

**COUNCIL GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER – SEPT 2010**

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CGMS/CGES Sept. 2010 Activity Calendar

9/2/10-Volleyball vs Lyndon-4:00pm-CGHS Old Gym (Enter through the South entrance)
9/2/10-Football vs Lyndon-6:00pm-CGHS Stadium
9/6/10 – Labor Day NO SCHOOL
9/8/10- PTO 6:00
9/8/10-SITE Council 7:00
9/9/10-Volleyball @ Osage City-4:00pm
9/9/10-Football @ Osage City-6:00 pm
9/16/10-Volleyball vs Chase County-4:00pm-CGES Gym- (change from normal site)
9/16/10-Football vs Chase County-6:00pm-CGHS Stadium
9/16/10-Mid-terms sent home w/middle students today
9/17/10-Professional Training NO SCHOOL
9/22/10-School Pictures/Sports pictures taken after school today
9/23/10-Volleyball @ Herington-4:00pm
9/23/10-Football @ Herington-6:00pm
9/30/10-Volleyball @ Mission Valley-4:00pm
9/30/10-Football @ Mission Valley-6:00pm

CGES Title funds

USD 417 receives Title I funds that enable schools to provide opportunities for children. The Title I funds are used to assist children served by the program to acquire knowledge and skills contained in the state academic standards.

USD 417 uses Title I funds for children of the following buildings:

- Council Grove Elementary School - Council Grove, KS
- Prairie Heights Elementary School – Dwight, KS

USD 417, along with CGES and PHES, is required to notify the parents of each student attending the Title I schools that parents may

request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers. Parents of a child attending CGES or PHES **may request** any of the following information for their student:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.

Schools that receive Title I funds **must provide** to the parents of each child:

- Information on the level of achievement of the parent's child in each of the State academic assessments as required; and
- Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Please notify one of the following people if you wish to request information or have questions:

- **Council Grove Elementary School**
 - Judy Parks, CGES Principal (767-6851)
 - Heather Honas, Title I Coordinator (767-6851 ext. 314)
- **Prairie Height Elementary School**
 - Cynthia Schrader, PHES Principal (482-3224)
 - Heather Honas, Title I Coordinator (767-6851 ext. 314)

Welcome New Students/Families/Teachers/Staff to CGES

CGES would like to welcome the following new students and their families: Jacob Spiker, Grade 1; Hailey Watson, Grade 5; Amber White, Grade 5; Madison Miller, Grade 5; Kortney Watson, Grade 4; Bryce Bingham, Grade 4; Dallas Zirkel, Grade 3; Philip Neuhaus, Grade 2; Adrien Grundlock, Grade 1;

Amy Budke has been hired part time as a Resource teacher. Laura Soyland is our new Enrichment teacher. Mary DeVries, Latisha Selby and Lisa Warren have been added to our kitchen staff.

CGMS/CGES PTO Minutes August 11th, 2010

The August PTO meeting was held at LaHacienda. The meeting was called to order by co-presidents; Brenda Kirk and Julie Hodges. The treasurer's report was given by Sandy Bachura.

- A suggestion was made during the last school year to purchase a Cricket machine. More information will be requested before a consideration to purchase can be made.
- A district website training will be considered if there is an expressed interest.
- It was decided that teachers can request giving a program during a PTO meeting if they desire.
- The annual Back to School night will be held on August 17th from 6:00 to 8:00. A motion was approved to purchase watermelons for the event.
- There was a discussion regarding the availability of child care during meetings and at parent teacher conferences. Names were suggested for child care providers.
- There was a review of the new classroom sign up sheet that will be utilized at the back to school night.
- Ray's Apple Market and the school office have begun collecting milk jug lids. PTO will collect these at certain times of the school year and send them

in. Box Tops will also be collected as well.

- The meeting ended with a discussion regarding fund raising ideas.

Next meeting will be held
September 8th 2010 @ 6:00pm
CCES/CCMS library

Activity Attendance Policy for CGES 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.

Celebrate Family Day **September 4th**

Family Day a day to eat dinner with your children, is a national movement launched in 2001 by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University to encourage more parent-to-child communication as a means of substance abuse prevention. Dinner Makes A Difference! More than a decade of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

For Family Day, & every day, commit to:

S – spend time with your kids by having, dinner together

T-Talk to them about their friends, interests and the dangers of drugs and alcohol

A - Answer their questions and listen to what they say

R- Recognize that you have the power to help keep your kids substance-free!

CGMS Welcomes New Students/Families/Teachers/Staff

CGMS would like to welcome new students and their families: Kaylie Collins-Grade7; Brittany Conard-Grade7; Michelle Murphy-Grade7; Lydia Scott-Grade7; Megan Viveiros-Grade 7; Zoe White-Grade7; Cross Hermasillo-Grade 8; Ryan Hurst-Grade8; Dariel Marquez-Grade 8; Dakota Miller-Grade 8; Liam Viveiros-Grade 8

Mary Myers has been added as the 7th/8th Grade Social Studies teacher. Donna Burton will be full time at the middle school as the Keyboarding/Computer Apps teacher for 7th/8th grade and one class of 6th grade. Amy Finch will teach the rest of the 6th graders in the same subject. Keith Grafel will be our middle school aide and also is our head football coach, basketball and track coach.

