



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

2007-2008

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**ENROLLMENT: AUGUST 2, 2007
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 22, 2007**

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year will be on August 2nd **in your building of attendance only!** The schedule for enrollment is as follows:

Thursday, August 2nd
EII-Saline Middle/High School Library
Grades 7-12 ONLY
8:00am - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, August 2nd
EII-Saline Elementary Multi-Purpose Room
Grades K-6 ONLY
8:00am - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Textbook Rental Fees

Kindergarten.....	\$25.00	Grades 1-12.....	\$50.00
Reduced Rate.....	\$ 6.25	Reduced Rate.....	\$12.50

Families that qualify for free meals will also receive free textbooks, if requested. Families that qualify for reduced meals will receive the reduced fee for textbooks, if requested. **No family will be assessed more than \$100 per family for textbook rental fees per year.**

Those unable to enroll at the stated times above, please call the particular building office to make further arrangements. (Elementary School 827-8891, Middle/High School 225-6633.)

Any student new to the district must bring a birth certificate and social security card to enroll.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

July 9 Board Meeting Report

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise. Marty Kramer was elected President for this year and Cheryl Higgins Vice-President.

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Chad Flesher introduced himself as our new SRO.

REPORTS

BOE – None

Mr. Minneman – Reported on: welcomed the new board members; concurrent on-line courses with CCC and KSU-Salina this year; 06-07 budget closing; 07-08 assessed valuation; read one thank you note and shared that there are currently no meetings he will be attending out-of-the district before the next regular meeting.

BUSINESS

Appointments and Adoptions – The normal, numerous, start of year appointments and adoptions were approved.

New Hires – Mrs. Michelle Lilly was approved as a HS English teacher. She is a May 2007 graduate of KWU. Mr. Dale Dodd was approved as the MS/HS business/computer teacher. He is retired from the Air Force and has taught in the Rock Hills, Mankato and White Rock districts. Ms. Joan Grover was approved as the MS/HS music teacher. She comes to us from Osborne.

Resignation – Jeff McDonald's resignation as head HS volleyball coach was accepted.

Supplemental Positions – Laurie Came was approved as the head HS volleyball coach and Amber Fouard was approved as MS cheerleader sponsor.

Approve Handbooks – All handbooks were approved.

MS Activity Bus – This service was approved for the coming year.

Set Budget Hearing Date – The date for the Budget Hearing was set for Monday, August 13, at 6:45 p.m. in the District Office.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel, Negotiations). No action was taken following any of them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

FUND RAISING CALENDAR

These dates are tentative and subject to change. **The CPTA sells Dillon's Coupons year round. For information contact Angela Allen.**

SEPTEMBER '07

- ◆ Junior class magazine sale
- ◆ Elementary school book fair
- ◆ Elementary school carnival

OCTOBER '07

- ◆ FFA fruit sale

NOVEMBER '07

- ◆ Senior class cookie dough sale
- ◆ CPTA fall fund-raiser

DECEMBER '07

- ◆ Nothing after first Friday.

JANUARY '08

- ◆ Nothing planned as of yet.

FEBRUARY '08

- ◆ NHS—Possible Entrepreneurship class book fair
- ◆ Booster Club Valentine's Day gift sale

MARCH '08

- ◆ Sophomore class gift sale

APRIL '08

- ◆ Freshman class cookie dough sale

MAY '08

- ◆ Nothing planned as of yet.

FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are afforded various rights with regard to educational records which are kept and maintained by USD 307. In accordance with FERPA, you are required to be notified of those rights that include:

1. The right to review and inspect all of your educational records except those that are specifically exempt. Records will be available within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.
2. The right to prevent disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in your educational records to

other persons with certain limited exceptions. Disclosure of information from your educational records to other persons will occur only if:

- A. We have your prior written consent for disclosure, or
 - B. The information is considered "directory information" and you have not objected to the release of such information.
3. The right to request that your educational records be amended if you believe the records are misleading, inaccurate, or otherwise in violation of your rights. This right includes the right to request a hearing at which you may present evidence to show why the record should be changed if your request for an amendment to your records is denied in the first instance.
 4. The right to file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office at the U.S. Department of Education if you believe that USD 307 has failed to comply with FERPA's requirements. The address of this office is 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 4074, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.
 5. The right to obtain a copy of USD 307 policies for complying with FERPA. A copy may be obtained from the USD 307 EII-Saline Schools District Office, 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157.

