



THE ELL-SALINE ECHO

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OPEN HOUSE

The construction project is practically completed and the buildings look great! There are still a few touch-up items remaining but they should be completed within a couple of weeks. Even with that, we are able to use all parts of both buildings. We have heard numerous positive comments about the facilities from parents and patrons when they have been here for various activities. We are anxious to show them off to you!

The Board of Education has scheduled OPEN HOUSE dates for each location and invites everyone to come and see the new and improved facilities. On Friday, October 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 tours will be given of the Middle/High School. This is our Football Homecoming night so come early and tour the facilities.



On Sunday, October 9, there will be an OPEN HOUSE at both the Elementary School and the Middle/High School. At the Elementary School it will run from 1:30 to 3:30 and at the Middle/High School it will run from 2:30 to 4:30. At both locations on this date there will be a brief welcome and comments by school administrators, board members, the architect and Busboom & Rauh project managers. Refreshments will be available at both locations.



We are very thankful for the opportunity that was given to us for improving our district facilities. Without the confidence that was shown in passing the bond issue this would not have been possible. It is our hope that we will see a large turnout for the OPEN HOUSES and we can then thank you in person.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Ell-Saline USD307 is seeking a parent or patron to serve on the District Technology Committee. Share, learn and be a part of the technology development at Ell-Saline. The committee meets at 7:20 AM at the Ell-Saline District Office on the following dates: November 9th 2011, January 12th 2012 and April 26th 2012. If you are interested please contact Jerry Minneman jminneman@ellsaline.org or Brian Bell bbell@ellsaline.org or call the District Office at (785) 225-6813.

SEPTEMBER 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 – Jeff Parker reported on the SHESC Legislative Luncheon that will be held on November 10 and that the SHESC Executive Cabinet is looking at going paperless for their meetings.

Mr. McDaniel – His report included: classroom visits; Advanced Committee and staff having started on the new accreditation cycle; Academic Enrichment time; positive start to year; and the September 16 In-Service being on School Improvement.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: classroom visits; DRA testing being completed; MAP Assessments will be starting soon; September 16 In-Service will focus on assessment data, school improvement process, student goals, curriculum mapping; Book Fair; CAPS presentations; and a 5th and 6th grade vocal group called *Super Singers* that Ms. Brandt has started this year.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: construction update; enrollment; upcoming KASB/USA Regional meeting; read two thank you notes; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

Open House dates at each building were set as follows:
Middle/High School – Friday, October 7 (Homecoming),
4:30 to 6:30 and Sunday, October 9, 2:30 – 4:30
Elementary School – Sunday, October 9, 1:30 – 3:30

BUSINESS

Approve New Hires—The following were approved: Mindy Schneider, part-time kindergarten para; and Jenny Walters, MS Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach.

Board Policy – First Reading—Since this was the first reading no action was taken. They will be brought back at the October meeting for action.

FFA Out-of-State Travel Request—The request for the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from October 19-21 was approved.

Gym Air Conditioning—This item was removed from the agenda since information had not yet been received.

There were no Executive Sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. at the District Office in Brookville. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Anita Bird or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.

CPTA MINUTES

for Monday August 29, 2011

Attendance:

Lisa Wilvers	Mendee Kramer	Melissa Wessel
Jennifer Walker	Jennifer Barleen	Amber Fouard
Angela Hopkins	Darcy Bradley	Darci Ditto
Tara Richards	Traci Dent	Erin Hecker
Janelle Stelter	Brooke Riedel	Dianne Schulz
Anita Bird	Dana Sprinkle	

Principal Report:

Mrs. Sprinkle spoke about the new theme for this year at the elementary school. The theme is Expect the Best @ ESE. We have many new kids to the district this year. There was an excellent turnout at the Back to School night. She will send out a reminder about the traffic flow when you are dropping your children off for the school day and picking them up. The school is adding a new reading series this year. The school will be doing various testing in reading, math, and language. The new facility is wonderful for the remodel and there is a lot more space. There will be an open house to tour the facility at a later date. She also said to thank the patrons that made this remodel happen.

Secretary Report:

The minutes were handed out to each member. The members read the minutes. Melissa moved that the secretary report be approved and Anita seconded the report. We voted and they were approved.

Treasurer Report:

We discussed the new proposed budget for the upcoming year. For this year we have \$5984 in the checking account. Also in the Library Fund there is \$3365.65. The treasurer report was approved. We are trying to rebuild and bring

more money in. We have had a little cushion in the past but the budget is getting tighter.

