



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

2009-2010

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ENROLLMENT: JULY 30, 2009
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 18, 2009

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year will be on July 30 **in your building of attendance only!**
The schedule for enrollment is as follows:

Thursday, July 30
Ell-Saline Middle/High School Library
Grades 7-12 ONLY
8:00am - 1:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, July 30
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 '09

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

OCTOBER '09

- ◆ FFA fruit sale

NOVEMBER '09

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

DECEMBER '09

- ◆ Nothing after first Friday.

JANUARY '10

- ◆ Nothing planned as of yet.

FEBRUARY '10

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

MARCH '10

- ◆ Sophomore class gift sale

APRIL '10

- ◆ Freshman class cookie dough sale

MAY '10

- ◆ 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, 2009. 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 17th 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 28th 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 29th 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, and pipe chase.

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 qualify for this program, we will again receive an additional funding weighting of 45.6%. The amount this generates 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, 2009 to June 30, 2010)

Household Size	Annual	Month	Week
1	\$20,036	1,670	386
2	\$26,955	2,247	519
3	\$33,874	2,823	652
4	\$40,793	3,400	785
5	\$47,712	3,976	918
6	\$54,631	4,553	1,051
7	\$61,550	5,130	1,184
8	\$68,469	5,706	1,317
For each additional household member add	+6,919	+577	+134

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 09-10 SCHOOL YEAR

The following fees are effective for the 2009-2010 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.

BOARD REPORT

July 13 Board Meeting Report

Geena Kejr and John Schrock were the only board members absent. Action taken was on a 5-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jamie Bradley was elected president and Cheryl Higgins was elected vice-president.

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Mike Boyer updated the board on his progress in clearing the property to the north of the MS/HS.

REPORTS

BOE – Marty Kramer shared information about a golf tournament to be held at the Salina Municipal Golf Course on Friday, August 7, to help raise money for a softball cage and other Booster Club projects.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: introducing Adam McDaniel, MS/HS principal; reviewing budget closeout transfers; Jay Langley of Clubine and Rettele will be here on July 14 & 15 to work on preparing the 2009-2010 budget; Kathy Bigler of Clubine & Rettele will be here on July 27 & 28 to conduct the audit on the 2008-2009 financial records; read several thank you notes; and shared

a list of meetings out-of-the-district he will be attending before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Facilities—Jeff Gillam, architect, updated the board on progress being made, some minor changes and presented options for the front of the new commons area at the MS/HS.

Cross Country Request—This item was tabled since there were no students, coaches or parents in attendance to present the request.

Appointment and Adoptions—The normal appointments and adoptions were made.

School Food Service Agreement—This was approved.

Approve Handbooks—All proposed changes to all district handbooks were approved as amended.

Set Budget Hearing Date —The budget hearing was set for Monday, August 10, at 6:45 p.m. in the District Office. This is just prior to the regular August board meeting.

Supplemental Position—Marsha Smith was approved as the Drama sponsor.

Wellness Policy—The Wellness Policy for the 2009-2010 school year was approved as presented by Becky Walters.

There was one Executive Session (Negotiations). No action was taken following it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jamie Bradley, Vice-President Cheryl Higgins or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank everyone for all of the kind words, gifts and support given to me to celebrate my retirement. It was an honor and a pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful group of administrators, teachers and staff. The students at Ell-Saline are fortunate to have such caring and dedicated people to help them reach their goals. I am appreciative of the support of the families, and especially all of the work that the CPTA does for the school. You always made me feel very special! All of you touched my life in so many individual ways, and I will miss being a part of the school on a daily basis. I will think of all of you as you continue to make Ell-Saline the best! Thanks again for all of the memories.

Sincerely,
Barbara Kern

CPTA NOTES

August CPTA Meeting

The first CPTA meeting of the new school year will be held on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 in the ESE music room. We will discuss the carnival, the budget, and other upcoming events. We will have refreshments, free babysitting for 6th grade students and younger, and a door prize drawing. We hope to see you there!

August Prairie Land Food Info

We have partnered with Prairie Land Food to provide nutritious food packages at a low cost to help stretch food dollars at home and promote volunteerism in our community. Here is how the program works:

View the August Menu (on the school webpages, under CPTA) and decide if you would like to order a Prairie Pak. Each Prairie Pak includes 6 different meat items and 6-8 different fruit & vegetable items and costs \$24 plus 2 hours of volunteer service. The volunteer service can be performed by any member of a household and are reported on a receipt and turned in each month when food orders are picked up. Volunteer hours are on the honor system.

Once you have purchased a Prairie Pak, you are eligible to purchase the meat only package, for \$13 plus 1 additional volunteer hour, and the fruit/veggie pack, for \$11 plus 1 additional volunteer hour. They also have 3 specials each month that change.

Orders for August must be received with payment by August 10th. Check, cash, and food stamps are accepted. You can contact Darcy Bradley-283-4252, Kim Parks-825-5394, Darci Ditto-283-4248, Jana Winter-225-6711, or Elaine Spellman-827-4349 to place an order or you can order online at www.prairielandfood.com and pay by check or debit card.

