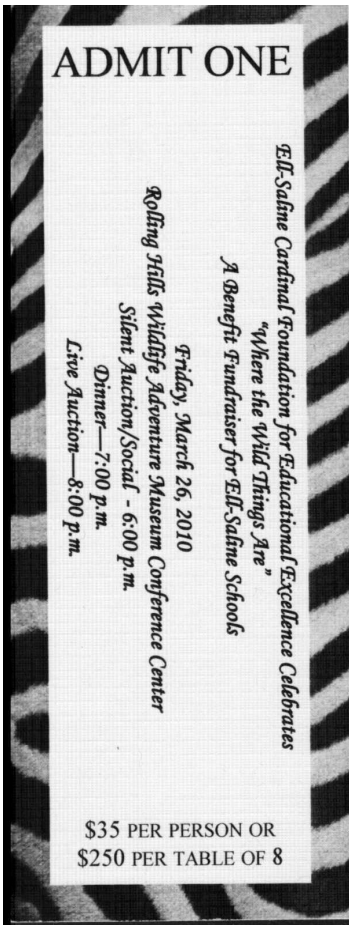


THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

March 2010

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The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence Celebrates “WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE”

Mark your calendars. Hold this date. **PLAN TO ATTEND!!** Come be part of the action! The Board of Directors of the Cardinal Foundation has selected **Friday, March 26**, as the date for the First Annual Endowment Dinner and Auction. This social event will be held at the Rolling Hills Wildlife Refuge. The social hour and silent auction will begin at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with the endowment auction starting at 8:00.

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. The number of projects funded each year is determined by the amount of money that has been generated. To date, over \$21,000 has been spent by the Foundation to further the educational opportunities of Ell-Saline students.

This celebration 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, there are a limited number of seats yet available 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.

If you have not been contacted but would like to donate an item for the auction, please 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 Mark Johnson, Chairman, Michelle Griffin, Secretary, Kathy White, Treasurer, Jamie Bradley, Delbert Armbrust, Larry Laas, Dawn Cox, Superintendent Jerry Minneman, and Nikki Davenport.

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

BOARD MEETING REPORT

February 8 Board Meeting Report

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 6-0 or 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD

Jeannie Beaugh addressed the board regarding Tim Unruh's article that was in the *Salina Journal*.

REPORTS

BOE – None

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: state assessment preparation continues; the Integrated Improvement Plan is nearly completed and commended the NCA team on their work; organizational work is nearly done for implementing SIT teams; parent summer school meetings have been held; the MTSS sessions he attended at the USA Conference in January; teacher evaluations are ongoing; General Psychology class through Hutchinson Community College has nine students enrolled; chicken pox follow up; and reviewed the items from the Site-Council meeting.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: state assessment preparation; chicken pox required immunization; and a list of coming activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: sharing the teacher evaluation instrument; baseball field upgrade progression; 2008-2009 Kansas Communities That Care survey results; and shared a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Board Vacancy—Anita Bird was appointed to fill the vacant board position. (4 – 2, Geena Kejr and Jeff Parker)

Update on Sale of Houses—The sale of the house to the west of the school was cancelled. (6 – 1, Marty Kramer)

2010-2011 Calendar—A calendar for 2010-2011 was approved. This can be seen on the school website.

Cardinal Foundation Request—The Foundation's request to auction the naming rights for a year of the football stadium was denied. The board did offer as an auction item prime parking rights to all events.

MS/HS School Improvement Team—The team members were approved as presented.

Senior Trip Air Travel—Approval was given for the class to use air travel for their trip to Florida.

End-of-School-Year Activities—The board will host a luncheon on Wednesday, May 19, for all licensed and classified staff. The time and location are yet to be determined.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel and Negotiations) with one being before the BUSINESS section of the meeting and one following it. No action was taken following either of them.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 8, 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.

