

# THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

May 2010

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## A WILD TIME WAS HAD!

The Ell-Saline Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence First Annual Fundraiser "Where the Wild Things Are" was a howling success! The 95 individuals that took part had a good time, supported the Foundation and had a chance to see some people that they hadn't seen for quite some time. The evening started with much socializing as individuals scrutinized the long list of interesting Silent Auction items ranging from Ell-Saline Cardinal memorabilia to Food/Cooking to Children's Items to Health and Beauty to Services to Home/Décor to Parties to Travel Getaways to College Memorabilia. From there it moved on to a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu served by the Ell-Saline High School National Honor Society members. During the meal the attendees were entertained by the Ell-Saline Singers under the direction of Mrs. Joan Grover. The evening ended with a spirited live auction of items such as: an autographed KU men's basketball; an autographed KSU coach Frank Martin basketball; getaways to Colorado, Kansas City, Wichita; dinner parties; Ell-Saline FFA Leadership Team; a handmade wooden barn and farm animals set; and the Cardinal mascot head from years gone by.



Attendees viewing Silent Auction items and enjoying some social time.

The evening was a huge financial success for the Cardinal Foundation as it netted \$12,641.92. This was by far the largest fundraiser held by the Foundation since it was formed. These funds will be used to help provide grants to teachers for items needed in their classroom that go beyond the district's budget.

Thank you to everyone that supported this First Annual Fundraiser and helped to make it a huge success. Only through your support and generosity would this have been possible.

The date for next year's fundraiser has been set for Saturday, April 2, 2011. Mark your calendars and we hope to see everyone then!



Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence Board of Directors President, Mark Johnson, welcomes everyone.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This past month the weather has cooperated and a considerable amount of progress was made.

At the elementary school the parking lot/concrete playground pad has been poured and the playground equipment is being set back in place. Once that is completed sod will be laid so the equipment can be used even in wet weather. It is still projected that this work will be completed early in May. More dirt excavating work for the new septic/lateral system and leveling of the playground has been done. Work is taking place on installing the new roof on the west and south sides over the existing roof. Utility and other work continues in the area where the addition will be located.

At the MS/HS most of the utilities have now been relocated. Switching the electrical power over to the new control panel is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 1. The hallway to the west of the old gymnasium has been boarded off so traffic now goes through the old gym. Some excavating work in that area has also been completed. Much of the work that will be done this summer involves remodeling of the current weight room and the office areas. However, that work can't begin until after school is out this spring. By the time you receive the next issue of the ECHO, there will be progress on that area to report.

## CHANGE IN ECHO DELIVERY

As a cost savings measure, next year the ECHO will primarily be sent electronically. For this to happen we will need to hear from you as to whether or not you have email/internet capability. Please email Brenda Bockenstette at [bbockenstette@ellsaline.org](mailto:bbockenstette@ellsaline.org) if you have email access. If you do not have email access then please call her at 225-6813 and let her know. We will then continue to send yours through the mail. Thank you in advance for your help in conserving our budget.



John Omli auctioning off the FFA Leadership team during the Live Auction at the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser.

## BOARD MEETING REPORT

### April 12 Board Meeting Report

Marty Kramer 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

None

#### REPORTS

BOE – Delbert Armbrust and Jamie Bradley reported on the Cardinal Foundation fund raiser.

Aimee McDaniel (Parents As Teachers) – Aimee provided information on vision and dental programs that are available to children. She also reported on various activities that she is doing with the children and their parents that are in the Parents As Teachers program. There are 10 families and 15 children ranging from prenatal to age 3 in the program.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: Science Olympiad students participating at State; the MS/HS play of the past weekend; seven solo or small ensemble groups qualified for State Music; under Curriculum and Instruction the staff will be wrapping up activities that have been going on all year, MAP assessments will start next week, enrollment has begun; spring sports are off to a good start; State Assessment results are encouraging as the school wide Reading score was 94.3% Met Standard and Math is at 74% with still a few students to finish the test; Blood Drive is coming April 16; and the mock crash scene that was held a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Sprinkle – In her absence Mr. Minneman distributed her report which included: Curriculum and Instruction items of the staff looking at different structures for both the reading and math schedules; unofficial State Assessment school wide scores of Reading 93.5% scoring at or above Met Standards, Math 86.3% and Science 94.7%; MAP testing begins April 13; Kindergarten Round-Up is April 21 with currently 38 students signed up; approximately \$7,400 has been raised for Jump/Hoops for Heart; and there are many activities scheduled between now and the end of the year.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: construction update; the KSDE auditor is in the district this week; numerous break-in/vandalism acts at the elementary school over the past few weeks; asking for board member participation at both the Senior Graduation and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion exercises; read two thank you notes; and shared a list of dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