Directory Information: For purposes of FERPA, USD 307 has designated certain information contained in educational records as directory information which may be disclosed for any purpose without your consent. The following information is considered directory information: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended by the student, class designation, major field of study, and photographs.

You have a right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. If you refuse, you must file written notification to this effect with USD 307 at 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157 on or before August 31, 2006. If a refusal is not filed, USD 307 assumes you have no objection to the release of the directory information designated.

DISTRICT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

USD 307 EII-Saline Schools, in compliance with federal statutes, is committed to the concept of equal opportunity for all individuals. For this reason, the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries concerning the EII-Saline school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Mr. Jerry Minneman, Superintendent of Schools, 412 E. Anderson, PO Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425-0157, 785-225-6813, who has been designated by the EII-Saline school district to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, IX, and Section 504.

AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

The importance of the Free and Reduced Breakfast / Lunch program continues to grow. This program was established and is funded at the federal level. It is a program that enables some students to eat at reduced rates and other students to eat free, and has become a guideline for determining amounts of money allotted to our district in two other programs: 1) At-risk student education program, and 2) E-rate funding for the district.

Last year 29% of our elementary students and 31% of our MS/HS students qualified to participate in the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program. Our overall district participation was 30% of our students. These percentages were up slightly from the year before. The percentage of students qualifying for Free lunches ranks us in the top 28% of school districts across the state for family income. In other words, families in 72% of the state's school districts make less money than do ours. This is good news for us if it truly is the case. If it is just that we are not getting all qualifying families to fill out the application then we are only hurting ourselves. The more students that participate in the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch program, the more funding we receive from federal sources to fund our "At-Risk" and "E-RATE" programs. The more funds we receive from them the less we have to come up with locally. **It is important to our district for all families that meet the guidelines given at the end of this article to fill out and turn in an application. All applications are kept in strict confidence so that no other students or unauthorized school personnel know who has qualified.**

The finance formula passed by the legislature last spring places even more emphasis on the Free and Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program numbers. For students that qualified for this program last year, schools received an additional funding weighting of 27.8%. The formula this year increases that weighting to 37.8%. Based on last year's numbers alone, we should see an increase of roughly \$35,000. However, this number hardly keeps up with our increased costs. My guess is that if everyone that meets the guidelines would fill out an application, we would see a considerably larger increase in funding—at no cost to our local taxpayers and patrons.

Please review the following criteria, and if you think you might qualify and have not applied, please call Susan Rose in the district office at 785-225-6813 for your application today! An application has been mailed to all parents. All applications are kept in strict confidence.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

* If you now receive Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for your child (ren), they are also eligible for Child Nutrition Program free benefits. Refer to application.

* If your total household income is at or below the amounts on the Income Chart, your child(ren) can get free meals, or pay 40 cents for reduced price lunch and 30 cents for reduced price breakfast. Refer to application.

INCOME CHART

(Effective from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Week</u>
1	\$18,889	1,575	364
2	\$25,327	2,111	488
3	\$31,765	2,648	611
4	\$38,203	3,184	735
5	\$44,641	3,721	859
6	\$51,079	4,257	983
7	\$57,517	4,794	1,107
8	\$63,955	5,330	1,230
9	\$70,393	5,867	1,354
10	\$76,831	6,404	1,478
11	\$83,269	6,941	1,602
12	\$89,707	7,478	1,726
For each additional household member add	+6,438	+537	+124

HEALTHWAVE

Children eligible for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits may also qualify for HealthWave, a program that provides health insurance for children at little or no cost. For more information, visit the

HealthWave website (www.kansashealthwave.org) or call 1-800-792-4884, Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm or Saturday from 8am to 5pm. People with hearing impairments may call TTY 1-800-792-4292.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

The Kansas State High School Activities Association requires that all students have a physical examination report from a licensed physician on file with the principal in order to participate in KSHSAA approved activities prior to the start of practice. Forms are available at the high school office and at the district office.

LAW REQUIRES PROOF OF IDENTITY

Kansas law states “Whenever a child enrolls in school for the first time, the board of education is required to secure proof of identity of the child...” The district will accept the following documents as proof of identity: birth certificate, baptism or hospital record, copy of court order awarding custody, certified transcript or similar pupil record.

