

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome to 2011! I hope that over the holidays you had time to enjoy family and friends. Travel conditions during the holiday season were much better this year than last. Since then we've had some bitter cold days and some moisture that caused travel concerns but I guess that just goes with winter. In a few weeks spring will be here and I'm looking forward to the warmer, clearer weather conditions that usually come with it.

Along with the certainty of winter weather this time of year is the annual reconvening of the state legislature. A difference this year is that there are many new faces in Topeka and it will be interesting to see how everyone works together and what their agenda will be. Again this year there is the monumental task of addressing the state's budget deficit. Governor Brownback has laid out his plan of addressing it which is to reduce spending and eliminate some government agencies. Some House members are following suit by proposing legislation that also would cut spending as well as reducing revenue by repealing the 1% sales tax enacted last year. Governor Brownback has made it known that he is proposing more money be spent on K-12 education this year than what was last year. That is correct.....but misleading. He is proposing more money specifically for KPERS, special ed and bonded indebtedness (Bond & Interest). None of that additional money can be used to help the students in the classroom. If the Governor's proposal is approved then school districts would see a \$75 decrease on the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) yet this year and another \$157 decrease next year. For us that would amount to approximately \$185,000 in dollars that could have been used to provide needed classroom resources.

It has also been rumored that there will be a proposal to again raise the LOB limit so that districts can locally decide to raise more money. This is simply an attempt for the legislators to claim that they didn't raise taxes when, in reality, they did. However, not at an even rate across the state since some districts have a considerably higher assessed valuation than do others and, therefore, have the ability to raise more dollars at a lower mill levy. If an increased responsibility of funding education is passed on to local districts there will be an ever widening disparity in the ability to provide a quality education between districts based on their ability to raise more money locally. Where somebody lives will definitely determine the quality of education their children will receive.

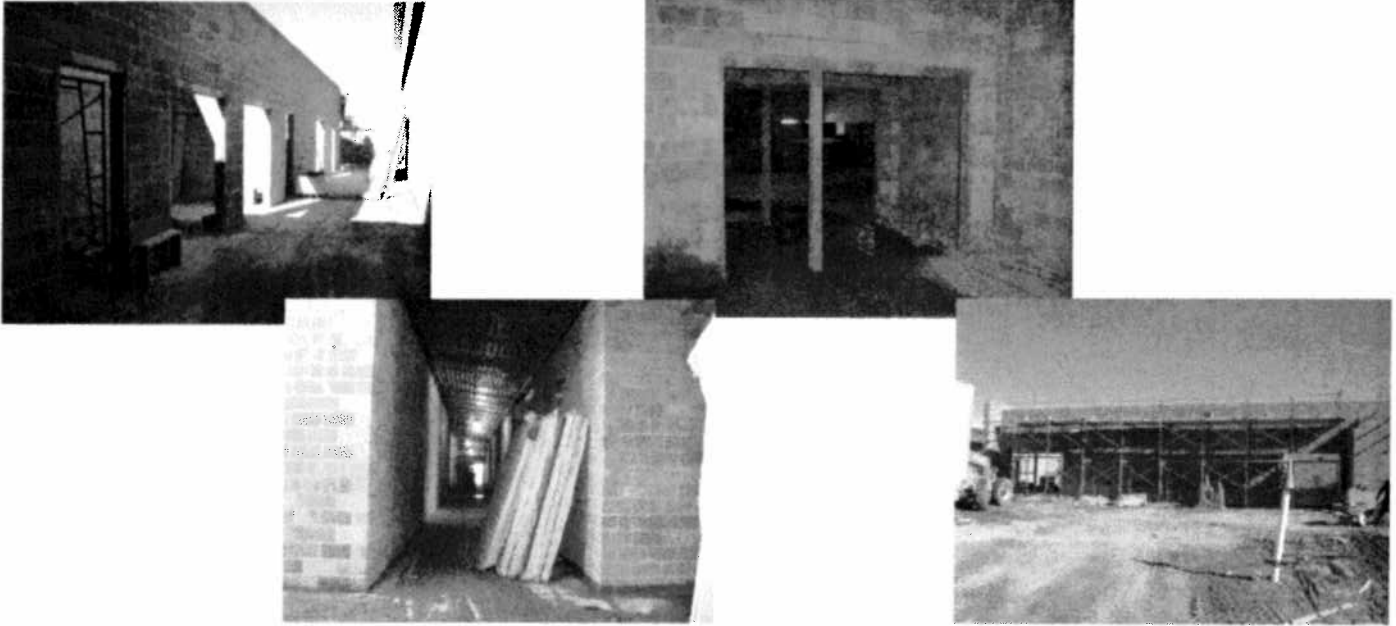
If you are concerned about the future of our schools, public education in general, or any of the other quality of life programs that are funded by the State of Kansas, I encourage you to contact your legislators and express your concern to them. We, as school administrators and board members have been doing so for several years and our comments often fall on deaf ears. The biggest impact comes when they hear from you the parents, patrons, constituents and voters. Again, I encourage you to contact them! For the future of our state, it is important.