#### BUSINESS

**Motion to Non Renew**—This item was deleted from the agenda during the APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA portion of the agenda.

**Accept Resignations**—Ken Cannon's resignation as English teacher effective at the end of this contract year, Laura Riedel's resignation as bus driver effective April 10 and Jeannie Beough's resignation as a paraprofessional effective April 15 were accepted.

**Supplemental Position**—Erica Jensen was approved as the Head HS Volleyball Coach for next year.

**Winter Sport Supplemental Positions**—The current coaches were approved for next year.

There were two Executive Sessions (Personnel) 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, May 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.



Attendees enjoying the delicious meal and sharing conversation at the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser.

## **CPTA MINUTES**

**for Monday, March 22nd, 2010**

### **Attendance:**

Angela Hopkins	Mendee Kramer	Darci Ditto
Allison Williams	Dana Edgerton	Karen Bieber
Dana Sprinkle	Dawn Pierce	Lisa Wilvers
Andrea Rhodes	Krista Russell	Courtney Clifford-Schneider
Julie Weems	Michelle Griffin	

### **Principal's Report:**

- Mrs. Sprinkle gave an update on construction. Weather is hindering some progress but they are moving forward as quickly as possible. They are working hard on getting the playground area finished so the equipment can be put back up.
- Testing for reading in the 3rd-6th grade is done. The results are 93% are above average and everyone who was not was very close. They will finish 4th and 5th grade math this week and 3rd and 6th grade will finish next week.
- Mrs. Sprinkle met with students for a round table discussion. Ideas about healthy nutritious ideas for the lunch room were discussed. There is no school on April 2nd or 5th. There will be school on April 6th.

Minutes were reviewed from the February meeting. Dana Edgerton made a motion to approve these and Angela Hopkins seconded. All approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Checking Balance: \$8,913.65  
Library Fund Balance: \$3,354.12

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Skate Night**

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported for Cher Richards the event went well. Next year the price will be going up to \$3.50 per student.

#### **Yearbook**

Courtney Clifford-Schneider reported that we ordered 150 books and have orders for 102.

#### **Spangles Fundraiser**

The event went well, we made \$103.47. The Papa John's event went good too and we made \$150.00 on this fundraiser. Upcoming fund raiser nights will be 3/25 at CiCi's Pizza, 4/7 at Bogey's, and 4/28 at Pizza Hut.

#### **Families in Need**

Discussion was had on how to go about adding guidelines to the by-laws. It was decided that these kinds of things are more policies and not by-laws. Mendee Kramer agreed to go through minutes of the past 2 years of CPTA meetings and pull out anything that had to do with families in need or situation where CPTA gave money to a family.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Track Meet**

The committee is working on getting the event organized. The event is 4/24, starting at 9am.

### **Plaque Idea**

Discussion was held on what to do in memory of Melinda Svaty. It was decided to donate money to the Cardinal Foundation in her name. Mendee Kramer made a motion to donate \$100 in Melinda Svaty's memory and Darci Ditto seconded. Motion passed. CPTA will also donate books in her memory.

### **Other**

It was decided that CPTA will put a special invitation to the next CPTA meeting for parents of Kindergartners, this will go out with the letters to the families that signed up for Round Up. Angela Hopkins volunteered to make the flyer up.

Krista Russell reported that the play day committee has decided to go ahead and hold the event at the grade school in spite of the construction. More things will be done inside this year and the 6th grade will be helping with the event more this year instead of asking for parent volunteers.

