



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

June 2009

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**District Office Summer Hours
June 1, 2009—July 31, 2009
7:00-5:00 Mon.-Thurs.
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KANSAS ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

The Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science is Kansas' premier residential learning experience for exceptional High School Juniors and Seniors with an interest in mathematics and science. Over their 2 years, students will receive 72 hours of college credit in addition to their High School diploma. They will participate in hands on research opportunities usually reserved for graduate students at larger Universities. They will be involved in leadership development and civic engagement opportunities, as well as co-curricular and extracurricular activities to develop the whole student.

Kaleb Baugh applied and has been invited to

become part of the Pioneer KAMS class of 2011. He will continue to be an Ell Saline student and will graduate with his class, only he will attend classes at Ft Hays State University starting in the fall of 2009.

Way to go Kaleb!

Thank-you Ell-Saline teachers and staff for the outstanding job you do in educating and supporting all of our fine young men and women. Our school is the representation of the excellent education our students receive.
Round of applause to teachers at Ell-Saline!!!

Mrs. Krajicek
Enrichment Services

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

May 11 Board Meeting Report

John Schrock was the only board member absent. Action taken was on a 6-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Louis Bieber addressed the board on the building concepts and commended Jamie on his presentations during the Informational Meetings.

Mike Boyer updated the board on his progress in clearing the property to the north of the MS/HS. He was granted an extension through July 31, 2009, to finish.

REPORTS

BOE – None

SRO Chad Flesher – His report included: the Senior Trip went well; he will be attending the County Commission meeting to provide information for the COPS grant to purchase security cameras for the MS/HS and for a Federal Grant to purchase Baker Bat Shields for the county SRO's; and his new SRO car is in the process of being painted.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: it's been an excellent year with dedicated staff and hardworking students that represent themselves and the school very well; described the AR celebration changes from the Lock-In of past years to going to The City this year; reviewed the many activities that will still be taking place before the end of the year; May 21 In-Service Day activities; that Summer School begins on June 1; and the increased bandwidth was a big help in administering the state and MAP assessments.

Mr. Alexander – His report included: calendar is full of activities taking place; thanked the board for their participation in graduation exercises; asked about 8th Grade Promotion participation; reviewed next week's activities; the increased bandwidth was a big help in administering the state and MAP assessments; and that enrollment for next year is progressing well.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: the District Office will begin the summer hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning June 1 and going through July 31; Adam McDaniel, currently the White City K-12 principal has been hired to be the MS/HS principal beginning next year; a funding update for next year; and asked that because of Regional Baseball Tournament Finals it be considered to change the date of the Staff Luncheon (the date was then changed to Thursday, May 21, 12:00 at the Elementary School); and shared a list of meetings out-of-the-district he will be attending before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Drama Request—Marsha Smith, parent, and students Faith Rasmussen, Chanda Williams, Alex Henry, Jamie Henry, Kaitlyn Christensen, Michelle Kejr and Amanda Reed presented information in support of, and asked the board to, reconsider their decision to replace Drama with Forensics beginning next year. No action

was taken and this will be placed on the June agenda for action.

Facilities—Jeff Gillam presented proposed modifications and additions to the building concepts that were discussed at the Site-Council/Patrons Facilities Committee meeting of last week. After considerable discussion it was the consensus of the board for Jeff to continue with the following: enlarging the music room at the MS/HS as part of the base bid; and adding the following as alternate bids—an underground safe area at both the elementary school and the MS/HS, and expanding both the concessions area and the commons area at the MS/HS. Changes to the front drive at the MS/HS were not approved for Jeff to continue with.

Information from Steve Shogren (bond counsel) was shared. Through the Federal Stimulus monies there are two new bond programs for school construction. He continues to research the options to see which of the finance options would be best for us. Steve will be at our June meeting with a recommendation to the board.

Supplemental Position—Amber Fouard was approved as the MS Cheerleader Sponsor for next year.

