

Mission Valley 3-4

Council Grove 2-5

Osage City 1-6

Herington 0-7

Volleyball A-Team

West Franklin 7-0 – FHJL Champions for 2009-2010

Mission Valley 5-2

Lyndon 5-2

Americus 4-3

Osage City 3-4

Chase County 2-5

Council Grove 2-5

Herington 0-7