

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

By the time you are reading this we will be on the doorstep to enter December. That means that winter is quickly approaching and with that comes the possibility of snow, ice, and general bad weather conditions. If those conditions happen on a scheduled school day then a decision needs to be made regarding whether or not to have school. Ideally the decision can be made the night before so that parents have more time to make arrangements for their child for the day. However, the weather does not always give us that much advance warning and a decision isn't made until early in the morning. An attempt will always be made to make a decision by 6:00 a.m. but conditions can worsen at any time. To help in making what appears to be the best decision we check the radar, weather predictions, current road conditions and what other neighboring school districts are planning. Safety of students, staff and parents is the primary consideration in making a decision. If travel conditions are not good at the time of our normal school beginning or if there is a strong likelihood that the weather will deteriorate during the day so that it will not be safe to get everybody home, then school will likely be called off for the day. It is much more difficult to dismiss school earlier than normal than it is to call off for the entire day. If the weather prediction is for bad weather or if it is "not looking good out there" tune to radio stations KSAL (1150 AM), KSAJ (98.5 FM), KZBZ (104.9 FM), KY94 (93.7 FM), KINA (910 AM), KSKG (99.9 FM), KILS (92.7 FM), KQNS (95.5 FM) and TV stations KSNW (Channel 3), KAKE (Channel 10) and KWCH (Channel 12). Each of those stations will be contacted as soon as any decision is made to modify the normal school day because of weather conditions. Calls will also be made over *School Messenger* so that word can get out to everyone very quickly. If the decision is made for an early dismissal after school has already started for the day, we will also have the notice on our district web site ([www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org)). Good communication at those times is critical.

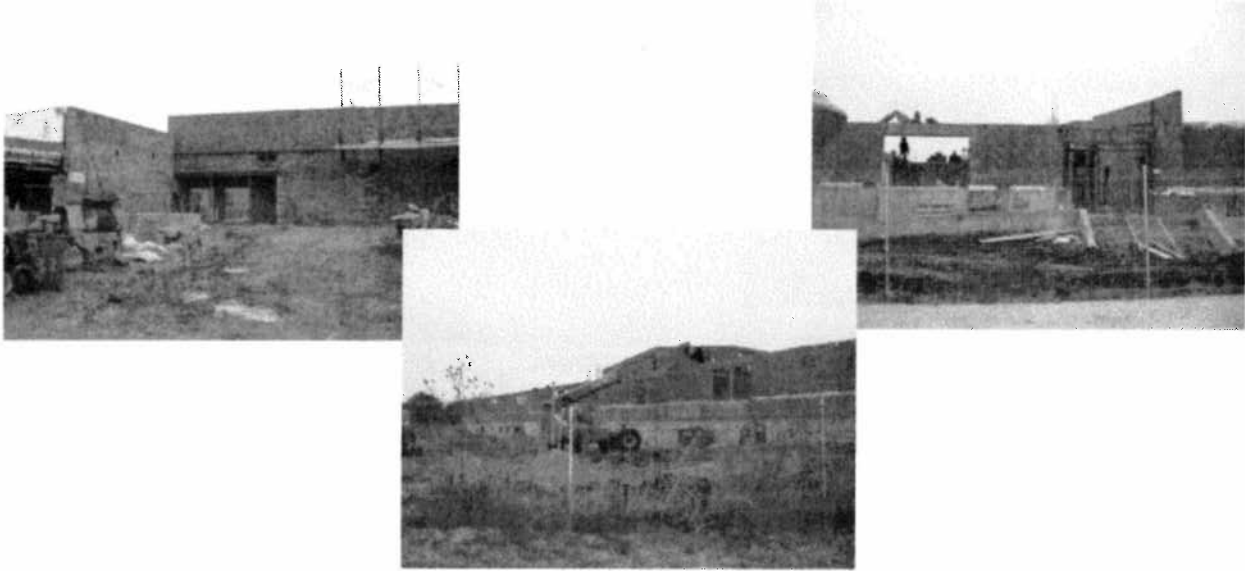
A second piece of communication that will be important for each of us to stay current on is that of the condition of the state's budget and how it will impact school district budgets. The state revenue in October was \$50 million ahead of projections. However, the consensus estimating group is forecasting only a \$17 million increase for the year. Because of a large increase across the state in the overall number of K-12 students and in the number of students qualifying for Free/Reduced lunches it is estimated that the State is \$65 million short of being able to fund the K-12 appropriation for this school year. It is anticipated that Governor Parkinson will divert \$65 million of the Federal Education Jobs funds to cover that amount. However, before the end of the school year the new legislature and Governor-elect Brownback could choose to decrease the State's K-12 appropriation by an equal amount. If that should happen then districts would likely see a \$75 reduction in the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) yet this year. The State budget issue is of greater concern beginning next year when the ARRA funds have ran out. If the Federal government does not extend the funds or if the State legislature does not enact a revenue stream to make up for that loss then next year schools are expecting to face a \$200 decrease in the BSAPP. With our weighted enrollment of approximately 880 students that would amount to \$176,000 of decreased budget for next year which could be on top of a \$66,000 decrease for this year. If these decreases become reality, it will be difficult for us to absorb them without there being some negative impacts on the education we can provide for our students. For that reason it will be important that each of us stay abreast of what is happening and communicate our concerns to our area legislators.