CPTA MINUTES for Monday, January 22, 2010

Attendance:

Darcy Bradley	Angela Hopkins	Darci Ditto
Lisa Wilvers	Michelle Cooper	Janelle Stelter
Dana Sprinkle	Dawn Pierece	Angela Allen
Diane Schultz	Andrea Rhodes	Kim Parks
Mindy Schneider	Mendee Kramer	Courtney Clifford-Schneider
Krista Russell	Allison Williams	Mary Ellen Munnings

Principal's Report:

- Picture day is 2/9. There will be individual photos and class photos.
- Saline County Health Department requires the school to give updates on the chicken pox, which is still currently going around the grade school. The Health Department is recommending that any youth who did not get the chicken pox booster to get it.
- Basketball practices have started at the grade school and the gym is being used almost every night. Mrs. Sprinkle wants to remind parents that even though the practice may begin at 5:30pm, the after school program ends at 5:45pm and the kids can not just leave the after school program and go into practice. Also just a reminder that kids can't be in the building left unsupervised from 5:45pm to 6pm, the time in between after school ending and some practices beginning.
- There are currently 2 services projects going on at the school. Earthquake relief for Haiti and Penny's for Patients.
- State assessments start 3/1; they will begin with reading assessments. Reading will be completed before spring break and math will be after spring break. There may be monitors in the school this year, as we volunteered to be a district that is monitored by the state.

Mrs. Sprinkle has been attending budget meetings concerning the school budgets for next year. The outlook is gloomy. We will not know until legislative session has ended what the final decision on budgets will be. She reported that Kansas is ranked 10th in the nation on all testing scores, but our teachers are ranked 38th when it comes to salary. Kansas has shown that we can do more with less and our great community has shown that also. Ms. Williams reported that she is working on doing a writing campaign where we have patrons write into our legislators. She has letter writing samples that can be used as ideas and the post cards for everyone to fill out. Mendee Kramer volunteered to help her with this campaign.

Minutes were reviewed from the November meeting. Darcy Bradley made motion to approve these and Mindy Schneider seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$10,065.41

Library Fund Balance: \$3,393.80

A check was given to the Cardinal Foundation for the match to what was donated at Christmas; the check was in the amount of \$405.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Fundraiser

The fall fundraiser raised \$3071.00 in profit, 53 students participated. There will be a restaurant fundraiser 1/28 at Papa John's Pizza. Janelle S. recommended we contact Bogey's about getting a monthly night with them.

Santa Shopping

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that this event went really well. Income from the event was \$151.89.

Box Top Label

Darci Ditto reported that she sent these off on 11/30 and we should be getting a check for \$478.30. We are still collecting Campbell's soup labels and should be close to 7000 points.

Read with Santa

Lisa Wilvers reported for JaNae that this event went really well. We had around 60 people attend.

Elmo Purchases

All of the new Elmo's are in the classrooms and being used. The teachers are very grateful to have these to use.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Pictures

Cher Richards reported that spring pictures will be 2/9; two volunteers are needed for this. Michelle Cooper and Janelle Stelter volunteered to help.

Skating Party

Cher Richards reported that the Skating Party will be 2/16 from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost is \$3 per child, scholarships are available. The After-Prom committee is having a fundraising night at Burger King, across from the skating rink, on the 16th as well; After-Prom will receive 20% of all sales that night.

Cardinal Foundation

The Cardinal Foundation is having a dinner/auction. The theme is "Where the Wild Things Are", it is 3/26 starting at 6pm at Rolling Hills Zoo. They are asking for donations for auction items. It was requested that the extra \$95 we had left from the Christmas card match be spent on an item donated to the foundation to put in the auction. CPTA will also donate some things from past fundraiser that have been in storage. Angela Allen moved that we donate the \$95, Darcy Bradley seconded. All approved.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Angela Allen reported that we will be doing a meal again. It was decided that sandwiches will be served. The budget for the lunch is \$250. She also reported that she will be contacting the teacher appreciation committee soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dawn Pierce reported that there is a family in need. Fundraising ideas were discussed. It was suggested that CPTA needs to discuss what their role will be when it comes to fundraising and families in need.

Door Prize

WINNER - Janelle Stelter!!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, February 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by Secretary, Mendee Kramer

CPTA MINUTES

for Monday, February 15th, 2010

Attendance:

Darcy Bradley	Angela Hopkins	Mendee Kramer
Janelle Stelter	Kaye England	Robbyn Anglin
Dana Sprinkle	Dawn Pierce	Chad Pierce
Andrea Rhodes	Mindy Schneider	Courtney Clifford-Schneider

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Sprinkle reported that construction has begun at the school. The orange fencing has been put up, trees have been cut, and the playground equipment is off limits. She wanted everyone to be aware that if your child comes with you to conferences, they will not be allowed to play on the playground or the equipment, but Heartland Programs will be in the gym and children will be supervised free of charge.
 - Conferences will be held 2/17 and 2/18.
 - The end of the 3rd quarter is 3/5.
 - The K-3rd grade spring concert is 3/9 and will be held at the Jr/Sr. High School.
 - The Health Department has requested that the school continue to encourage any student who has not gotten the chicken pox booster, to do so. If a child does not have the booster and is exposed they will be required to be out of school for 21 days.
- Mrs. Sprinkle reported that Mr. Carlson passed on the information that Coke does a reward program for schools, the information will be passed on to Darci Ditto since she is in charge of box tops and soup labels.

