

# THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

**April 2011**

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## **The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence Celebrates “WILD ABOUT EDUCATION”**

The time is getting close! Tickets are still available! **PLAN TO ATTEND!!** Come be part of the action! **Saturday, April 2**, is the date of the Second Annual Cardinal Foundation Endowment Dinner and Auction. The theme for this year's social event which will again be held at the Rolling Hills Wildlife Refuge is "Wild About Education". The social hour and silent auction will begin at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with the endowment auction starting at 8:15.

The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence was established to provide scholarships to teachers and sponsors for special classroom needs and activities not provided in the district budget. At a time when the State of Kansas has had to make massive cuts in school funding, the Cardinal Foundation has become even more important in the educational support of our students. Previous scholarship awards have been presented to support such activities as the bullying prevention program at both schools. Hands on math manipulatives were purchased for the elementary school to help young students better understand new math concepts. When the wildlife management class was established at the high school, funds were used to purchase taxidermy equipment. Robotics materials have been purchased for use in high school science classes and Science Olympiad activities. The number of projects funded each year is determined by the amount of money that has been generated. To date, over \$25,000 has been spent by the Foundation to further the educational opportunities of Ell-Saline students.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-February but everyone is invited. The invitation list is NOT limited to the alumni of Ell-Saline. It is open to businesses, Foundation supporters, family members of past and present students, friends, EVERYONE that wants to enjoy a fun evening and support the Ell-Saline schools! However, seating capacity is limited to a maximum of 136 participants, so you will need to get your tickets and reserve your seating soon. Individual tickets are available for \$35.00 each, which includes the meal and gains entrance to both the silent and live auctions. A table of eight can be purchased by a business or a group for \$250.00, amounting to a \$30.00 savings.

Those wishing to donate an item for the auction should contact one of the Foundation Board members soon. Ideas for the auction are limitless and could include such items as: quilts, furniture, group parties, catered meals, game or concert tickets, an overnight stay at a bed and breakfast, college or pro sports paraphernalia, theatre tickets, gift

baskets, etc. If you, your family, your business, or a group of friends would like to donate an item for the auction, that would be great. Cash donations will be combined to purchase auction items.

Contact any Cardinal Foundation Board of Director for tickets, information, or to make a donation. Members include Jamie Bradley, Chairman, Larry Laas, Secretary, Kathy White, Treasurer, Delbert Armbrust, Nikki Davenport, Mitch Drees, Michelle Griffin, Tom Omli, and Superintendent Jerry Minneman.

This will be a fun-filled evening you WON'T want to miss!!

## **BOARD REPORT**

### **March 14 Board Meeting Report**

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

### **7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

#### **AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD**

None

#### **REPORTS**

**BOE** – Jeff Parker reported on the KASB Governmental Relations Seminar that he attended. Delbert Armbrust reported on alternative methods of teacher evaluation/tenure that are being looked at in other states. Jamie Bradley reminded the board of the Cardinal Foundation's Second Annual Fundraiser being held on April 2.

**Mrs. Sprinkle** – Her report included: Schoolwide Leadership Team continues to meet; new reading materials for next year are being reviewed; state assessments will be starting soon with a PEP RALLY on March 31 and this year's theme is "You Can Do It"; working on additional areas of communication from suggestions of the ESIC of resources on the website; and noted some activities taking place.

**Mr. McDaniel** – His report included: plans continue to be made for implementing MTSS strategies next year; preparation for state assessments; semester finals beginning this year where practical; and congratulated the Lady Cardinals on their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the state basketball tournament.

**Mr. Minneman** – His report included: construction update; possible new signage at the Brookville campus; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

## BUSINESS

MS/HS Student Handbook Changes—The recommended changes in: Graduation Requirements; Grading Scale; Attendance Policy; and Athletic/Activity/Eligibility Guidelines were approved as presented. The Semester Finals recommendation was approved after being amended.

Accept Resignation—Krista Russell's resignation as K-6 PE instructor and Asst. HS Volleyball Coach effective at the end of this year was accepted.

Supplemental Positions—The following were approved: Terry King and Doug Wilson as Asst. HS Track Coaches; and Nick Taylor as an Asst. Baseball Coach.

After School/Summer School Coordinator Position—Robyn Parker was approved to fill this position.

Change in Section 125 Provider—It was approved to change from American Fidelity to OFG Financial Services/ Webb & Associates at the end of the current contract year (September 30, 2011).

Baseball Fundraiser Request—The request was approved. It was also noted that if softball wanted to make it a joint fundraiser that would also be approved.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel). No action took place following it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Band Room. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Geena Kejr, Vice-President Jeff Parker or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

The Ell-Saline Elementary School Improvement Council met March 1, 2011, in the Art Room. In attendance were: Dana Sprinkle, Robyn Parker, Margaret Shaver, Kathy Randolph, Kim Parks, Robbyn Anglin, Mitch Drees, Mendee Kramer, Susan Stateham and Pam Dodd. Robyn Parker opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

First item on the agenda discussed was the change in state assessment dates. Because of several snow days, the state extended our testing window. The dates for reading are now April 5, 6, and 7. For math, the dates are April 18, 19, 20 and 21. Parents will be informed of changes through the newsletter, calendars uploaded to the website, and finally using SchoolMessenger.