This month our students used several forms of communication as they gained confidence, and showcased their talents. Six of our top instrumental students (Sr. – McKalab Caswell and Michelle Kejr; Jr. – Jamie Henry and Marie VonLintel; Fr. – Mason DeArvil and Selecia Herrman), accompanied by Ms. Joan Grover participated in the HOA League Honors Instrumental Concert that we hosted at the Salina Central High School Auditorium. That same week grades K-3, under the direction of Ms. Amy Brandt presented an outstanding fall concert to a packed house. Our drama students, with Ms. Trish JuAire directing, put on a fantastic performance of *A Thurbur Carnival*. The HS football team completed its postseason run with a loss to Stanton County in the second round of playoffs. The MS basketball teams under coaches Mrs. Erin Unruh, Mrs. Kim Martin, Mr. Jeremy Miller and Mr. Tanner Roney have started their seasons. Our Grades 7-12 Instrumental and Vocal students put on a fantastic concert. Several of Mr. Lee Weis' FFA teams placed very high in the various contests they competed in and have organized events for our own, as well as students from other, FFA chapters. Our HS basketball teams and cheerleaders under the direction of their coaches Mr. Curtis Pickering, Mr. Nick Taylor, Mr. Doug Wilson, Mr. John Johnson and Mrs. Dawn Cox will begin their seasons on Friday, December 3. Each of these is an example of various communication tools that our students are being exposed to that will help them be better prepared for school and work when they leave us.

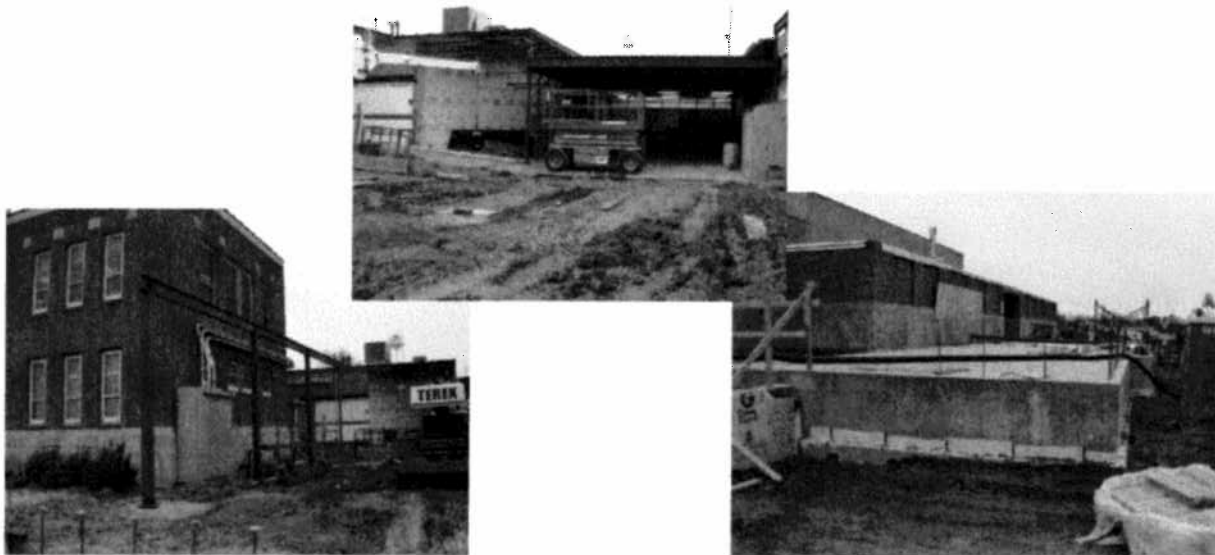
Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that your children are receiving a quality education. That is just one of the many things for us to have been thankful for on last week's Thanksgiving Day.

