



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

2008-2009

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ENROLLMENT: JULY 31, 2008
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 19, 2008

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year will be on July 31 **in your building of attendance only!**
The schedule for enrollment is as follows:

Thursday, July 31
Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library
Grades 7-12 ONLY
8:00am - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, July 31
Ell-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.

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 '08

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

OCTOBER '08

- ◆ FFA fruit sale

NOVEMBER '08

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

DECEMBER '08

- ◆ Nothing after first Friday.

JANUARY '09

- ◆ Nothing planned as of yet.

FEBRUARY '09

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

MARCH '09

- ◆ Sophomore class gift sale

APRIL '09

- ◆ Freshman class cookie dough sale

MAY '09

- ◆ 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, 2008. 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.

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 6:00 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.

SEASONS START WITH SCRIMMAGE

The football and volleyball seasons will officially begin on August 18th 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 29th 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 30th 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!!

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.

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)

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 30% 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 31% of our students. These percentages were up slightly from the year before. 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 37.8%. The formula this year increases that weighting to 45.6%. Based on last year's numbers alone, we should see an increase of roughly \$24,000. 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—and at a savings to those households that qualify.

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 of students that attended our schools last year. 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, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Week</u>
1	\$19,240	1,604	370
2	\$25,900	2,159	499
3	\$32,560	2,714	627
4	\$39,220	3,269	755
5	\$45,880	3,824	883
6	\$52,540	4,379	1,011
7	\$59,200	4,934	1,139
8	\$65,860	5,489	1,267
9	\$72,520	6,044	1,396
10	\$79,180	6,599	1,525
11	\$85,840	7,154	1,654
12	\$92,500	7,709	1,783
For each additional household member add	+6,660	+555	+129

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 \$.35 per half-pint. School lunch prices are as follows:

Grades K-6.....	\$2.15
Grades 7-12.....	\$2.30
Adults.....	\$2.80

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

Grades K-6.....	\$1.30
Grades 7-12.....	\$1.40
Adults.....	\$1.75

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.

FEES IMPLEMENTED FOR 08-09 SCHOOL YEAR

The following fees are effective for the 2008-2009 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:

\$15.00 per student

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.

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.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MRS. WERNER'S CLASSES: (8TH GRADE MATH/ALGEBRA I/ALGEBRA A & B)

3 ring binder (1 ½ inches or larger) **NO** Trapper Keepers
Tabbed dividers (5)
Loose Leaf paper (NO notebooks/spiral paper)
#2 pencils or mechanical pencils (lead refills)
Eraser
Red grading pen
Blue or black pen
Scientific Calculator (TI-30Xa recommended)
Pencil pouch to use in binder (optional)
Colored pencils (used occasionally)

July 14 Board Meeting Report

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Marty Kramer was again elected president and Geena Kejr was elected vice-president.

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

None

REPORTS

Kathy Martin, State Board of Education Member – She spoke to the board about past accomplishments and challenges that lie ahead.

BOE – None

Mr. Minneman – His report included: an update on the wind generator installation and that we are waiting on word from Westar as to when they will be here to pour the footings for the tower; damage that was done to some of the buildings during the hail storm in June; budget closeout; the CKCIE assessment; budget preparation; date of financial audit; and shared a list of meetings out-of-the-district he will be attending before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Appointments and Adoptions — The usual list of appointments and adoptions was approved. Under “Fee Schedules” all student fees remained the same as last year with the following exceptions: **the price of all meals was increased by \$.10; the price of additional milk was increased by \$.05 per carton; and the Student Activity Pass was increased by \$5.00.**

Cooperative Sports Agreement — It was approved to pursue a cooperative sports agreement with Minneapolis for wrestling. This would be a 2-year agreement for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

Ratify Negotiations — The list of Tentative Agreements for the 2008-2009 school year was approved. The average salary increase for all returning teachers is 4%.

Classified and Administrative Salaries — These were approved at the same rate as for the returning teacher average increase.

Supplemental Position — Doug Wilson was approved as the Yearbook sponsor.

Approve Handbooks — All handbooks (Teacher, Clerical/Aide, Custodial, Food Service, Transportation, Substitute Teacher, Elementary Student, MS/HS Student) were approved as presented and amended.

FFA Out-of-State Request — The request for the FFA officers to go to Kansas City from July 31 through August 2 was approved.

Facilities — The most recent sketch was presented. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the concept developed by the Site-Council/Patron Facilities Committee.

Set Budget Hearing Date — The budget hearing was set for Monday, August 11, 6:45 p.m. in the District Office.

School Food Service Agreement — This was approved so that we can participate in the National School Lunch Program during the 2008-2009 school year.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Marty Kramer, Vice-President Geena Kejr or the District Office one week prior to the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

July 31 ENROLLMENT 8am-1pm & 5pm-8pm
Aug 11 7:00 BOE Meeting @ ESDO
Aug 13 Teachers Start
Aug 18 MS/HS VB/FB Practice begins
Aug 18 5:30-7:30 Elementary Back-to-School/Conference Night
Aug 19 First Day of School
Aug 21 1:00 Jostens Senior Meeting
Aug 21 2:00 Jostens Soph Meeting
Aug 25 NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service
Aug 25 8:30 MS/HS Cheerleading Clinic @ Lindsborg
Aug 25 6:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESEL
Aug 26 5:00-7:00 5th Gr. Instrument Show
Aug 29 5:00/6:00 HS VB/FB Scrimmage/Parent Meeting
Aug 29 TBA Booster Club Meeting
Aug 30 10:00 MS VB/FB Scrimmage/Parent Meeting

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY START TIMES

Home: Volleyball—4:00 (B,A,C)
Football—6:00 (B-team at 5:00 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

ELL-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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