Classified Staff Positions—The list of all current classified staff was approved again for next year.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 9, 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 two weeks prior to the meeting.

THANKS BECKY WALTERS

THE AFTER PROM COMMITTEE AND STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO BECKY WALTERS FOR ALL HER CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR. WITHOUT THE DELICIOUS CINNAMON ROLLS SOLD AT THE GAMES AND THE COOKIES FOR THE BOWLING ALLEY IT JUST WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL. THANKS, BECKY, FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR SCHOOL.

PRAIRIE LAND FOOD

The ESE CPTA is partnering 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 June Menu (ellsaline.org, under the CPTA button) 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 is 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 June must be received with payment by June 15th. 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, June 27th, 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 or laundry basket 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 or email us at cpta@ellsaline.org.

Please contact Courtney Schneider if you would like to help with this.

CPTA NEWS

School Supply Sales

The ESE CPTA is once again offering a great service to all of those who don't want to deal with

the crowds to buy school supplies! All you have to do is pre-order your package and it will be ready to pick up at enrollment. Prices will be determined at a later time, but will be very comparable to last year's cost (K-\$4.00, 1st-\$7.00, 2nd-\$10.75, 3rd-\$10.00, 4th-\$11.75, 5th-\$10.75, 6th-\$10.00). You must pre-order! You can email your request to cpta@ellsaline.org, or call Darci Ditto at 785-283-4248 or Angela Hopkins at 827-5380. Orders will be taken all summer and the deadline is 2-weeks prior to enrollment. We will have a LIMITED number of extra packages available at enrollment. Pre-order to ensure you get one! Information is available on the website.

Summer Volleyball Camp

All 2nd - 6th grade girls are invited to attend the annual CPTA summer volleyball camp. It will be held August 10th-13th from 9:00-11:00 am at the ES high school. It costs \$15 per player and each one will receive a free T-shirt for attending. Contact Cher Richards at 822-2776 or at cherilyn.richards@hotmail.com or Laurie Came at 826-9104 or at lcame@ksbroadband.net to register.

Thank You

We want to thank all the parents, teachers, and community members who have helped make this school year successful and rewarding. It has been a great year! Thanks for everything.

New Officers & Chairs

We want to introduce the new CPTA officers and chairs for next year:

Courtney Clifford-Schneider - President

Kim Parks - Vice President

Mendee Kramer - Secretary

Angela Hopkins - Treasurer

Dawn Pierce - Hospitality

JaNae Basinger - Fall Events

Andrea Rhodes - Fundraising

Cher Richards - Spring Events

Angela Allen - Staff Events

Darcy Bradley - Publicity

Darci Ditto - Library Fund

We look forward to all the new ideas next year!

Fall Carnival

Over the summer, we will be planning the Fall Carnival. If you are interested in getting involved,

please contact Darcy Bradley at 819-4091 or at darcy_bradley@yahoo.com for more info.

CPTA MINUTES for Monday, May 4, 2009

Attendance:

Darcy Bradley	Jana Winters
Lisa Wilvers	Angela Hopkins
Kim Parks	Chad Pierce
Desiree O'Shea	Dawn Pierce
Dana Sprinkle	Cher Richards
JaNae Basinger	Mendee Kramer
Mindy Schneider	Courtney Clifford-Schneider

Minutes were reviewed from the April meeting. Mindy Schneider motioned to approve minutes and Desiree O'Shea seconded. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

- The supply list for school supplies is due back from teachers to Mrs. Sprinkle by Friday and she will forward this on to Darci Ditto and Angela Hopkins. They are in charge of school supply sales this year.
- The 3rd-6th graders will be going to The City this Friday for their reading celebration. Parents are welcome to attend.
- CPTA must cut back on inserts for the ECHO, due to rising postage costs.
- At Play Day, 55 students get to paint Mrs. Sprinkle's hair. This will be before the outside activities begin.
- Mrs. Sprinkle has requested that before any equipment is purchased from Box Tops, that we meet with her. The kids have taken very good care of equipment this year and only specific things need replaced.
- Calendar dates for next year were discussed and decided on.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$13,452.85
Library Fund Balance: \$4,003.27

OLD BUSINESS

Track Meet Follow Up

Cher informed the committee that the track meet went very well. We had 33 more participants than last year and made approximately \$1200.00

Marquee Update

Angela Hopkins reported this is still a work in progress. Once the sign is up, the publicity chair

will be responsible for updating it.