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PICTURES

This has been another month for considerable progress to be made on our construction project. Other than just a few days, the weather continued to be dry and warm which allowed for more dirt, and other exterior, work to be completed. Work is continuing on schedule to be ready for the colder, winter weather that will be here soon.



The above pictures are of the block and brick work that has been done at the elementary school. The block laying is completed on the multi-purpose room and most of the classroom exterior walls are completed. Most of the concrete floor has been poured throughout the building.



The above pictures are of the steel that so far has been put in place for the new commons area. There is still a considerable amount to install as the new area will extend out as far as the Library does on the west side of the original building. The other picture is of the top of the safe area and behind it work that has been done for the locker room extension and the weight room addition.



<b>29</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Friday</b>
WG =WHOLE GRAIN				CHICKEN FAJITA LETTUCE & TOMATO SEASONED RICE SALSA BANANA HALF STRAWBERRY MILK		CORN DOG POTATO WEDGE COLESLAW CRISP APPLE SLICES MILK		National Cookie Day  TURKEY & CHEESE SUB VEGETABLE STEW RED GRAPES GRAHAM SNACKS MILK	

<b>6</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Friday</b>
CHICKEN NUGGETS BROCCOLI & CHEESE OVEN FRIES CRISP APPLE SLICES BREAD STICK MILK		BEAN & BEEF BURRITO LETTUCE & TOMATO SWEET CORN SALSA & WG CHIPS APPLE SAUCE MILK		RAVIOLI SALAD WITH SPINACH DICED PEACHES GARLIC BREAD CHOC. CHIP COOKIE MILK		MEAT LOAF POTATOES & BR. GRAVY SWEET PEAS BERRY SHORTCAKE MILK		PIG IN A BLANKET POTATO WEDGE BAKED BEANS ORANGE WEDGES MILK	

<b>13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Friday</b>
CHICKEN WRAP LETTUCE & TOMATO FRESH BROCCOLI BANANA HALF MILK		ITALIAN DUNKERS SALAD WITH SPINACH DICED PEACHES GARLIC BREAD ICE CREAM CUP MILK		CRISPITO & CHEESE LETTUCE & SALSA WG SWEET CORN APPLESAUCE BREADSTICK MILK		HAMBURGER ON BUN LETTUCE & TOMATO SUN CHIPS CRISP APPLE SLICES MILK		Christmas Dinner BAKED HAM SCALLOPED POTATOES GREEN BEANS CHERRY CLOUD WHOLE WHEAT ROLL MILK	

<b>20</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Friday</b>
COUNTRY BEEF PATTIE MASHED POTATOES WG SWEET CORN ORANGE WEDGES WHEAT ROLL & JELLY MILK		TONY'S PIZZA SALAD WITH SPINACH PINEAPPLE CHUNKS PUDDING MILK		NO SCHOOL -----> Teacher Work Day		Happy Holidays ----->		Happy Holidays ----->  ★ ★ ★ Christmas Eve	