Old Business:

Mendee Kramer spoke about what actually CPTA does in the school. The CPTA has bought the playground equipment. Also we have bought the Rock Wall in the gym. The CPTA also gives the teachers a grant each year to get what they need for their classroom.

We sold 47 movie tickets for the summer movies.

We had 45 bags of school supplies to sell. We had 3 left this year to donate to the teachers. The members of the CPTA decided it was still worth having this program.

The volleyball camp went well and they had 30 participants.

New Business:

We discussed the proposed budget for this year. Janelle Stelter made the motion to approve the budget and Brooke Riedel seconded it. It was voted on and approved by the CPTA.

The Book Fair is September 13th. Kathy Randolph and Mrs. Svaty are in charge of this event this year. If you ever have to copy a flyer please get it approved from Mrs. Sprinkle first. We have lots of donations for the Family Fun Night. We may have a dinner and raffle but not yet sure what will be happening. A committee was formed and they will come back with a report at the next meeting. It is very important that we continue to have this activity at the Elementary School. We have collected a lot of money for the Box Top for Education. Brooke Riedel will take over this activity. Brooke Riedel discussed the possibility for a fundraiser this year. She was wondering if we could try to get donations from people for a fundraiser. Maybe they would donate more money knowing where the money was going. We suggested that we try to do a catalog and the child could also ask for a donation. There were some concerns brought up like we already send our kids to get donations for Jump Rope for Heart and also we are asking for donations to the Cardinal Foundation. She would bring back suggestions to the September meeting for a vote. Dana stated that the meal for Parent Teacher Conferences needed to be brought in September 22nd by 11 o'clock. The cheer clinic is September 23rd and it is called the Cheerpllosion.

Conclusion:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Darcy Bradley and seconded by Anita Bird. It was voted to adjourn. The next meeting is September 19th in the meeting room at 6:30 PM.

KWU FOOTBALL HELPS PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Ell-Saline Elementary has teamed with the Kansas Wesleyan football team this fall to promote reading and its importance. Each week Coach Dave Dallas brings players to read to the students. It has been very successful with the students at the grade school as they look forward to the weekly visits. Coach Dallas also provides football tickets for the KWU home games if the students want to attend.

It has been a great opportunity to link reading and community involvement together.

Submitted by Margaret Shaver

MUSICAL NOTES

Eight Chosen For HOA Instrumental Honors

Seven of the HOA league Band Directors met on Sunday, September 18, in McPherson to choose the elite musicians of the league for the 2011 Heart of America League Honor Band. Eight members of our high school band will represent Ell-Saline at the clinic and concert on November 8 at Berean Academy.

Senior Chanda Williams, junior Emily Work, sophomores Mason DeArvil and Garrett Schuman, and freshmen Levi Holcom, Jacob Hopkins, ToriLynn Miser, and Tabitha Newton are assigned parts and music to learn. Clinician George Naylor will work with the 98 piece band for the afternoon and then, they will perform at a 7:00 concert that evening.

We Need Your Help!!

We would like to put up a wall in our new band room describing the heritage of the Ell-Saline band. If you have group pictures of bands from the past, would you please consider giving Mrs. Grover a copy or letting her make a copy to be included in the wall.

The band has been given a bass drum head from the *Brookville Cornet Band*. Mrs. Grover has searched at the Salina Public Library and the Kansas State Historical Society for a picture of the people in this band but can't find anything. She would like to make that the centerpiece of the wall, but would really like to have a picture. If anyone knows any of the history of this band or has a picture, please share it with us so we can share it with others!

In the process, she found out there are only 10 pictures from Brookville at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka. They would like to have more but depend on donors. If you have a picture you would like to share, they will make copies and return the original to you. Check on their website for the procedure.

Let's keep our heritage alive both here in Brookville and in Topeka.

Jr/Sr High Band to the State Fair

On Monday, September 12, the band loaded up and left at 7:30 a.m. for the Parade of Bands in Hutchinson as part of the State Fair. They stopped in Inman for their first combined practice under the direction of Drum Major Chanda Williams. They earned a silver ribbon and a II rating for their performance as they marched down Hutchinson's Main Street.

Senior Chanda Williams said, "This year was bittersweet for me. It's been a tradition since I was a freshman, but I'll be in college next year and won't be here. We get to be pretty good friends in band, so I will miss it."