Staff Appreciation

CPTA spent more money on food this year due to fewer donations from families. Courtney requested the committee buy serving dishes and utensils for the teachers lounge. Money was in the budget for them to spend \$50.

Movie Ticket Update

25 tickets have been sold, which is \$125 profit so far.

Box Top/Soup Label Update

Darci Ditto will be sending another bunch in at the end of May or early June.

Trash Can Update

To save money, Kim Parks will go to Sunflower Restaurant Supply to look into what trash cans they have available.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Elections

Darcy Bradley passed around sign up sheets again for next year's committees.

Mrs. Kern's Retirement Celebration

The celebration is May 17th from 2-3pm. CPTA will provide drinks, cookies, and volunteers to help serve. Dawn Pierce will put together a gift basket from the CPTA for Mrs. Kern. Mrs. Kern's name will also be added to the Years of Service Plaque in the hallway.

Other Business

Courtney Schneider requested that we buy bright colored paper for CPTA use from Images in Salina for \$50. The line item from the budget would be changing from \$250 to \$300 for supplies. Cher Richards made motion, and Darcy Bradley seconded this motion to increase the supply line item to \$300. Motion passed.

Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Parker are requesting that CPTA contribute to the Banana Split party they are throwing for the 3rd graders. Kim Parks made a motion that we approve \$50.00 to be contributed to the banana split party. JaNae Basinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Door Prize

\$20 gift certificate to Freddy's Frozen Custard won by Angela Hopkins.

Motion to adjourn made by Mendee Kramer, seconded by Darcy Bradley, motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, August 24, 2009 at 6:30.

Submitted by Secretary, Mendee Kramer

2010 AFTER PROM MEETING

May 14, 2009

In attendance; Susan Reiff, Courtney Clifford, Kristie Base, Karla Jones, Robin Nachbar, Jeannie Beough.

- Discussed Fundraising options and Jeannie will get us on the agenda for the next Board meeting on June 8th, 2009.

- ◊ Further information will be gathered on proposed fundraising options and will be brought to the next meeting.

- Discussed having After Prom and checking with the 2009-2010 Junior class Prom Committee to coordinate a spot for both. Possibly at the Masonic Temple. We will go ahead and reserve the Masonic Temple now and go from there.

- Jeannie will send out an invite to all of the 2009-2010 Junior and Senior parents that the school has an email address to and request that if any one else would like to be kept informed of this, please email Jeannie Beough at jbeaugh@ellsaline.org.

Submitted by Jeannie Beough

TOBACCO USE PREVENTION MINI GRANT AWARDED TO ESH

Jacque Pahls, junior, and Chris King, sophomore, presented information at the May 5, 2009 Central Kansas Foundation Services sharing session, at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. They reported on the Tobacco Prevention Mini Grant received by ESH in the amount of \$850 which was used for various projects throughout the year.

Some of the activities included Great American Smokeout and Through with Chew days held in November and February. With the assistance of Daniel Craig, Saline County Tobacco Use Prevention Program Coordinator, students were treated to displays, contests, and free promotional items at lunch. Purple Week with cancer awareness activities was held at the end

of March. Students and staff wore different colors each day representing various forms of cancer. Games included a sidewalk chalk contest and bubble gum blowing contest with American Cancer Society Staff members judging.

As school ended, seventh and ninth graders discussed, prepared, and consumed healthy snacks for the summer, as something to consider rather than using tobacco products.

Jacque, Chris, and many Youth Relay For Life team members organized these events with great success. More tobacco use prevention awareness is planned for next school year.