<b>27</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>WINTER BREAK</b> ----->		<b>WINTER BREAK</b> ----->		<b>WINTER BREAK</b> ----->		<b>WINTER BREAK</b> ----->		<b>WINTER BREAK</b> ----->  New Years Eve Good Bye 2010	

★ ★ **15 BREAKFAST LUNCH IN DECEMBER** ★ ★

ELEMENTARY- BREAKFAST \$21.00 LUNCH \$33.75  
MS/HS- BREAKFAST \$22.50 LUNCH \$36.00 ADULTS L-\$2.90  
REDUCED- BREAKFAST \$4.50 LUNCH \$6.00



# Milk Your Mind


Fueling up with low-fat and fat-free dairy foods can provide some pretty valuable health benefits. For instance, those who keep their bodies fueled up with these delicious foods keep their bones strong. This is good for those of you who don't want to make that old man sound (groan!) whenever you get out of a chair. So, it's cool to drink other beverages once in awhile, but low-fat and fat-free milk and all their powerful nutrients — such as calcium, vitamin D, potassium and protein — will prove to be one of the best food choices you make throughout your life.

## Now, see how much you know about dairy. True or False:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers can milk over 100 cows per hour.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Proteins are people who are "for the advancement of teenagers."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Your muscles love riboflavin. It helps convert food into energy.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ When fortified, a glass of milk provides an excellent amount of Vitamin D.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Milk is homogenized [huh-moj-uh-nahyz] to destroy certain microorganisms without radically altering the quality or taste.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Asking for "more cheese, please!" has been known to help keep your teeth healthy.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Your hair and skin really love Vitamin B-12.



**FUEL UP**

 NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL

## Fuel Up Tip of the Day

The National Dairy Council® (NDC) says to go low-fat or fat-free when choosing milk, yogurt and other dairy foods. Considering you're going to be fueling up with a lot of this stuff, it's better for your body to keep things healthy. Thanks NDC!

**Answers:**

1. True. Try doing that many math problems in an hour.
2. False. Protein is an important nutrient found in milk.
3. True. Plus, riboflavin is so fun to say.
4. True. FYI: fortified means, "to strengthen," so that works out nicely.
5. False. Another long word, pasteurization, is the process mentioned above. Homogenization is actually a process to keep a layer of cream from forming at the top of the milk. Smooth and tasty!
6. True. Cheese or the Dentist? Hmm, gladly choose low-fat or fat-free cheese.
7. True. Yep, this dairy do-gooder helps keep your skin and hair healthy.



***'Tis the Season for Giving ...  
Through the Cardinal Foundation for  
Educational Excellence***

Need some help with a holiday gift for your classroom teacher or other special Ell-Saline staff member? Relax, we can help! No searching for a parking place, waiting in line, looking for sizes or checking your list. **We make shopping easy.**

Give the gift that keeps on giving. Make a contribution to the Cardinal Foundation in honor of teachers, principals, secretaries, bus drivers, cooks, custodians or other staff at Ell-Saline. We'll give that person a personalized holiday card announcing your gift made in their name. Here's how it works:

**You:**

- Make a contribution of \$5-\$10 (per card) or more to the Foundation
- Give us the name of the person you wish to honor

**The Foundation:**

- Creates and gives the card
- Provides you with a tax receipt for your charitable gift

No wrapping, no returning.  
This gift fits everyone, every time.

Questions? Contact Michelle Griffin at  
[cardinalfoundation@ellsaline.org](mailto:cardinalfoundation@ellsaline.org) or 820-7488.