If proof of identity is not provided within 30 days, the board must notify the local law enforcement agency.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students entering or enrolled in Kansas schools must have the following immunizations: measles, rubella, DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough), oral polio, and mumps. A card signed by a physician or authorized proof from a health clinic is required. All students entering kindergarten are encouraged to complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series. Immunization forms will be available at enrollment.

The Salina-Saline County Health Department can provide both the immunizations and the certificate necessary for students to enroll. There is a \$14 fee for each immunization. However, if your physician gives immunizations, and you have insurance that covers the expense, you are asked to have your physician give the immunization. (Comcare physicians are now providing this service to their clients.)

The health department is located at 125 W. Elm in Salina. Immunizations will be given at the following times:

- Monday's and Tuesday's 8:30am to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday's 8:30am to 6:30 pm
- Friday's 8:30am to 1:30 pm

By Kansas law, students who do not have the required immunizations within 90 days from the time of enrollment must be excluded from school.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes are mapped with primary regard to safety, efficiency, and economy. Buses will be routed as close to homes as possible, but other considerations may make it necessary to have children walk a short distance. By Kansas law, whenever practicable, no student will be compelled to walk more than one mile to board a school bus. As done in past years, buses will not be entering private drives unless they are utilized as a route turn-around or for safety. Students will be required to meet the bus at the roadway.

At certain times of the year the county roads may be in bad condition. During such times, it may become necessary to alter routes to avoid placing buses in dangerous situations.

By Kansas law, all students living two and one-half miles and over from the school will be transported to and from school.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

A school lunch is available to students every full school day. Milk is served with each lunch, but students may also purchase additional milk at \$.30 per half-pint. School lunch prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$2.05
Grades 7-12.....	\$2.20
Adults.....	\$2.70

Both the secondary school and the elementary school will offer a breakfast program. Breakfast prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$1.20
Grades 7-12.....	\$1.30
Adults.....	\$1.65

People qualifying for free and reduced-priced lunches will qualify for adjusted prices in this program also. Free and reduced-priced applications are available in the school offices at enrollment time and throughout the year.

SEASONS START WITH SCRIMMAGE

The football and volleyball seasons will officially begin on August 13th for high school students. Everyone needs to have a physical examination by a licensed physician and have a parent or guardian sign the form. **Athletes will not be allowed to practice until their physical forms are signed.**

Practice times for high school football and volleyball will be posted at enrollment.

On Friday, August 24th there will be a Gatorade scrimmage, as well as team pictures, for high school volleyball beginning at 5:00pm with the football scrimmage beginning at 6:00pm. On Saturday,

August 25th the middle school will hold a scrimmage at 10:00am. Bottled Drinks (**20 oz. or smaller**) are preferred rather than the large bottles or powdered mix of the various sport drinks. We hope the community will come and continue their tremendous support they have been giving the Ell-Saline Cardinal activities!!

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY PASS

All patrons of USD 307 reaching the age of 62 will be eligible to receive a pass to all athletic functions exclusive of KSHSAA games, and any tournaments. This pass is to be used from year-to-year. Each patron who reaches the age of 62 may request a pass application at the Ell-Saline Middle/High School Office. Seniors are encouraged to request this pass in person.

FEES IMPLEMENTED FOR 07-08 SCHOOL YEAR

The following fees are effective for the 2007-2008 school year:

Activity Fees:

\$25.00 per student, grades 7-12, for the following activities: football, volleyball, basketball, track, softball, baseball, and cheerleading. This fee must be paid before students are allowed to play in the first game/contest.

Optional Student Activity Pass:

\$10.00 per student

Family Pass:

We are currently considering instituting a Family Activity Pass. A final decision will be made at the August 13 board meeting.

ASBESTOS NOTICE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND CONTRACTORS OF USD 307 ELL-SALINE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Regulations as put forth in AHERA, USD 307 has filed a management plan with the State of Kansas on or before October 12, 1988. This report contains information about the location of all asbestos containing materials located within the buildings of the district. There were only a few areas of the building that contained highly friable asbestos. By school, those are:

Ell-Saline Elementary

Pipe insulation elbows in custodial room, pipe chase, and in kitchen food storage room.

Ell-Saline Middle/High School

No highly friable asbestos.

CPTA MINUTES

Non friable asbestos containing materials have been identified in both buildings. All entrances to areas where friable asbestos is identified, as well as specific spot notices for workers will be marked. All suspected asbestos containing materials are monitored on a regular basis and should they become hazardous will be properly removed. Inspections occur per the requirements of the regulations. All patrons of the district will be informed annually via the newsletter of the status of the program.