Minutes were reviewed from the January meeting. Janelle Stelter made a motion to approve these and Darcy Bradley seconded. All approved.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Balance: \$8,480.41

Library Fund Balance: \$3,352.78

Only things disbursed were the scholarships for the teachers at \$50 a piece.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Pictures

There was no problem with spring pictures. The props that were in the flyer were not available on the day of pictures, so the kid either used something from the classroom or nothing at all.

Cardinal Foundation

A basket was prepared for the Cardinal Foundation auction. The theme for the basket was a "Pamper Me Basket". Included in the basket was a one hour massage, bubble bath, a box of truffles, a large pizza, 3 movies, and 2 candles.

Families in Need

It was discussed briefly at the January meeting about helping families in need due to financial/medical crisis. There was more discussion about how this is decided and who makes these decisions on who to do a fundraiser for and how to judge each families level of emergency. Discussion was had on needing to add something to the CPTA by-laws on these types of situations. We usually review all by-laws at the April meeting. It was decided as a group that something does need

to be added to the by-laws on who CPTA can conduct fundraisers for. An example was if a child in the district is ill, then maybe it should be allowed. If we open the door to all family members of students, then we will quickly overburden the generosity that this district shows in giving. Discussion on this topic will continue at the March and April meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Motocross Raceway

Robbyn Anglin presented to the committee about the Motocross race way that is being proposed to the Saline County Planning and Zoning office. He informed everyone that the permit was approved, but they have appealed and there will be another meeting in March. There are serious concerns about the raceway being so close to the school and the noise and traffic having a negative impact on our district. If anyone has any questions about this or needs information, please contact Robbyn, Greg Brockway, Matt Wagner, Jim Reynolds, or Kaye Engelland. There was a request made that CPTA draft a letter in opposition of this, and Mrs. Sprinkle reported that the school district as a whole has written a letter in opposition.

Purchase

New walkie-talkies were purchased for the elementary building. These were needed due to having 2 different youth in the building with behavioral support plans. This purchase was approved by the executive committee do to the timing of needing the devices quickly.

Door Prize

WINNER - Angela Hopkins!!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Submitted by Secretary, Mendee Kramer



A 'sweet' thank you!

The PALS executive committee thanks all the PALS, their parents, their grandparents, their aunts and uncles, and friends at the middle/high school who donated baked goods for the February 2, 2010, SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S GREAT AMERICAN BAKE SALE – NO KID HUNGRY campaign. Because of you and your efforts, we helped to ensure no kid in America goes hungry.

Our bake sale made \$447.15! How great is that! This entire sum of money was sent directly to the SHARE OUR STRENGTH campaign.

Thank you for your support and generous contributions to this worthwhile cause.

Emily Smith, Rochele Tillett, Jordan Pieschl, Michelle Kejr, Jessie Brockway, Courtney Reed, Miranda Basinger, Charade Britt, and Lara Brockway

PUBLIC SPEAKING/JOB INTERVIEW CDE

During January, a team of FFA members attended the district-wide Public Speaking and Job Interview Career Development Events. During the public speaking competition, Kyla Christensen placed ninth with the FFA Creed, and Darriane Wikoff participated as well. For prepared speeches, Cain Fouard placed fourth and Faith Rasmussen placed fifth in their division. Jordan Pieschl also placed fourth in her division, qualifying her for the state competition in May with her speech on the ban of horse slaughter. Micah Bell and Jordan Pieschl also participated in the extemporaneous speech competition. During the job interview and resume writing competition, the team placed third overall, with Jordan Pieschl placing third and Micah Bell placing sixth.