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Please give a personalized holiday card to the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(There is a minimum contribution of \$5-10 per card sent.)  
(Make checks payable to Cardinal Foundation)

Please send the tax receipt to:

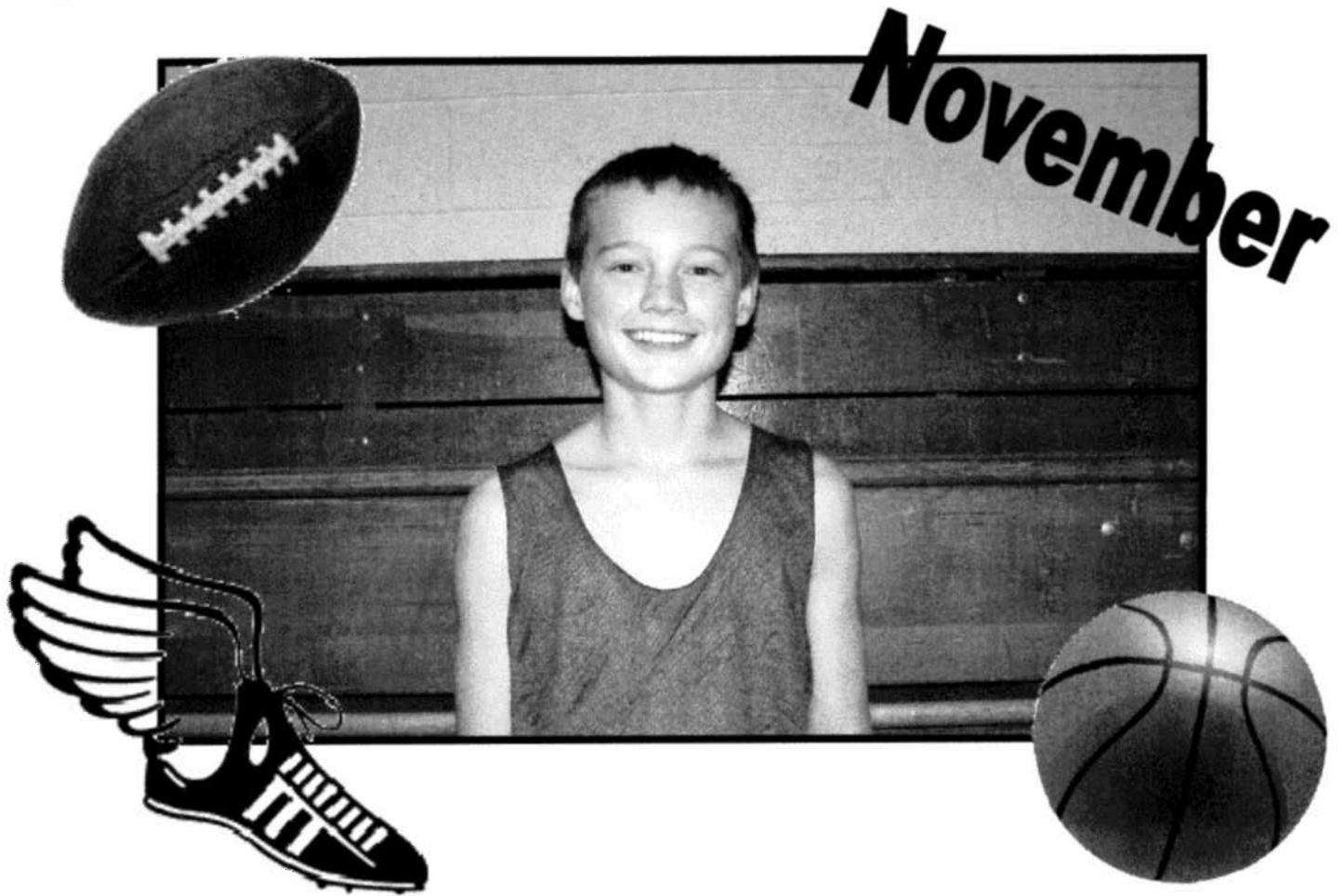
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to classroom teacher or school office.  
Donations may be matched by CPTA.