So you have a Prairie Pak ordered, now what? On Saturday, August 22nd, you must come to the Ell-Saline Elementary School and pick up your food from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Please bring a box, laundry basket, or cooler to take food items home in. Anyone can pick up your food, as long as they have your yellow receipt. At pickup, you can also order for the next month. You can contact any of the people listed above with additional questions.

Carnival Meeting

The carnival committee will be having a meeting on Tuesday, August 11th at ESE at 7:00 pm. Please come and share your ideas for a great school carnival.

ESE Yearbook

If you didn't get your ESE yearbook ordered at enrollment, you can get an order form off the school website, under CPTA, or contact Courtney Clifford-Schneider at 577-3382, or email us at cpta@ellsaline.org.

Classroom Party Sign-Ups

We will have classroom party sign-ups for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day available at the Back To School Night and again at fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. We will have them posted on the school website, under CPTA.

Box Tops for Education

The ESE CPTA is again saving Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Nestle Pure Life Water Bottle Labels. All of these cutting and saving efforts provide the elementary students with everything from playground equipment to library books! These items can be sent to the elementary building with students or given to Shirl Cole at the middle/high schools. If you have any questions, please contact Darci Ditto at 283-4248.

CPTA Web-Pages

Ell-Saline has a terrific web-site, www.ellsaline.org. Check out the CPTA pages for great information during the year. New items are posted frequently, so be sure to check the pages often for updates!

Country Folks' Garage Sale!

The CPTA will be sponsoring a community garage sale at Ell-Saline Elementary on Saturday, August 8 from 7am to 2pm. (In case of rain, it will be postponed until August 15th). Space is available for families that live in a rural area and are unable to have their own sales. Cost is \$5 for a spot. **Seller's keep their own profit.** Each seller is responsible for their own tables and clean-up. ESE's dumpsters may NOT be used. The building will not be open for restroom facilities. Sales will be advertised in The Salina Journal and the Buyer's Guide. Deadline to reserve a spot is Saturday, August 1st. For space reservations or questions please contact Darci Ditto at 785-283-4248. If you don't have items to sell, please come by for some great deals on the 8th!

READING TO YOUR CHILD

Reading to children has become a lost art in the last few years. Television has taken over as the only form of entertainment we seem to consider. Reading to our children can add excitement and enjoyment to our children's lives. Children of all ages enjoy being read to. Here are a few useful tips to follow when reading to your child:

1. Pick a regular time for reading everyday.
2. Choose a time with no interruption from television or telephone.
3. Find a place that's quiet and cozy.
4. Read with expression, but not too dramatically.
5. Make sure your child can see the pictures and words.
6. Have fun reading to your child!

ELL-SALINE BOOSTER CLUB

Labor Day Weekend Fun 2 mile Walk/5K Run

Sunday, September 6

Registration is 7:30am at the High School
Run/Walk begins at 8am

Entry Fee is \$15
After August 31 \$20
(Includes T-shirt)

For information/registration form, call 820-6883 or
225-6883 or email omliteam@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE

Ell-Saline USD307 currently has old computers, laptops and peripherals that have been refurbished for sale at a nominal fee starting July 30th. The District is not taking reservations, the equipment will be available to students, families, and staff of USD307 on a first come - first available basis. One (1) computer or laptop can be purchased during school registration. If there are any computers, laptops or peripherals left, then the district will hold another sale at a later date that patrons of USD307 can also attend.

There are no guarantees, warranty, service or support with the items being sold. There are multiple reasons for the sale of these items including but not limited to:

- The items are no longer capable of running the software currently used at the school.
- The item is not cost effective to update or cannot be upgraded.
- The item is not working up to standards or expectations of the district.
- The item is broken and it is not cost effective to repair.

The computers and laptops will have MS Windows XP and Microsoft Office 2003 installed on equipment. Computers will have Monitors, Keyboard, Mouse and Power Cords. Laptops will have power supplies. Below is a short list of what is available and will be evenly distributed between the school buildings.

- 41 – Dell Inspirion 1150 Laptops
- 26 – HP/Compaq nx9010 Laptops
- 25 – Dell Optiplex GX260 Computer
- 3 – Dell Optiplex GX110 Computer
- 27 – HP/Compaq EVO D310/845G Computer
- 12 – HP/Compaq dx2000 Computer

Peripherals include but not limited to printers, network hubs and switches, servers, monitors, etc.

Suggest sale price of the laptops and computers with necessary peripherals is \$10.00 a unit. Peripherals will be marked according to their usability, example, a working 15" CRT monitor \$3.00, a non-working monitor free for the taking.

Please no phone calls or inquiries into the available equipment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

July 30 ENROLLMENT 8am-1pm & 5pm-8pm
Aug 10 7:00 BOE Meeting @ ESDO
Aug 12 Teachers Start
Aug 17 MS/HS VB/FB Practice begins
Aug 17 5:30-7:30 Elementary Back-to-School Night
Aug 18 First Day of School
Aug 20 1:00 Jostens Senior Meeting
Aug 20 2:00 Jostens Soph Meeting
Aug 24 8:30 MS/HS Cheerleading Clinic @ Lindsborg
Aug 24 6:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESEL
Aug 25 5:00-7:00 5th Gr. Instrument Show
Aug 28 5:00/6:00 HS VB/FB Scrimmage/Parent Meeting
Aug 28 TBA Booster Club Meeting
Aug 29 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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