### **Door Prize**

**WINNER - Karen Bieber!!**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next CPTA Meeting, Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:30 pm**

Submitted by Secretary, Mendee Kramer

## **ESE GOALS CORRECTION**

Apologies to Matt Wilvers and Tel Phelps. These fourth graders' names were left off the list of students making their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter goals. Both students did meet their goals and are to be congratulated along with the other students. Good job Matt and Tel.



The National Honor Society members that served the meal at the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser.

## THANKS SO MUCH!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have supported me during my time of breast cancer. The phone calls, emails, visits, the food, were all greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to my co-workers - **"the bus drivers"** for the bracelet fund-raiser. What a super thing you did for us. I not only got a wig, but was able to pick up a few other little things, that we needed. YOU are the best! I am proud to say I work for Ell-Saline, and a member of this extended family.

A special thanks to my bus children, and the subs who drove my route during my recovery. With your help, and knowing that the children were taken care of, the subs were there to drive, and knowing that all was well was a comfort to me. The children mean so much to me. I can't wait until August when I will be back driving again on the route.

I can not put into words what all of you mean to Jim & I. So all I can say is THANKS!

God Bless, Kim Klucas

## 4th GRADERS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

The 4th graders hiked to the Audubon Pond just east of the grade school to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. Along the way, trash was picked up in the ditches and brought back to school to recycle. It was just enjoyable to be outside observing nature and hiking the trails lined with nesting boxes and trees. Fresh animal footprints were found and plaster of paris molds were made from them to resemble fossils. A fun time was had by all and the exercise was also beneficial.

Submitted by Mrs. Shaver

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

We are now very close to crossing the finish line for this school year. By the time you receive this we will have less than 3-weeks left until the final curve has been rounded, the finish line has been crossed and school is over for the 2009-2010 school year. It seems like such a short time ago that we were just getting into the starting blocks. This has truly been an enjoyable, positive, successful year for students, staff and patrons alike.

In the next couple of weeks we have the opportunity to look back over the students' accomplishments of this year with the various awards and performance nights. On May 3 our 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will showcase their musical talents in their annual Spring Fling. For our seniors we will get to take part not only in recognizing their accomplishments of this year at the Awards Night on May 6 but also to share in their celebration of the past thirteen years with their graduation exercises on May 8. For our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, on May 18 we will get to hear of their accomplishments of this year and to challenge them to not only continue that, but rather to build on it, during their next four years in high school. I encourage each of you to attend as many of these events as you can to support our students.

Along with looking back over the past years, we are also looking forward to next year as kindergarten round-up and

enrollment have taken place. Our preliminary count of kindergartners for next year is 40 which is the largest preliminary enrollment we have had. We have been interviewing candidates, hiring new staff members and beginning to order necessary supplies. We are balancing next year's needs between this, and next year's, budgets.

As we do those things again this year, it is with a great deal of uncertainty about next year's budget. The revenue projections of two weeks ago for the State of Kansas indicate a continued shortfall in funds not only for the remainder of this fiscal year but also for next year. At the time I am writing this it is unknown just how much K-12 education funding will be reduced. What we do know, though, is that it will be reduced. Even though our Board of Education has made solid budget decisions in past years it appears we will not be able to weather the reduction without some loss of personnel or programs. Specific decisions have not yet been made but will be in the near future. We will continue to provide our students with a solid education even though there may not be as many alternatives as there have been in the past!

As the legislature is back in Topeka finishing its work for the year, it remains important for all of us to monitor how any legislation will negatively impact us and to contact our legislators to let them know our concerns. If you would like more specific information on how any legislation might impact us, please let me know and I'll get it to you. For the future of our district, it continues to be important for our voices to be heard.

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.



The Ell-Saline High School Singers entertain during the meal at the Cardinal Foundation Fundraiser.



**SMOKY HILL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**

**Ell-Saline**

**Parents as Teachers**

**Parent Educator: Aimee McDaniel 785-825-9185**

**TAKING ADVANTAGE OF  
TRANSITION TIME**

Most families spend a great deal of time “getting there.”

Some examples are time in the car, getting ready for school, getting ready for bed, meal preparation time, and bathing.

These are transition times. It is during these times that relationships are built. You have a choice during each transition time. You can treat it like a task and be interested only in getting it done, or you can make some of these transition times “relationship building” times.