Fortunately for our district and community our school board and administration have exercised fiscal responsibility in past years that has cushioned us for times such as these. However, it was impossible to be completely prepared for the times we are in. As our resources get ever tighter locally we will have to make some difficult decisions. More of the reductions looked at last year will be implemented and we will begin to use our Contingency Reserve. Our school board and administrators feel strongly that education comes first. Any resource reallocation that occurs will have that in mind. However, regardless of what changes we have to make, they will have a negative impact on our students' education. The responsibility of educating the youth of our community is something that your school board, administration and faculty take seriously. As we work through these difficult economic times we will strive to continue providing the outstanding education you have come to expect from USD 307. We will continue to make financial decisions that balance fiscal responsibility and the highest quality of education.

Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the Ell-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that your children continue to receive a quality education.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PICTURES

Even with the few bitter cold and snowy days of this past month a considerable amount of progress was made on our construction project. At the elementary school practically all of the exterior walls and roof decking are in place and work has begun on the interior classroom walls. At the middle/high school considerable work has been completed on the exterior commons area walls as well as the music room and concessions stand interior walls. A temporary inside walkway between the main building and the gymnasium has been erected to aid in getting from one to the other during these winter months.










The above pictures are of some of the block work that has been done at the elementary school.









The above pictures are of the block work that has been completed for the new commons area and of the concrete poured for the floor of the restroom, locker room and weight room addition.





31 Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday
	MACARONI & CHEESE SMOKIES SWEET PEAS BREAD BANANA HALF MILK 	PORK RIB ON A BUN LAYS CHIPS WHOLE GRAIN CORN BAKED APPLE CRISP MILK 	CHILI WHOLE GRAIN CHIPS CELERY & CUCUMBERS CINNAMON ROLL APPLESAUCE MILK 	Elementary- Biscuits & Gravy Sausage, Tri Tater, Orange Half, Milk MSHS- Corn Dog Ranch Fries Baked Beans, 

7 Monday	8 Tuesday	9 Wednesday	10 Thursday	11 Friday
GRILL CHICKEN WRAP LETTUCE & TOMATO FRESH BROCCOLI CRISP APPLE WEDGES MILK 	PASTA & MEAT SAUCE SPINACH SALAD DICED PEACHES GARLIC BREAD WG SUGAR COOKIE MILK 	PIG IN A BLANKET TRI TATER BAKED BEANS ORANGE SLICES MILK	NO SCHOOL CONFERENCES	NO SCHOOL 

14 Monday	15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday	17 Thursday	18 Friday
<i>Valentine's Day</i> SWEET HEART CHICKEN CUPID ARROW FRIES YOUR CUTE CORN RUBY RED APPLESAUCE BE MINE BREADSTICK I AM YOUR'S MILK 	TOSTADA LETTUCE & SALSA SLICED PEARS PUMPKIN BARS BREAD STICK MILK	SAUSAGE PIZZA TOSSED SALAD PINEAPPLE CHUNKS ICE CREAM CUP MILK 	BIEROCK TRI TATER COLESLAW ORANGE SLICE MILK	BEEF & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS MIXED FRUIT WHEAT ROLL & JELLY MILK 

21 Monday	22 Tuesday	23 Wednesday	24 Thursday	25 Friday
<i>President's Day</i> BEEF RAVIOLI TOSSED SALAD DICED PEACHES GARLIC BREAD RANGER COOKIE MILK 	CRISPITO & CHEESE LETTUCE, SALSA SEASONED RICE APPLE SAUCE BREAD STICK MILK 	National - Banana Bread Day COUNTRY BEEF PATTY POTATOES & GRAVY STEAMED BROCCOLI ORANGE SLICE WHEAT ROLL & JELLY BANANA CAKE, MILK	CHEESEY HAMBURGER HELPER GREEN BEANS BERRIES & BANANA'S BREAD STICK MILK <i>3-A-Day™ of Dairy for Stronger Bones</i>	TURKEY & CHEESE SUB SUN CHIPS CARROT STICKS CRISP APPLE QUARTER MILK 

28 Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday
CHICKEN ON A BUN LETTUCE & TOMATO TATER TOTS BANANA HALF MILK 	TACO PIZZA LETTUCE & SALSA SWEET CORN APPLESAUCE MILK <i>Ahh, the power of Cheese.</i>	National Pancake Week PANCAKES & SYRUP SLICED HAM TRI TATER WARM SPICEY APPLES MILK	ITALIAN DUNKERS CHEESE BREAD TOSSED SALAD APRICOTS WACKY CAKE MILK	

★ ★ **BREAKFAST LUNCH AMOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY** ★ ★

Elementary- Breakfast \$4.20 Lunch \$40.50
MS/HS- Breakfast \$27.00 Lunch \$43.20 Adult L- \$2.90
Reduced- Breakfast \$5.40 Lunch \$7.20 Extra Milk- .35



Racin' for Reed



5K Fun Run/ 2 Mile Walk

February 26th, 2011

9:00 AM

Bill Burke

(Race will be run on Dike)

Kids Fun Run at 8:30

Come support Reed Krone and his family as one year old Reed is fighting a malignant Rhabdoid tumor on his liver.