FOOD SCIENCE CDE

A team of FFA members recently placed second overall at a Food Science Career Development Event. All of the team members placed in the top ten. Jordan Pieschl placed second, Karlie Koelling placed fourth, Micah Bell, Kaitlyn Christensen, and Jessie Brockway all tied for sixth, and Monika Grant placed seventh.

DAIRY FOODS CDE

On February 11, a team of FFA members participated in the North Central District Dairy Foods Career Development Event. The team did very well, competing with around 200 other FFA members. Micah Bell placed second, Jordan Pieschl placed third, Faith Rasmussen placed sixth, and Brittany Clancy and Monika Grant tied for ninth. Other team members included Jessie Brockway, Justice Schneider, Kristina Ruiz, Kaitlyn Christensen, Missy Wimer, Jack Rhodes, Darriane Wikoff, Amber Bird, and Jared Winter. The team placed first overall and qualified for the state competition in May.

FFA HOLIDAY GIVE BACK

During the months of November, December, and January, the FFA worked to raise items for the less fortunate. During November, members donated canned and boxed foods to give to the local Methodist Church. The church then distributed the food to families who needed it for the Thanksgiving holiday. In December, FFA members collected new toys to give to the Salvation Army, who used them during their annual event to give toys to families in need. Then, in January, the FFA donated a couple of boxes of fruit to the Salina Food Bank.

NHS VOLUNTEERS AT THE CAPS AUCTION

By: Michelle Kejr

On Saturday, February 6, the Ell-Saline National Honor Society helped the Child Advocacy and Parenting Services. They helped with the charity auction by serving the food and

helping with items for sale in the auction. Over \$77,000 was raised from the activities. Members who volunteered were Amanda Reed, Bailey Base, Ayla Beaugh, Jake Werner, Kyle Hughes, Cody Rietcheck, Jordan Pieschl, Michelle Kejr, Mariah Jones, Emily Smith, and Melissa Higgins. They were assisted by Jacque Pahls.



SMOKY VALLEY WEIGHT MEET

Girls

Torey Goddard
 Audra Hughes—3rd Overall
 Rylee Miller—1st Squat, 1st Overall
 Tasha Norwood—1st Squat, 1st Clean, 1st Overall
 Jaque Pahls—2nd Squat, 2nd Clean, 2nd Bench, 1st Overall

Boys

Tyler Binger—2nd Squat, 1st Clean, 2nd Bench, 2nd Overall
 Derek Edgerton—1st Squat, 2nd Overall
 Kyle Hughes—1st Squat, 1st Clean, 1st Bench, 1st Overall
 Kyle Miller—1st Squat, 2nd Overall
 Cody Rietcheck—1st Clean, 1st Bench, 1st Overall
 Alex Velasquez

AFTER PROM

The Ell-Saline After Prom Committee would like to thank all the volunteer's and players that participated in the 2010 Winter Classic Dodgeball Tournament on Sunday, February 14th ! The tournament brought teams with player ranging from 7th grade all the way to 12th grade! IT was a fierce competition throughout the day, with exciting games that prove in dodgeball bigger isn't always better! The team Balls of Fury and Team Unruh, had several great games where they were able to defeat the upper classmen. It was a well fought battle for all the participants, ending the day with a THREE WAY tie for 1st! We ended up doing an additional Round Robin tournament to get to our final champions! In the end it was a Jr. Class team made up of Dalton Eastep, Zach Willis, Tate Oml, Ryan Sprinkle, Bailey Base, JP Schneider and Danielle Sprinkle (who filled in for the injured Mariah Jones) that took home the Championship T-Shirts! Congratulations to the Wolfman Pack Team (Captain Caleb Whitehair) and the Targets Team (Captain Luke Base) for their 2nd and 3rd place

finishes!

Due to the success of the Jr/Sr High tournament and several requests for an Elementary tournament, we will be holding an additional Dodgeball Tournament on Sunday, March 7th for grades 4th through 6th. Look for flyers to come home with your grade schooler! This is for any school boy or girl in the 4th through 6th grades.



CICI'S PIZZA NIGHT OUT

On Thursday, March 25, 2010, Cici's Pizza is hosting an Ell-Saline Elementary School Pizza Night Out. This event will run from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Cici's will donate to Ell-Saline Elementary School 10% of every sale made during that time. Buffet, take-out and delivery all qualify. Any questions? Call 404-2777.