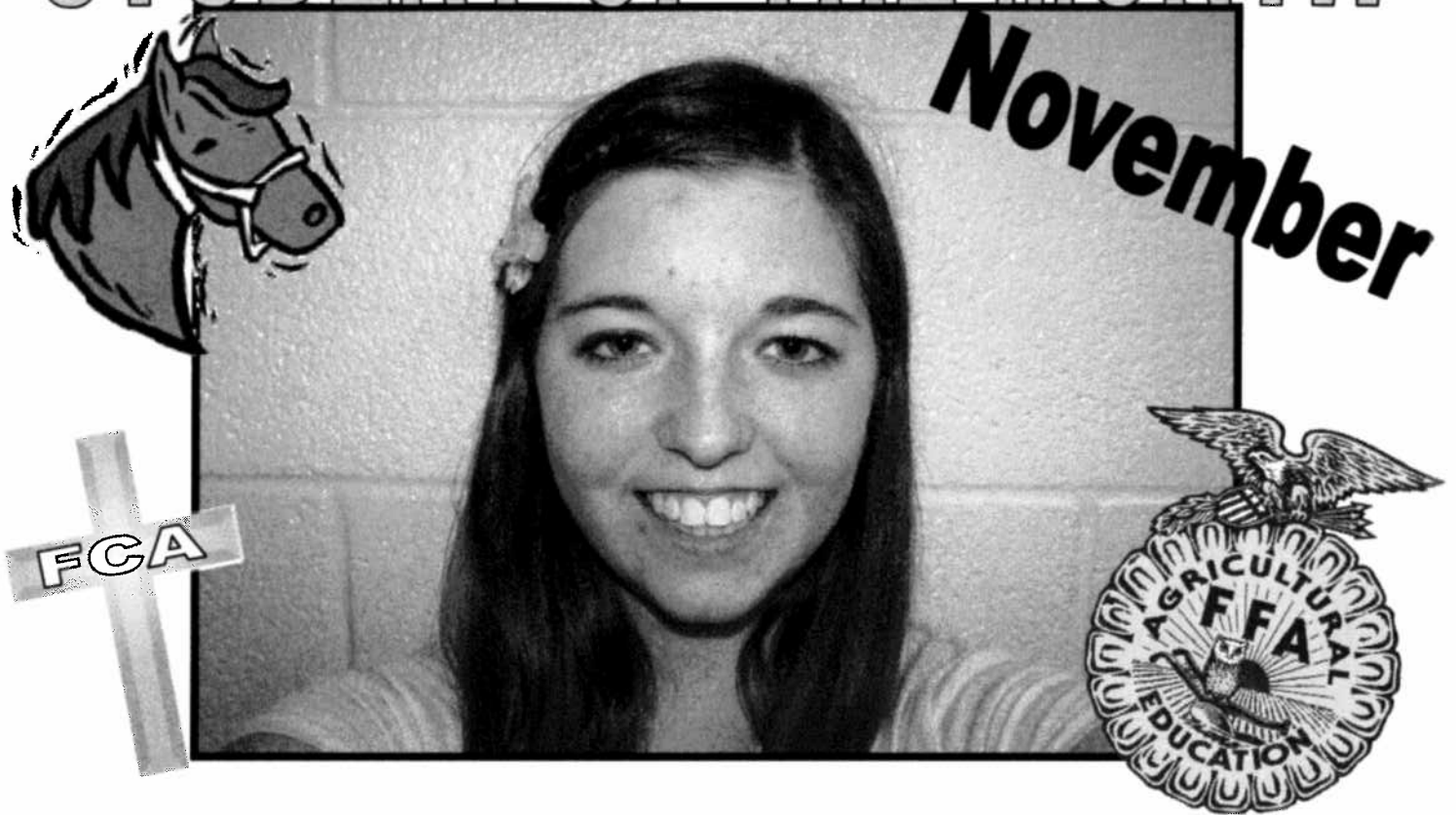
# STUDENT OF THE MONTH



## **Dakota Came**

Dakota Came is the middle school student of the month. Dakota is in 7th grade and is the son of Bill and Laurie Came. Dakota has two siblings, Spencer and Meryn. He participates in football, track, and basketball. He also enjoys being outside with his friends. Dakota's future plans include attending Kansas State University to learn about agricultural livestock.