As long as the asbestos is monitored properly and is not disturbed, unless by properly trained personnel, there is no safety risk. A copy of all inspection reports and results is on file in each building as well as the central office. This information is available to all interested parties within a reasonable amount of time after a request. If you should have any questions about asbestos in our district, please do not hesitate to call the superintendent of schools.

AHERA REF. (s) #763.93. (e)(9), 763.93 (e)(10): 763.84. (c): 763.84. (f): 763.93 (g)(4)

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AT ELL-SALINE ELEMENTARY

The following sixth grade students received Presidential Academic Awards during the pep rally at the Elementary School on May 18. To receive this award a student must maintain a B+ average over the last 3 years of elementary school, score at or above the 85 percentile on the latest standardized test, exceed academic standards required by the state, and demonstrate high motivation, initiative, integrity in school activities. Students receiving this award were: Taylor Albers, Kyla Christensen, Megan Holloway, Tana Tyler, Kaleb Whitehair, Jack Rhodes, Brittany Clancy, Luke Base, Amber Bird, Alicia Christy, Toby Omli, Courtney Reed, Bryna Rietcheck, and Melissa Wimer. Congratulations to all these students for the excellent record they have established in elementary school.

CARGILL AWARDS LIBRARY GRANT TO HONOR STEPHANIE LINDSAY

In early May, the National FFA awarded Cargill Community Scholarships to outstanding high school seniors living in Cargill communities around the United States. Recipients were selected on the basis of academic and personal achievements. In addition to the scholarship, Cargill also provides a \$200 grant in the student's honor to the student's high school library. This program is part of Cargill's commitment to education and communities where its employees live and work. This years scholarship winner is Stephanie Lindsay.

Attendance:

Mindy Schneider	Anita Bird
Dana Edgerton	Dwight Powell
Dana Sprinkle	Andrea Rhodes
Kim Parks	Michelle Griffin
Darcy Bradley	Delisa Nelson
Angela Hopkins	Darci Ditto
Laurie Came	Kim Parks
Julie Weems	Holly McKain
Angela Allen	Susie Omli

Kim Parks moved to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2007 CPTA meeting. Anita Bird seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Powell's Report:

Thanked CPTA for 4 years of hard work. He enjoyed his time at ESE.

President's Report:

Mindy Schneider was voted in as Fundraising Chair. Handed around team sign-up sheets. Discussed doing yearbook with Lifetouch for next year. Mindy Schneider moved that we use Lifetouch again for the yearbook. Angela Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried. Discussed making a rotating yearbook team that would aid in transition from year to year. Also discussed the future need of digital cameras for yearbook team. Discussed plans for retirement gifts for the retiring staff members. Darci Ditto moved to purchase a plaque with all the retiring staff members' names. The plaque is to remain displayed in the school. Any ESE staff member who has worked 15+ years and retired will be eligible for this plaque. Laurie Came seconded the motion and the motion carried. 2 new coolers were purchased for school use. 11 people have signed up for school supplies. Enrollment sign-up was passed around.

Secretary's Report:

Read thank you notes.

Treasurer's Report:

Handed out banking summary.
Checking Balance: \$10,419.63

Spring Events Report:

Movie ticket sales going well. Another flyer ready to send out. Volleyball camp will be July 30th – Aug. 2nd. Track meet went well. Thanks to all the students, parents and staff that made it a success. Lock-In went well. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a night to remember for the students.

Additional Items Discussed:

Discussed the need to purchase a bingo game for CPTA and school use.

****Next CPTA meeting, Monday, August 20, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by Vice President, Darcy Bradley

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE AWARDS 2006-2007

The President's challenge is a physical fitness testing program of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The test consists of five required components of physical fitness. These include:

1. A mile run/walk for cardio-respiratory endurance
2. Curl-ups for abdominal strength and endurance
3. Sit and reach for flexibility
4. Pull-ups for upper body strength
5. Shuttle run for body coordination

The Presidential Fitness Award is awarded for outstanding achievement, to those students who score at or above the 85th percentile on all five test items. The National Fitness Award is awarded to those who score at or above the 50th percentile on all five test items.

It is always exciting to see students working towards and striving to reach goals that are attainable, but yet a real challenge. This year with our spring weather limiting our outdoor time, we were not able to complete the spring testing. Even without having a second opportunity we had great numbers of qualifiers. We had 15 Presidential awards and 54 National awards.