Jr/Sr High Band to the K-State Band Day

Members of the junior/senior high bands traveled to Manhattan on September 17. They marched in a parade from McCain Auditorium on the K-State campus, through Aggieville, and down Poyntz to the Mall. Mrs. Grover was very proud of our students because "they were playing as strongly at the end of the parade as they were at the beginning."

After the parade, they went to the Bill Snyder Stadium for a practice. They had to learn where they were supposed to stand as part of the over 2,000 students on the field, how to raise their instruments with the K-State Marching Pride, how to get on and off the field, and how to follow the drum majors standing on stepladders around the field.

They spent the time between their rehearsal and the kick-off watching the teams warm-up, watching the Pride's pre-game performance, and watching the stadium fill with over 107,000 fans. Spencer Kochanowski, Tim Collins, Levi Harapat, and Hunter Hayes went to the top of the stadium. Tim said he had never been that high before.

At half-time, the students ran onto the field into a formation that spelled K S U and played six numbers.

They left for home half-way through the third quarter. Raven Overkamp said, "We were part of the K at half-time. That was the best! It was kind of hard playing with the K-State band because they are so good."

Can You Hear The Drums?

We have 10 drummers in junior and senior high school, so we have started a drumline. Students in drumline practice every Tuesday morning before school.

The four tonal bass drums are played by Keaghan Patrick, Reilly Brin, Levi Harapat, and Kodee Christensen. Kodee and Reilly agreed that the K-State Drumline was awesome because everything was so precise. Kodee said, "We need to work a lot, but we also have a lot in our future. Watching other bands in the parade let me see what we could become." Reilly said, "The K-State tonal bass drums were loud and you could hear the different pitches. They had to be right on the beat. Playing as 1 of 4 parts of an instrument is a lot harder than it looks."

Morgan Parker and Chance Harapat play the 2 field drums and Jackson McKain plays the quads (four drums hooked together). Morgan said, "Having a drumline will make us sound better and more in control. Having new bass drums makes our school look better because we are marching in more parades all the time."

Spencer Maize and Miranda Merrill play the cymbals and Kale Flescher plays the claves. Keaghan Patrick said, "At the parade, people pay attention to our new drums, but we paid attention to other drumlines."

Fifth Grade Band Gets Started

The fifth grade students in band have finally all got horns to play, books to use, and good sounds coming out of their instruments. As Mrs. Grover says, "This is the hardest part of band." Students who are learning to play the flute are Melissa Harrington, Cade Heinrich, and Rylee Schrock; students learning the clarinet are Bryce Kirkpatrick, Kennedy Mick, Preston Myers, Galazia Niehaus, Jacob Stelter, and Clayton White; students learning alto saxophones are Jeb Allen, Grace Stoppel, Curtis Frisbie, and Zaine White; trumpet players are Anthony Brown, Nick Davenport, Patrick Giersch, and Seth Schneider; the French Horn is being learned by Angel McDanel; Blake Bell and Devin Parsons are playing the trombone; Joel Came and Connor Schmeck are playing the baritone; Ian Hays is our tuba player; and Devan Garcia and Karlee LaRue are the percussionists.

Sixth Grade Band Adds Flute Section

In fifth grade, this band didn't have a single flute player and had to adapt when music had flute solos. This year, four girls started band and chose the flute, so now we have a flute section. Two other boys started trumpet, so our band is even bigger this year than it was last year. These students have to learn all of the fifth grade information and try to keep up with the rest of the band who has played a year, and they are doing just that.

Members of the sixth grade flute section are Grace Bowers, Sierra Niehaus, Jennifer Nunez, and Whittney Cayce. Sixth grade clarinets are Cole Bass, Desiree Garman, Jessi Hughes, Madelyn Hayes, Lexi Kochanowski, and Nate Schweitzberger. Returning saxophone players are Mattie Best and Colton White on alto and Avery Bradley on tenor.

Two new trumpet players are Derrell Finch and Landon Howard; returning trumpet players are David Dougherty, Shyanne Dreyer, Bryce Lange, Morgan Linenberger, and Jared Walsh. Zaide Korb and Jordan Werner play baritone. The percussion section rounds out the band with Brody Ditto, Jonah Mattson, Sydney Watters, and Faith Wolf.