Submitted by Susan Nelson

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

What a great last month this has been! From the highlights of the year at the FFA Banquet to the awards and scholarships recognized on the Award Nights to the valedictorian speeches and diplomas awarded at graduation to the regional ballgames and track meets, Elementary School Play Day and Pep Rally our students have really showcased their hard work and achievements this year. They were busy and successful. It was also impressive to see the large number of parents, relatives and community members at several of these events. Your physical support shows the students that they, and the school, are important.

Thank you to everyone that returned the Technology Survey sent to you. We received back just over 42% of them which is a good rate for most surveys. I appreciate the time you took to fill them out and return them to us. Your input is important as we continue to evaluate our technology program and future needs. Overall, the surveys indicate a strong support for providing multiple technologies for students that, in turn, provide students with new learning opportunities. Along with having up-to-date hardware and software it was also noted that providing training for teachers was equally important.

Now that the 2008-2009 school year is over you might be wondering just how our schools did this year in meeting NCLB and QPA standards. Did we make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)? Did our students have good attendance? Did we meet the Proficiency Standard on the State Assessments? Are our schools accredited? Although preliminary

indications look very positive, the official report card will not come out until sometime next fall. You can, however, find the answers to these questions and others for last year (2007-2008) on our annual Report Card compiled by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). If you would care to look at the entire Report Card you can go to the KSDE website (www.ksde.org) click on the Public link then Assessment Reports link and then Building Report Card link, or contact the school and we will get a copy to you. Although our last year's report is very positive with several classes having met the Standard of Excellence criteria, we anticipate that this year's, when it finally comes out next fall, will be even better.

As we wind up this school year I want to thank everybody for helping make this another great year for our students. The Ell-Saline USD 307 school district is definitely a place that your children receive a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in us.

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing your children back with us in the fall. The first day of classes is Tuesday, August 18.

LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



Ell-Saline Elementary School 6th Grade students again this year participated in the International Lions Club Peace Poster contest. The Ell-Saline Lions Club sponsors this locally and awards prizes (\$20, \$15, \$10) for the top three posters. This year's theme was "Peace Begins With Me".

Pictured above (left to right) are: Ms. Erin Marshall, District Art Instructor; Emma Drees, 3rd place; Manuel Garcia, 2nd place; Evan Morrical, 1st place; and Jerry Minneman, Ell-Saline Lions Club Treasurer.

MRS. WERNER'S CLASS SUPPLIES LIST

For a list of supplies for Mrs. Werner's classes, please check our website (www.ellsaline.org), under MS/HS Faculty: Werner, Michelle.

WRITING ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME

Writing can be an enjoyable and a very natural process for children. Involving children in writing at home can help to develop their confidence in writing at school. Here are some suggestions for parents to use at home to help their children develop writing skills.

Name

- * Help your child copy his/her name on a cookie sheet covered with salt or sand.
- * Print each letter of your child's name on cards. Mix up the cards and have your child put them in order while looking at a model, or from memory.

Address

- * Print the words of your child's address on cards. Mix up the cards and have your child put them in order while looking at a model, or from memory.

Dictation

- * Encourage your child to dictate stories, rhymes, and letters to you. Your child then may copy as much of your writing as possible.

Writing Ideas

- * Help your child express and organize ideas into writing. Let the child write as much as he/she can when doing the following kinds of activities:
 1. Make shopping lists.
 2. Write messages to family members and friends.
 3. Write a story from a "starter", such as—"One day I was walking through a grocery store when..."
 4. Make a joke book.
 5. Keep a simple diary of activities.
 6. Make a personal "telephone directory".
 7. Write simple thank-you notes, cards, and letters.
 8. Write family letters to each other.

These are simple tasks that can enrich your child's learning.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

June

June 8 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office
June 13 ACT Test Date
June 14 Flag Day
June 14 Father's Day

July

July 4 Independence Day
July 13 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office
July 30 8:00-1:00 & 5:00-8:00 Enrollment

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