\$4.99 for a Large 15 in. pizza

\$15.00 for 2 Large 1 topping pizzas, a dessert or garlic bread and a 2 liter soft drink

CPTA 6TH ANNUAL YOUTH TRACK MEET

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, the Ell-Saline Elementary CPTA will host its 6th Annual Youth Track Meet. The meet will again this year be held at the MS/HS track in Brookville. Registration begins at 8:00 and all field event participants must be checked in by 9:00 to participate. Field events will begin at 9:30. Runners must check in by 10:30 if they are not participating in field events.

Events include the following field events: softball throw, long jump, shot put, discus, javelin throw; and running events: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 and 4 x 100 relay. Registration forms are available online at www.ellsaline.org or at the Ell-Saline Elementary School. Come join the fun in Brookville on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSIC DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, the Ell-Saline After-Prom Committee is sponsoring an Elementary Classic Dodge Ball Tournament to be held in the Ell-Saline Middle/High School in Brookville. Game time is 12:00 p.m. This event is for boys and girls in the 4th through the 6th grades and teams should be made up of 6 to 10 players (boys and/or girls) and all teams need a parent sponsor. The entry fee is \$10.00 per player. Concessions will be available. Entry forms and team roster sheets are available at Ell-Saline Elementary School. Please have your child pick up these forms there. Questions? Call Lisa (785-820-6492) or Jennifer (785-826-6222).

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Here we are already! It's practically the end of the third 9-weeks! In just three short months school will be out for the summer. Between now and then there is a considerable amount yet to be accomplished for this year and planning to be done for next year.

We appreciate all the parents that took the time to come and visit with us during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. That communication and support is very important in your child's education. This week we begin to administer the Kansas State Assessments. This year's tests include: grades 3 through 8 in both math and reading; grades 4 and 7 in science; grade 10 in reading, math, and Life Science; and grade 11 in reading, OTL math, and Physical Science. The students and staff have been working hard in preparation of the assessments as we look to continue our tradition of numerous students and classes scoring in the Exemplary category and meeting the Standard of Excellence. We ask that you encourage your children to do their best, get adequate sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast during these testing days.

This legislative session is proving to be as challenging as was anticipated. The financial forecast for the state, as well as the nation, does not appear to get any better in the near future. This is partly do to the economy as a whole but in a larger part to the tax cuts of previous years. Regardless of the reason, all services funded through the state are faced with reductions in their budget. This isn't just about funding for K-12 education but rather about funding for all quality of life services that are provided by the state. In the legislature so far there is not a bill to further reduce education spending this year. For that to become reality the state revenues will need to fill the \$40 million gap that currently exists. If that gap is filled then the state ends up this fiscal year with a \$0 balance for this year but yet a \$400 million deficit next year. To cover that deficit with only making additional cuts to spending and no additional revenue to the state, KSDE has calculated that we will lose roughly \$225,000 of our budget. This would have a negative impact on the programs that we are able to offer our students. Of greater concern to us is what the reduction for the following couple of years might be. So far all we've heard is speculation but we are anticipating a much larger reduction than for next year. I encourage you to contact your local legislators and share with them how this would have a negative impact on our students and encourage them to implement some type of revenue enhancement.

If you have driven by either of our school buildings you will have noticed that construction has finally started. However, the weather is not providing many good days to work so progress has been minimal to this point. Whenever the weather warms up and the ground dries out there will be considerable activity taking place. In the near future the drive in front of the MS/HS will be blocked off as a construction zone so the parking lots will be able to be accessed only at the east end and at the west end. You won't be able to drive through from one end to the other. It is exciting to know that by this time next year we will be getting close to being able to fully use the new facilities.

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. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the many good things going on in your district and we can get to know each other.

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SMOKY HILL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Ell-Saline

Parents as Teachers

Parent Educator: Aimee McDaniel 785-825-9185

THE POWER OF A WORD

If someone told you that you could shape your young child's orientation towards becoming a successful adult by doing one thing during his or her early years, my guess is that you would do it. Who doesn't want their children to become successful, well-rounded adults? Well, here is that one thing: Respond firmly when necessary with the word, "No." Even more specifically, be clear about the "no" when your youngster is having a temper tantrum to try to get his/her own way about something. There is specific teaching power in that one word.

Now this is not as simple as it first sounds. In life's stressful moments, many parents may be tempted to give in to the demands and tantrums employed by youngsters to get what they want--think of the classic grocery store exhibition, of the red-faced child screaming to get the candy she/he wants.