The second item on the agenda was to continue updating the Parent Involvement Plan for Title students. It was reported that there is a parent involvement policy in place. The remainder of the assessment survey was completed collectively by council members.

Discussion was held as to how to give parents additional "tools" and "training" to help their students. Internet links, video instructions or power point presentations were some of the ideas presented. Dana will look into these.

At our next meeting we'll review demographic data. When the information from the survey is compiled, Dana will present via Elmo rather than paper copy to the council. The information can then be reviewed by the council, narratives written, and a final hard copy made.

The last item on the agenda was to ascertain what members would like to rotate off the council or stay on. The next meeting will be May 3, 6:00 p.m. in the Art Room. Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

## ELL-SALINE FFA GREENHOUSE PLANT SALE

Sales start on April 11 from 4 to 6 at the greenhouse Monday through Friday.

Open Saturday April 23 and 30 from 8 to Noon.

Items Available:

Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Tomatoes, Peppers, Egg Plant, Geraniums, Rose Moss, Petunias, Coleus, Spikes, Ferns, Marigolds, Sweet potato vines, and Hanging Baskets.

## FROM THE BASEMENT

It has been a hectic spring down here. The Forensics program got off the ground with success coming at the first tournament. On Feb 5, members of the team traveled to Abilene, with 3 students placing in the top 6. Lara Brockway placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Oral Interpretation of Poetry; Hunter Lindquist placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Oral Oration; and Cain Fouard placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in both Oral Oration and Domestic Extemp. The following Saturday, Feb. 12, the remaining members of the team competed at SE of Saline. Although only one student, Courtney Reed, placed as an individual, earning 6<sup>th</sup> in Informative Speaking, the team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3-2-1A class. The next two tournaments were at 6A schools with different categories and many more competitors. Salina Central had quarter-final and semi-final rounds in some events due to the number of entrants. Jessie Brockway & Cain Fouard made it to the semi-final round in Improvised Duet Acting; unfortunately, they did not break into the finals. Hays High School was another tough Saturday, with no one qualifying for the finals. The tournament scheduled at Bethel College was cancelled so team members could go support the girls' basketball team in the State Championship game. Five team members, accompanied by Ms. JuAire, will be attending the State CFL tournament in Colby on March 18 & 19. In addition to those previously mentioned, team members who have competed in at least one tournament are Amanda Reed, Michelle Kejr, Annika Patrick, Bethany Bell, Monika Grant, Faith Rasmussen, Jamie Henry, Alex Henry, Zach Schuman, Staton Diehl, Jackson McKain, and Garrett Schuman.

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February, several members of the Forensics team spread themselves a bit thinner... play tryouts were held! The spring production is a 'dramedy' entitled *The Birds That Stay* by L. Don Swartz. Performances will be 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. The play is set in the summer of 1969 and the story revolves around five kids and the world they live in. Two children lost their father in Vietnam; one lost his parents in a car accident & his grandmother to a different misfortune; the remaining two live in a world of fear, brought on by their step-father, an abusive alcoholic. Amid moments of childish fun, reality rears its ugly

head, leading to a “flight or fight” moment for one of the children. This scene contains some violence and mild language, which may not be appropriate for the younger set.

The cast includes Alex Henry, Courtney Reed, Collyn Fouard, Sam Unruh, Ben Christy, Kaitlyn Christensen, Chanda Williams, Staton Diehl, Jackson McKain, and Annika Patrick, with crew members Jamie Henry, Elany Edgerton, Garrett Schuman, and Brianna Fisher serving as Zombies.

In the classroom, English III has written a couple persuasive essays, along with covering a short story unit. The unit ended with a character analysis paper and a project called ‘My Life in a Suitcase.’ They are now studying American dramatists. Vocational English for seniors have been learning how to write feasibility reports, which combines persuasive writing with research and a business setting. This class will continue to learn writing techniques applicable to the business world. English IV completed a poetry unit by writing sonnets and lyric poems of their own. They are finishing the year with a short story unit. The English Comp II students are now analyzing literature. They started with short stories and are finishing drama, before ending the semester with poetry.

Submitted by Trish JuAire

### **ELL-SALINE MS LADY CARDS TAKE 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN HEART OF AMERICA LEAGUE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**



Pictured above: Front row (left to right) Kiva Phelps, Darby Wikoff, Emma Drees, Fallyn Morrival and Amanda Johnson. Second row: Reagan Basinger, Katelynn Winter, Morgan Kindlesparger, Katie Adam and Morgan Parker. Back row: Emily Stelter, Coach Martin, Rosanna Arias, Stalee Diehl, Catelyn Richards, Ashlyn Bird, Coach Unruh and Tabitha Newton.