We start the year out by reviewing what we learned in 5th grade band and adding some harder pieces in preparation for junior high band. The sixth grade band has already played through the Notre Dame Fight Song, so look for great things from these musicians.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES

At halftime of the football game on Friday, September 9, the Board of Education continued the tradition of recognizing staff members. This program introduces staff members new to the district and recognizes full-time staff members that are returning to the district on 5-year anniversaries and every year past 30. The new staff members receive a USD 307 staff shirt and the returning staff members receive a gift certificate to Gutierrez'.

Board members in attendance to help with the presentation were: President Jeff Parker; Vice-President Anita Bird; Jamie Bradley; John Fouard; Cheryl Higgins; Geena Kejr and Marty Kramer.

New staff members recognized were: Joy Allison, elementary school Title I para; Nathan Burgess, elementary school Physical Education teacher; Spencer Clark, MS/HS custodian; Nikki Davenport, MS Cheerleading sponsor; Josh Farrell, MS Asst. Football coach; Michelle Griffen, MS Cheerleading sponsor; Becky Jones, MS/HS secretary; Kacia Marrs, Jr/Sr English teacher; Cathie Norris, HS Cheerleading sponsor; Katie Novack, HS Asst. Girls' Basketball coach; and Mindy Schneider, kindergarten para professional.

Returning staff members recognized were: 5-year – Kim Barkley, bus driver; Shelly Drees, elementary school para professional; Bonnie Griggs, MS/HS cook; Joan Grover, 5th through 12th instrumental and 7th through 12th vocal instructor; Glenda Minneman, 6th grade teacher; Dawn Peterson, 2nd grade teacher; Andrea Pickering, 5th grade teacher; Curtis Pickering, HS Head Girls' Basketball coach; and Andrea Rhodes, elementary school office aide; 10-year

– Brian Bell, District Technology Facilitator; Laurie Came, HS Asst. Softball coach; Julie Huffmier, HS Head Softball coach; Delisa Nelson, District Nurse; Debbie Toll, MS/HS library aide; 15-year – Margaret Shaver, 4th grade teacher and Stephanie Svaty, 2nd grade teacher; 20-year – Karen Smith, Elementary School secretary; 25-year – Chris Carazo, MS science teacher, Activities and Transportation Director; Janis Holmes, MS math, science and social studies teacher; and Susan Rose, Board Clerk; 32nd-year – Mary Ellen Muninger, 4th grade; and Donna Trowbridge, 1st grade.

The Board of Education welcomed the new staff members and looks forward to the positive contributions they will make, and thanked all of the returning staff for the years of educating our students they have given.



Front Row Left to Right – Curtis Pickering, Andrea Pickering, Kacia Marrs, Cathie Norris, Stephanie Svaty, Glenda Minneman, Karen Smith
Back Row Left to Right – Geena Kejr, Nikki Davenport, Joan Grover, Michelle Griffen, Becky Jones, Laurie Came, Chris Carazo, Shelly Drees, Cheryl Higgins, Andrea Rhodes, Jamie Bradley, Anita Bird, Susan Rose, Debbie Toll, John Fouard, Mary Ellen Muninger, Brian Bell, Marty Kramer

FARM TO SCHOOL AT ELL-SALINE

Early this school year the Ell-Saline students and staff enjoyed cantaloupe, tomatoes, and green peppers from the FFA Garden. We also appreciated cucumbers from the Kejr Family Garden. Thank You For Sharing with us!

Becky Walters, Food Service Director

September Staff Member of the Month

MRS. PHILLIMORE



Amanda Phillimore is the September Staff Member of the Month. She has been a math teacher for 10 and half years. She is also a member of the AdvancED (NCA) Committee and the Steering Committee, and does At-Risk Math Tutoring. She attends First Baptist Church of Lindsborg. In her spare time, Mrs. Phillimore enjoys reading Christian fiction books, online shopping, and playing with her kids.

September Student of the Month

Courtney Reed



Courtney Reed is the September High School Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Tracy and Michelle Hynes. She has 2 sisters, Amanda and Sydney. Courtney is the Junior Class Vice President, PALS/FOR Co-President, a Drama, FCA, and Track member.



She is also an active member of her 4-H Club, the Volunteer Connection, and her Youth Group at First Covenant Church in Salina. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and family and going to Alaska! Her future plans include going to college at Kansas University or Colorado to major in Higher Education Administration.