You might want to schedule five minutes extra for bath time so you can play “boat” with your child.

You can talk about your day when you pick up your youngster so he, in turn, will feel comfortable about talking about his day.

While moving from here to there in the car, you might use the time for casual conversation instead of talking about chores to do when you get home.

There seems to be a feeling of safety for children in a car, which enables them to bring up important things...if you listen.

[www.growingchild.com](http://www.growingchild.com)

**Playgroup**

Jerry Ivey Park  
735 E Magnolia Rd, Salina  
Tuesday, May 11th  
10:00-11:00am  
6:00-7:00pm



Drinks and snacks will be served.  
Everyone is responsible for their own children.  
If it is raining, we will reschedule for May 18th.  
Same times.

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!  
May 9th**

**INFANT BOOKS  
AND BOOK PLAY**

Types of books

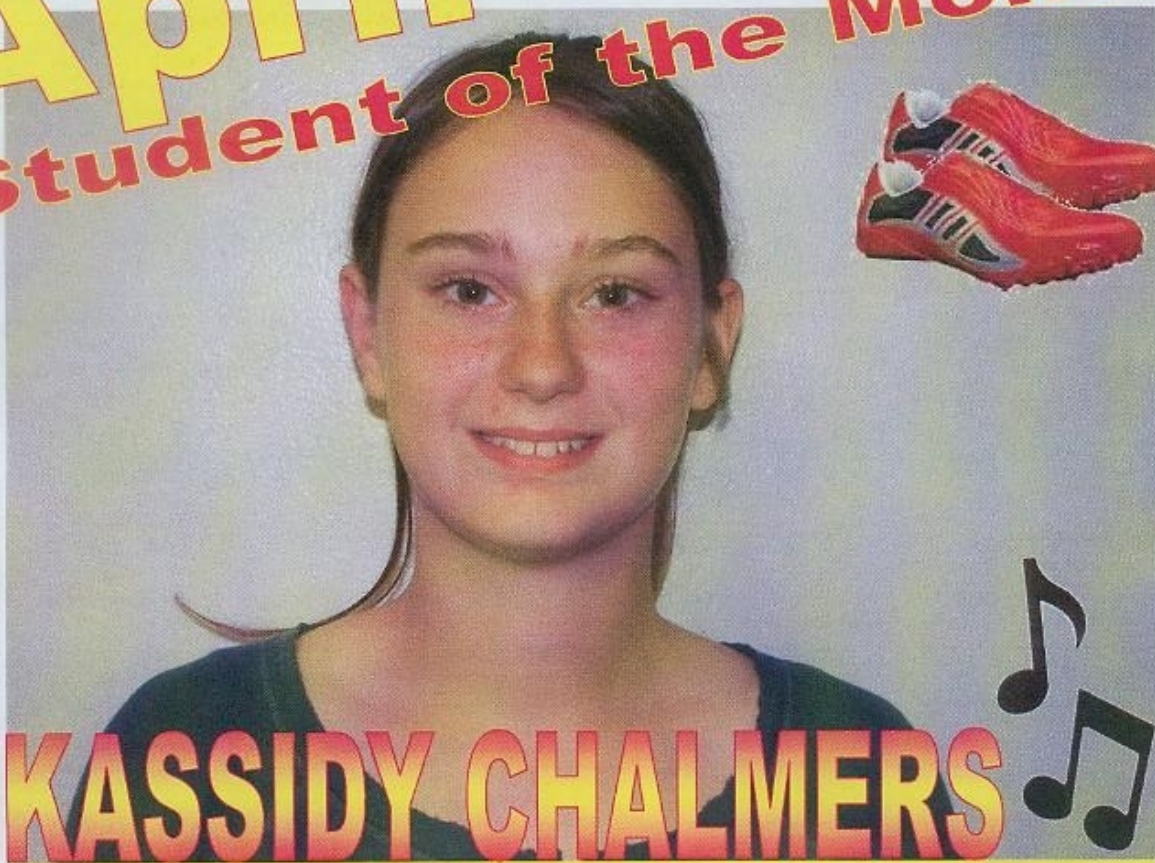
- Cloth and soft vinyl books
- Small “chubby” books made of cardboard.
- Books about animals, cars, and other things that make interesting sounds.