Volleyball 2010

The middle school has 14-8th grade girls and 17-7th grade girls out for the 2010 volleyball season. Eighth graders are Georgina Acosta, Amanda Anderson, Elizabeth Baker, Emilee Bowen, Shanya Hawkins, Monica Henton, Abby Ink, Maty Leydig, Morgan rickenbrode, Kacey Selby, Lizzie Vallon, Francesca Whatley, Larisa Wilburn, and Makaela Zuege. Seventh graders are Sophie Adams, Bailey Allen, Nadine Armstrong, Erica Auchard, Jordan Birzer, Kaylie Collins, Nikki Hawkins, Stefani Moyer, Michelle Murphy, Makenzie Ochoa, Maria Solis, Maddy Tischhauser, Mattea Tompkins, Paulina Trillo, Megan Viveiros, Chelsea Watson, and Paige Yeager. Sixth grade managers are Jordan Carlson, Ehryn Henton, Meghan LeMay, Riley Shade, and Makayla Stone. Coaches are Anita Mahanay, head, and Amanda Henton, assistant. The volleyball schedule can be found on the first page of the newsletter, but please check the website calendar for any updates/changes.

Football 2010

The middle school has 12-8th grade boys and 13-7th grade boys out for the 2010 football season. Eighth graders are Branden Campbell, Dakota Crichton, Tristin Fetters, Chance Henke, Cross Hermasillo, Colt Hiegert, Logan Litke, Jason Miner, Donovan Read, Liam Viveiros, Mitchell Wecker, and Alex Wooden. Seventh graders are Adam Asebedo, Daniel Bachura, Evan Cunningham, Tristyn Goebel, Kyle Hayes, Keegan Honas, Caleb Kirk, Levi Koepsel, Peyton Lerner, Tucker Litke, John Smith, Gregory Miranda, and Tanner Lewis. Sixth grade managers are Jeremy Burton and Zac Rohloff. Coaches are Keith Grafel, head, and Shawn Fund, assistant. The football schedule can be found on the first page of the newsletter, but please check the website calendar for any updates/changes.

Cheerleaders 2010-2011

Cheerleaders for the school year are Abby Ink, Monica Henton, Maty Leydig,-8th grade, Jordan Birzer, Sophie Adams, Megan Goeckel, Makenzie Ochoa, Paulina Trillo and Chelsea Watson-7th grade. Abby Ink and Jordan Birzer are co-captains. Dawn Wecker is the sponsor. Cheerleaders participated in a Spirit Clinic on August 30th at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS.

Behavior Bytes *from the Social Worker*

September's Focus: NO BULLYING!

For Parents :

In September, classroom guidance will address the serious issue of bullying. To find out what the standards and specifics are for guidance, please go to my page on the district's webpage – www.usd417.net

What is bullying and how can you tell if your child is being bullied? The definition adopted by our district is as follows: “Bullying is a deliberate repeated verbal, non-verbal, written, electronic, and/or physical attack over time with the intent to harm or intimidate another student emotionally or physically.”

Here are some possible warning signs that a child is being bullied (source:

www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov):

- Comes home with torn, damaged, or missing pieces of clothing, books, or other belongings;
- Has unexplained cuts, bruises, and scratches;
- Has few, if any friends, with whom he or she spends time;
- Seems afraid of going to school, walking to and from school, riding the school bus, or taking part in organized activities with peers (such as clubs);
- Takes a long, “illogical” route when walking to or from school;
- Has lost interest in school work or suddenly begins to do poorly in school;
- Appears sad, moody, teary, or depressed when he or she comes home;
- Complains frequently of headaches, stomachaches, or other physical ailments;
- Has trouble sleeping or has frequent bad dreams;
- Experiences a loss of appetite; or
- Appears anxious and suffers from low self-esteem.

What should you do if you suspect your child is being bullied:

1. Talk with your child. Tell your child that you are concerned and that you'd like to help. Here are some questions that can get the discussion going:

- "I'm worried about you. Are there any kids at school who may be picking on you or bullying you?"
- "Are there any kids at school who tease you in a mean way?"
- "Are there any kids at school who leave you out or exclude you on purpose?"

Some subtle questions:

- "Do you have any special friends at school this year? Who are they? Who do you hang out with?"
- "Who do you sit with at lunch and on the bus?"
- "Are there any kids at school who you really don't like? Why don't you like them? Do they ever pick on you or leave you out of things?"

2. Talk with staff at your child's school. Call or set up an appointment to talk with your child's teacher.

For Students:

YOU can help *Stop Bullying Now!*

- *Find out how bullying is handled at your school.*
- Tell an adult when bullying occurs
- Support someone who is being bullied
- Stand up to the person doing the bullying
- And, finally, practice what you've learned to stop bullying whenever and wherever it happens

From the Nurses office

Reminder: Kindergarten and preschool students must have physicals (dated since 9/1/2009), certified birth certificates, and current immunizations turned in to the health office ASAP or may be excluded from school.

Thank you to those that have already provided this state mandated information. Please call the school if you have any questions.