September Student of the Month

Koby Ingalsbe



Koby Ingalsbe is the September Middle School Student of the Month. He is the son of Kerry and Melina Ingalsbe. He has an older brother named Kalen and younger sister, Kaia. As an 8th grader, Koby is involved in football, basketball, and track. He enjoys playing football and jumping on his trampoline. In his spare time, he mows lawns. In the future, Koby would like to attend Kansas State University to become a lawyer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Oct. 1	5:00-7:00 CPTA Family Fun Night at Ell-Saline Elementary	Oct. 13	6:00 MS FB Bennington @ ES (8th Gr. Parent Night)
Oct. 1	TBA Fr. VB Tourney @ Abilene	Oct. 14	7:00 HS FB @ LaCrosse
Oct. 3	6:00 HS JV FB Ellinwood @ ES	Oct. 15	9:00 MS "B" VB Tourney @ Minneapolis
Oct. 4	Elementary Fall Pictures	Oct. 15	TBA HS VB HOA League @ Sedgwick
Oct. 4	4:00 HS VB @ Trinity Catholic (Bennington)	Oct. 16	National Boss's Day
Oct. 4	6:00 ESIC Meeting	Oct. 17	5:00 HS JV VB Bennington/Minneapolis @ ES
Oct. 5	FFA @ Abilene	Oct. 17	6:30 CPTA Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary
Oct. 5	6:00 MS/HS Site Council Meeting	Oct. 18	TBA MS VB HOA Tourney @ Berean Academy
Oct. 6	4:30 MS VB Marion @ ES	Oct. 18	5:00 HS VB @ Bennington (Quad)
Oct. 6	6:00 MS FB Marion @ ES	Oct. 19-22	National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis
Oct. 6	7:00 HOA Vocal @ TBA	Oct. 20	End of Quarter
Oct. 7	4:30-6:30 MS/HS Open House	Oct. 21	NO SCHOOL—Teacher Workday (8:00-12:00)
Oct. 7	7:00 HS FB Plainville @ ES (Homecoming Night)	Oct. 21	7:00 HS FB Inman @ ES (Senior Parent Night)
Oct. 7	(after the game) Homecoming Dance	Oct. 22	ACT Test Date
Oct. 9	1:30-3:30 Elementary Open House	Oct. 22	TBA HS VB Sub-State
Oct. 9	2:30-4:30 MS/HS Open House	Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Oct. 9	6:30 After-Prom Meeting at Ell-Saline Elementary	Oct. 27	7:00 HS FB @ Moundridge
Oct. 10	5:00 HS JV VB Tourney @ Sacred Heart	Oct. 28	NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service Day
Oct. 10	6:00 "C" VB @ Inman	Oct. 28-29	HS VB State @ Emporia
Oct. 10	6:00 HS JV FB @ Inman	Oct. 31	8:30 Elementary Halloween Parade/Parties
Oct. 10	7:00 BOE Meeting at Ell-Saline District Office	Oct. 31	Halloween
Oct. 10	Columbus Day—Observed	Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Oct. 11	5:00 HS VB Beloit/Canton-Galva @ ES	Nov. 2	MS/HS Fall Picture Retakes
Oct. 12	6:30 KU Honors Dinner at Salina Country Club	Nov. 3	FFA @ Linn/Rock Hills/Clyde
Oct. 12	Columbus Day	Nov. 3	6:30-8:00 CPTA Sock Hop
Oct. 13	KMEA Auditions	Nov. 4	TBA HS FB Regionals
Oct. 13	4:30 MS VB Bennington @ ES	Nov. 5	HS KMEA

BROOKVILLE LABOR DAY 5K RESULTS

12 and under Gals Tabitha Deines 22.11 Sydney Omli 26.31 Baleigh Griffin 38.27	13-19 Gals Sesely Omli 27.48 Jordan Weems 27.49 Paige Johnson 29.56	20-29 Gals Kimbree Wright 31.36 Shelby Leister 45.44	40-49 Gals Beth Deins 27.39 Lisa Eastep 45.44	50-59 Guys Rick Chavez 23.48
12 and under Guys Kaden Griffin 27.53 Nick Davenport 34.24 Keegan Griffin 34.26	13-19 Guys Toby Omli 22.24 Nick Griffin 34.24	30-39 Gals Katie Burt 23.21 Nikki Davenport 28.02 Michelle Griffin 51.16	40-49 Guys Tom Omli 22.35 Al Chavez 22.56 Tim Deines 23.03	60-69 Gals Sue Procina 43.54
				60-69 Guys Jerry Minneman 25.43

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