Techniques

- Let your baby handle the books any way she wants. Talk to her about what she’s doing.
- Play with sounds for your baby. Nothing will attract her attention better than a good “moo” or a playful “beep-beep.”
- Hold your baby in your lap. Spend a few minutes talking about the pictures as you both look at them. Point out and name a few of the pictures as you talk.
- Continue to sing or recite nursery and other rhymes.

# April

## Student of the Month



The Ell-Saline Middle School Student of the Month for April is Kassidy Chalmers. Kassidy is an eighth grader and her parents are Scott and Larinda Hays. She has three siblings: Ty, Ian, and Eden. In school, Kassidy is involved in track, cheerleading, PALS, Jump Rope for Heart, and choir. Outside of school, Kassidy stays involved by babysitting, helping her parents with the yard, and being an active member of the Brookvilled United Methodist Church youth group. Her hobbies include spending time with her friends and cooking. Kassidy plans on attending college in the future.

# April Student of the Month



Jamie Henry is the Ell-Saline High School Student of the Month for April. She is a sophomore with a 4.0 GPA. Jamie is the daughter of Wyoma Henry and Jamie has one sister, Alex. In school, Jamie is involved in cheerleading, National Honor Society, band, natural helpers, drama club, dance team, and scholar's bowl. Outside of school, she is a member of the Young Women's Group and she serves as a volunteer for her community. Jamie's hobbies include hanging out with friends, playing sports, watching movies, singing, and photography. Her future plans include attending college and majoring in math, psychology, and veterinary medicine.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org) under the Weekly Happenings link.

May 1-5 Senior Trip  
 May 2-4 FFA CDE @ KSU  
 May 3 7:00 4-6th Gr. Spring Fling at Ell-Saline High School  
 May 4 9:00 MS Track @ Beloit  
 May 4 3:00 HS Track @ Tescott  
 May 4 6:00 ESIC Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary  
 May 5 9:00 HOA Industrial Arts @ Inman  
 May 5 6:00 MS/HS Site Council  
 May 6 7:00 HS Awards Night  
 May 7 8:30 Graduation Rehearsal  
 May 7 3-6 Gr. Reading Renaissance Celebration  
 May 7 ACT Registration Deadline  
 May 7 3:00 HS Track Thompson Relays @ Lincoln  
 May 8 1:30 High School Graduation  
 May 9 Mother's Day  
 May 10 4:00 HOA Fr/Soph Track @ Remington  
 May 10 7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office  
 May 11 10:30 MS Track HOA League @ Remington  
 May 11 TBA 1-2 Gr. Reading Celebration  
 May 11 4:30 SB @ Lincoln  
 May 14 3:00 HS Track HOA League @ Newton  
 May 14 4:30 SB/BSB @ Wilson  
 May 15 Armed Forces Day

May 17-22 SB Regional Week @ Salina  
 May 17-22 BSB Regional Week @ Sylvan Grove  
 May 17 6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary  
 May 18 11:15 All Kindergarteners  
 May 18 11:30 All School Picnic  
 May 18 12:00 Kindergarten Recognition  
 May 18 1:00 Elementary Play Day  
 May 18 7:00 MS Awards Night  
 May 19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—Dismiss at 11:00  
 May 19 No Kindergarten  
 May 19 9:00 Elementary Pep Rally  
 May 20 Teacher Workday—Last Day for Teachers  
 May 21 HS Track Regional @ WaKeeney  
 May 28-29 State BSB/SB @ Emporia  
 May 28-29 State Track @ Wichita  
 May 30 Memorial Day  
 May 31 Memorial Day—Observed



To: Ell-Saline Booster Club  
 From: the teachers and staff  
 at the middle/high school

Our Teacher Appreciation Week (April 19-23, 2010) was wonderful!  
 Thank you for thinking of us and providing us delicious lunches every day of that very special week.  
 Also, the mugs and stipends that you shared with each of us were greatly appreciated.  
 Your support of our endeavors in the classroom, on the field, on the court, and in the lab is invaluable to us as educators and coaches.

THANK YOU ELL-SALINE CARDINAL BOOSTER CLUB!

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