Our Presidential Award winners include:

6th year—Megan Holloway

5th year—Sesely Omli, Toby Omli

4th year—Brittany Clancy, Emma Drees, Emilee Holloway, Justin Schmutz

3rd year—Taylor Albers, Luiz Arceo, Cody Walters

2nd year—Lara Brockway, Tyler Weems

1st year—Baily Goddard, Hunter Kindlesparger, Tel Phelps

Our National Award winners include:

6th grade: Erin Harvey, Kelsey Johnson, Dylan Nelson, Courtney Reed, Kaleb Whitehair, Melissa Wimer, and Jared Winter

5th grade: Sam Allen, Mason DeArvil, Chance Harapat, Paige Johnson, Hunter Lindquist, Shannon MacPherson, Zach Nachbar, Danielle Sprinkle and Jordan Weems

4th grade: Zach Farrell, Collyn Fouard, Garrett Jacobson, Amanda Johnson, and Darby Wikoff

3rd grade: Katie Adam, Rosanna Arias, Gonzalo Avila-

Castro, Noah Bradley, Devin Bowers, Adrian Castelli, Sierra DeArvil, Stalee Diehl, Teryn Holloway, Morgan Kindlesparger, Spencer Kochanowski, Chance Miller, Matthew Parks, Tova Plummer, and Katelynn Winter
2nd grade: Cody Clancy, Tanier Clifford, Baleigh Griffin, Levi Harapat, Caden Nelson, Sydney Omli, Emily Wagner, and Tyler Weems

1st grade: Mattie Best, Avery Bradley, Desiree Garmen, Jessi Hughes, Bryce Lange, Jonah Mattson, Jennifer Nunez, Mason Repshire, Nathan Parks, and Myah Ward

Congratulations to each of you!!

Submitted by Cheri Livingston

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED



At the conclusion of the June 11 board meeting, retiring board members Greg Scott and Phil Schneider were recognized for their countless hours of dedicated service to the students, staff and patrons of Eil-Saline USD 307. Greg had served on the board for 6 years and Phil for 8 years. They are pictured with a desk set, made by Mr. John Johnson's classes, presented to them as a token of appreciation from the district. Thank you Greg and Phil!

FOR SALE

USD 307 is accepting sealed bids on the following items. Submit bids to Jerry L. Minneman, Superintendent, Box 157, Brookville, KS 67425 and mark envelopes "Bid Enclosed". The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Contact Dana Sprinkle for more information on the following items located at the Elementary School:

Blackboards — 2-4x8, 2-4x4

Various Computer Tables

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 2 ENROLLMENT 8am-1pm & 5pm-8pm
Aug 9 6:30 HOA League @ HCC
Aug 13 VB/FB practice begins
Aug 13 7:00 BOE Mtg. @ ESDO
Aug 15 Teachers Start
Aug 20 6:30 CPTA Mtg. @ ESEL
Aug 20 6:30 After Prom Mtg. @ ESHS
Aug 21 3:30-5:30 Elementary Back-to-School Night
Aug 22 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Aug 23 1:00 Jostens Senior Mtg.
Aug 23 2:00 Jostens Soph Mtg.
Aug 24 5:00/6:00 HS VB/FB Scrimmage/Parent Mtg.
Aug 24 TBA Booster Club Mtg.
Aug 25 10:00 MS VB/FB Scrimmage/Parent Mtg.
Aug 27 8:30 MS/HS Cheerleading Clinic @ Lindsborg
Aug 28 4:00 HS VB @ Herington
Aug 30 4:00 MS VB Bennington @ ES
Aug 30 6:00 MS FB Bennington @ ES
Aug 31 7:00 HS FB Sedgwick @ ES

Middle School Activity Start Times

Home: Volleyball—4:00 (B,A,C)
Football—6:00 (B-team at 5 or 5th quarter)
Basketball—4:00 B-teams (both gyms)
5:00 A-girls (east gym)
6:00 A-boys (east gym)

Away: times will be determined by host school

EII-Saline MS/HS Volunteer Opportunities

Our middle/high school activities provide patrons and friends a chance to volunteer for various positions at our activities. Such positions are ticket takers, chain gang, timers, line judges, clock operators, scorers and any other positions that come available depending on the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Chris Carazo at the district office (225-6813).

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