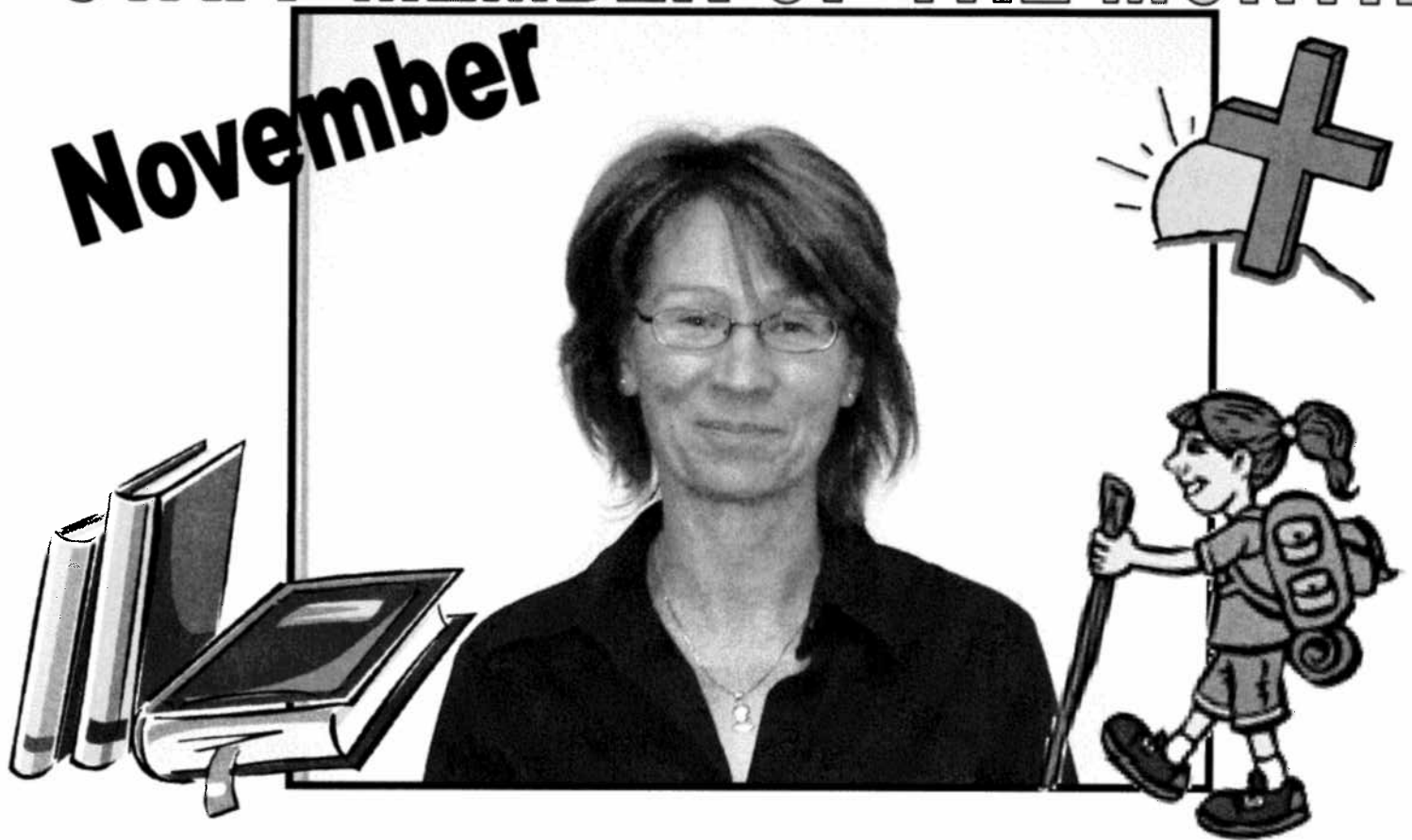
# STUDENT OF THE MONTH



## **Amanda Reed**

Amanda Reed is the high school student of the month. She is a senior and is the daughter of Michelle Hynes and Glenn Reed. She has two sisters, Courtney and Sydney. Amanda has been involved in FFA for three years and is the Chapter FFA Treasurer. She also serves as the Treasurer for NHS. Amanda also participates in Science Olympiad, FCA, and is actively involved in Drama, in which she is Student Director. Outside of School, Amanda volunteers in her community through Volunteer Connection. She participates as a member and leader in the Cardinal 4-H Club. In her free time, Amanda enjoys riding her horses and hanging out with friends. Amanda plans to attend Colby Community College where she hopes to receive an Associates degree in both Equine Science and Applied Horse Production and Management. After this, Amanda hopes to continue her education at Colorado State University specializing in Equine Nutrition.

# STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH



## Debbie Toll

Debbie Toll is the staff member of the month. She has been the library assistant for middle school/high school for 7 years, after volunteering for about 5 years. Debbie is also a parent representative on the Olweus Committee. Besides being involved at school, Debbie is also active at First Covenant Church, working with various projects such as building houses through the Amundsen Educational Center in Alaska and Habitat for Humanity in Salina. In her free time, Debbie enjoys a challenging hike, such as Colorado's 14ers. She also enjoys walks with friends, dancing, skiing, reading, organizing family events, and supporting her "guys" in their activities. Her future plans are to try to do more things she has never done, to see more places she hasn't seen, and to conquer more 14ers. She has appreciated the opportunity to learn and grow while working in such a nice library with a terrific staff and fantastic students.

ESH AFTER PROM COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE  
**2010 CO-ED WINTER CLASSIC  
DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!!**

**PRIZES  
AWARDED FOR  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
TEAM  
&  
RUNNER-UP**

**\$2.00/PERSON  
ADMISSION FOR  
SPECTATORS  
CONCESSIONS  
AVAILABLE!!**



**DON'T  
FORGET  
YOUR 5 D'S!  
DODGE,  
DIP, DUCK,  
DIVE AND  
DODGE!!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

**WHERE: ELL-SALINE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL, BROOKVILLE, KS**

**TIME: 1<sup>ST</sup> GAME STARTS @ 12:00PM**

**COST: \$10.00 PER PLAYER**

**CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE!!**

**VISIT [WWW.ELLSALINE.ORG](http://WWW.ELLSALINE.ORG) TO PRINT YOUR TEAM ROSTER!**

**QUESTIONS? CALL LISA @ 785-820-6492 OR JENNIFER @ 785-826-6222**

**RULES:**

**TEAMS MUST BE MADE UP OF AT  
LEAST 6, WITH NO MORE THAN 10 -  
FIRST 12 TEAMS ARE GUARANTEED  
A SPOT IN TOURNEY!**

**MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 FEMALE  
PLAYERS IN EACH GAME**

**PLAYERS MUST BE IN GRADES 7<sup>TH</sup>  
THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> TO PLAY**

**BRACKETS & OFFICIAL RULES  
WILL BE SENT TO TEAM CAPTAIN'S  
EMAIL 1 WEEK PRIOR TO  
TOURNAMENT DATE**

**ALL PLAYERS MUST BE ON ROSTER  
AND SIGNATURE (UNDER 18 NEEDS  
PARENT SIGNATURE) MUST BE  
INCLUDED!**

**GET YOUR DODGE ON!!**

# 2010 CO-ED WINTER CLASSIC DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER

Please fill out roster information for 6-10 players, including signatures for each player (players under 18 yrs of age must have parent sign), and mail with each player's payment to: Jennifer Colgrove, 1017 Vassar Dr., Salina, KS 67401. Make checks payable to Ell-Saline After Prom. 1<sup>st</sup> 12 teams to complete roster and make payment will be guaranteed a spot in the tournament!!

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Members:

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Release and Waiver:**

**Please read this carefully.** I am aware that in signing up and participating in this dodge ball tournament, I will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which I or my minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this tournament. In addition, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this tournament, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. Furthermore, I understand injuries may result not only from my own action, inaction or negligence but also the action, inaction, or negligence of others and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have, (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this tournament, against Ell-Saline USD 305, the Ell-Saline USD 305 After Prom, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees. I further specifically release the Ell-Saline, USD 305 School District, from any responsibility for negligence in planning, conducting and/or supervising any and all dodge ball tournament activities. I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk, and waiver and release of all claims.