The Middle School Ell-Saline Girls Basketball team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Heart of America League Tournament on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Bennington.

The Lady Cards defeated Sedgwick with a score of 28-17. Scorers include: Emma Drees with 16pts, Darby Wikoff with 8pts and Katelynn Winter with 4pts.

Each player received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal and the team received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaque. Coach Unruh commented: “I’m really proud of how far this group of ladies has come, they exceeded many expectations and did a great job looking for each other during the game. They worked very hard this season and it paid off, these young ladies are a great group, both academically and on the court.”

### **ELEMENTARY DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**

A big thank you goes out to all our kids who participated in the Elementary Dodgeball Tournament.

Our 1st Place winners were the Neon Fireworks: Megan Northcutt, Randi Sheridan, Madison Schuman, Klayton Rick, Tyler Weems, Sydney Omlie



Our 2nd Place winners were the Task Force 141: Christen Bonilla, Tanier Clifford, Caden Nelson, Avery Kidd, Alec Azim, Konon Hays, Duncan Anglin, George McNabb



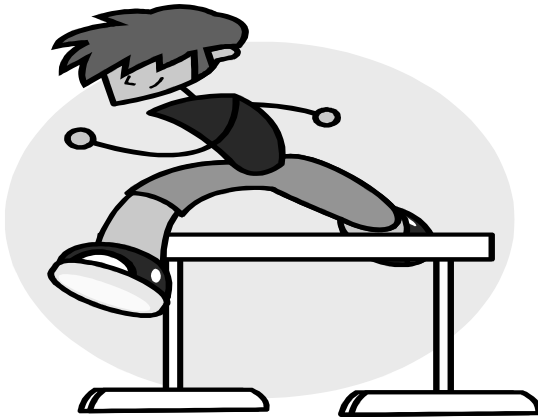
And a big Thanks goes out to all of the help that day too. It was a big success!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org)

- Apr. 2 HS State Science Olympiad @ Wichita
- Apr. 2 TBA HS Music Regional @ Tabor College
- Apr. 2 6:00 Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser
- Apr. 4 6:30 FFA—District Banquet @ Abilene
- Apr. 4 7:00 K-3 Spring Music Program
- Apr. 5 3:30 MS Scholars' Bowl HOA League @ Remington
- Apr. 5 4:30 SB/BSB @ Inman
- Apr. 6 9:00 HOA HS Art @ Sedgwick
- Apr. 6 FFA @ Concordia
- Apr. 7 3:00 MS Track @ Sedgwick
- Apr. 7 4:00 BSB @ Lincoln
- Apr. 8 3:30 HS Track @ SES
- Apr. 9 ACT Test Date
- Apr. 9 7:00 High School Play
- Apr. 10 2:00 High School Play
- Apr. 11 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary School
- Apr. 12 4:00 SB/BSB @ Moundridge
- Apr. 13 9:00 Art @ Hays
- Apr. 14 3:00 MS Track @ Solomon
- Apr. 14 4:00 BSB Bennington @ ES
- Apr. 15 4:00 SB Bennington @ ES
- Apr. 16 Junior/Senior Prom

- Apr. 18 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary
- Apr. 18 7:00 7-12 Music Concert
- Apr. 19 3:00 HS Track @ Russell (Wilson)
- Apr. 19 4:00 SB/BSB @ Sedgwick
- Apr. 20 FFA @ Randolph
- Apr. 21 3:00 MS Track @ Bennington (Quint)
- Apr. 21 3:00 HS Track @ Lincoln
- Apr. 21 4:30 BSB @ Smoky Valley
- Apr. 22 NO SCHOOL—Easter Break
- Apr. 22 Good Friday
- Apr. 24 Easter Sunday
- Apr. 25 NO SCHOOL—Easter Break
- Apr. 25 4:00 HS JV Track @ Tescott
- Apr. 26 9:15 MS Track @ Beloit (So. Cloud)
- Apr. 26 4:00 SB Trinity Catholic @ ES
- Apr. 27 Kindergarten Roundup
- Apr. 27 6:30 FFA Banquet
- Apr. 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- Apr. 29 MS/HS Industrial Arts @ Hays
- Apr. 29 10:00 HS Track @ Beloit
- Apr. 29 4:00 SB/BSB Marion @ ES
- Apr. 30 9:00-3:00 CPTA Track at Ell-Saline High School
- Apr. 30 TBA HS Music State @ Concordia



## Ell-Saline Elementary C.P.T.A. Presents: 7th Annual Youth Track Meet

Join the fun at Ell-Saline High School in Brookville.  
Events include: softball throw, long jump, shot put, discus and many running events.  
Registration begins at 8am and forms can be found online at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org).

**Date: April 30, 2011 Events start at 9:30 a.m.**

**Contact person: Krista Russell 785.201.7117**

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