After all, who wants to be subjected to the embarrassment of the stares and comments of others when the little ones create a scene? It is often difficult to maintain a long-term perspective when the short-term event is so challenging.

Think for a moment about the character traits that are developed when parents use, and stick to, that one little word: "no." Peace at any price may be a very high cost indeed to pay for not saying, "no."

Self-control, the ability to swallow one's impulse and restrain one's actions when they are not appropriate, is a vital component for successful adult lives. As children learn to rein in their words and actions, they develop the ability to master their urges, rather than give in to them immediately. This is a first step to being able to take over aspects of one's life, rather than have those aspects rule the individual.

Learning that "no" means something helps children slowly develop respect for others. The original request or temper tantrum centers only on the child herself, what it is that she wants. By not allowing children to win through temper tantrums, parents help children learn to show consideration for others.

Temper tantrums disregard anyone except the child himself. Children may not agree with the parent's viewpoint, but they are asked to respect that others have rights.

Understanding that we don't get everything in the world we want, or when we want it, helps children to develop patience. Delayed gratification lies at the base of learning to wait for desirable things, of learning that a goal may not come immediately. "No" judiciously applied helps children learn something about the realities of life, that the world does not in fact revolve around their needs and wants, and that others may not quickly grant their every wish. These are valuable lessons to learn before venturing into college, or the world of work and relationships. So, ignore the stares of fellow shoppers, and stick to your guns. That "no" has long term, lasting value.

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MARCH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP****

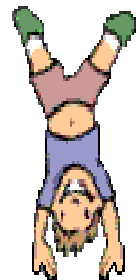
TUMBLING

Smoky Hill Learning Center, 830 S 9th, Salina

Tuesday, March 23rd 10-11:00 am

Wednesday, March 24th 6-7:00pm

Parking is available behind the Learning Center.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org under the Weekly Happenings link.

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| Mar. 1 | 4:00 MS Scholar's Bowl @ ES | Mar. 15-19 | NO SCHOOL—Spring Break |
| Mar. 1 | BSB/SB/Track Practice begins | Mar. 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| Mar. 1 | 7:00 HS BB Sub-State—Girls vs. Stockton @ ES | Mar. 19 | FFA @ Junction City |
| Mar. 1 | FFA @ Minneapolis | Mar. 20 | FFA @ Junction City |
| Mar. 2 | 7:00 HS BB Sub-State—Boys @ Stockton | Mar. 22 | 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary |
| Mar. 2 | 6:00 ESIC Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary | Mar. 23 | 6:00 MS/HS Spring Sports Parent Meeting |
| Mar. 3 | 6:00 MS/HS Site Council | Mar. 23 | 7:00 Booster Club Meeting |
| Mar. 4 | HS BB Sub-State—Girls @ Bennington | Mar. 24 | FFA @ Beloit |
| Mar. 4 | End of Quarter | Mar. 25 | 4:30 BSB @ Smoky Valley |
| Mar. 5 | NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday | Mar. 30 | 4:00 MS Scholar's Bowl @ Inman |
| Mar. 5 | ACT Registration Deadline | Mar. 31 | FFA @ Manhattan |
| Mar. 5 | HS BB Sub-State—Boys @ Bennington | Apr. 1 | FFA @ Hutchinson |
| Mar. 6 | HS BB Sub-State—Finals @ Bennington | Apr. 1 | 2:00 MS Track @ Tescott |
| Mar. 8 | FFA @ Concordia | Apr. 1 | 4:00 HS SB Canton/Galva @ ES |
| Mar. 8 | 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office | Apr. 1 | 4:00 HS BSB @ Canton/Galva |
| Mar. 9 | TBA HOA MS Music @ Berean Academy | Apr. 2 | NO SCHOOL—Easter Break |
| Mar. 9 | 7:00 K-3 Spring Music Program | Apr. 2 | Good Friday |
| Mar. 10 | HS BB State—Girls @ KSU | | |
| Mar. 10 | 6:30 NHS Banquet | | |
| Mar. 11 | HS BB State—Boys @ KSU | | |
| Mar. 12 | HS BB State—Semi-Finals @ KSU | | |
| Mar. 13 | HS BB State—Finals @ KSU | | |
| Mar. 14 | Daylight Saving Time begins | | |

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