Registration at the starting line beginning at 7:45AM on the 26th

Registration fee by donation.

Shirts will also be available for purchase by donation.

If interested in purchasing a shirt, please email Marie Taylor your shirt size by February 5th.

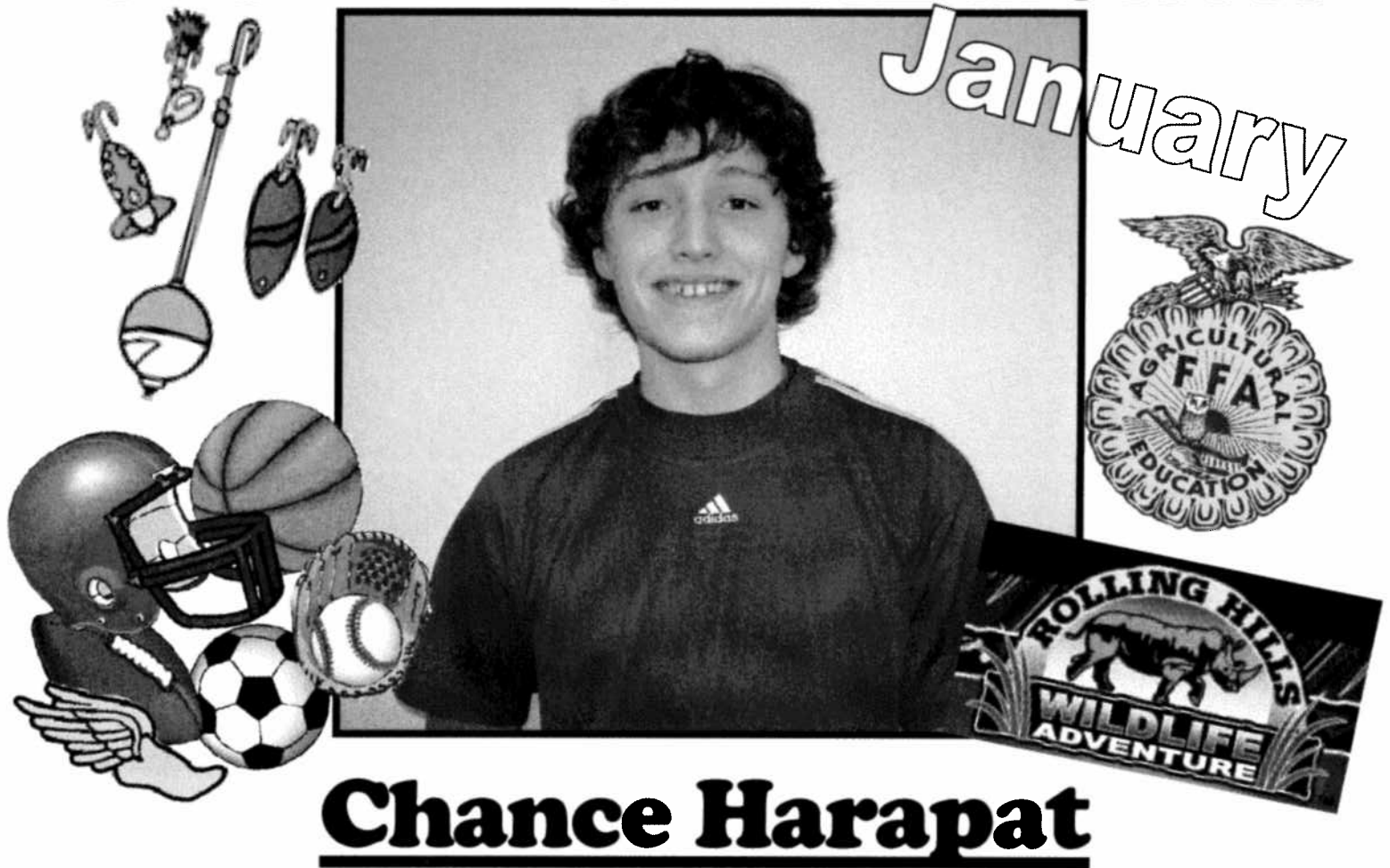
Strollers, dogs, children welcome and encouraged.

Proceeds will go directly to the Krone family.

Questions? Please call

Marie Taylor 785-819-6178, mariek.taylor@gmail.com or
Emily Walker at or 785-342-1236, emilycole16@hotmail.com

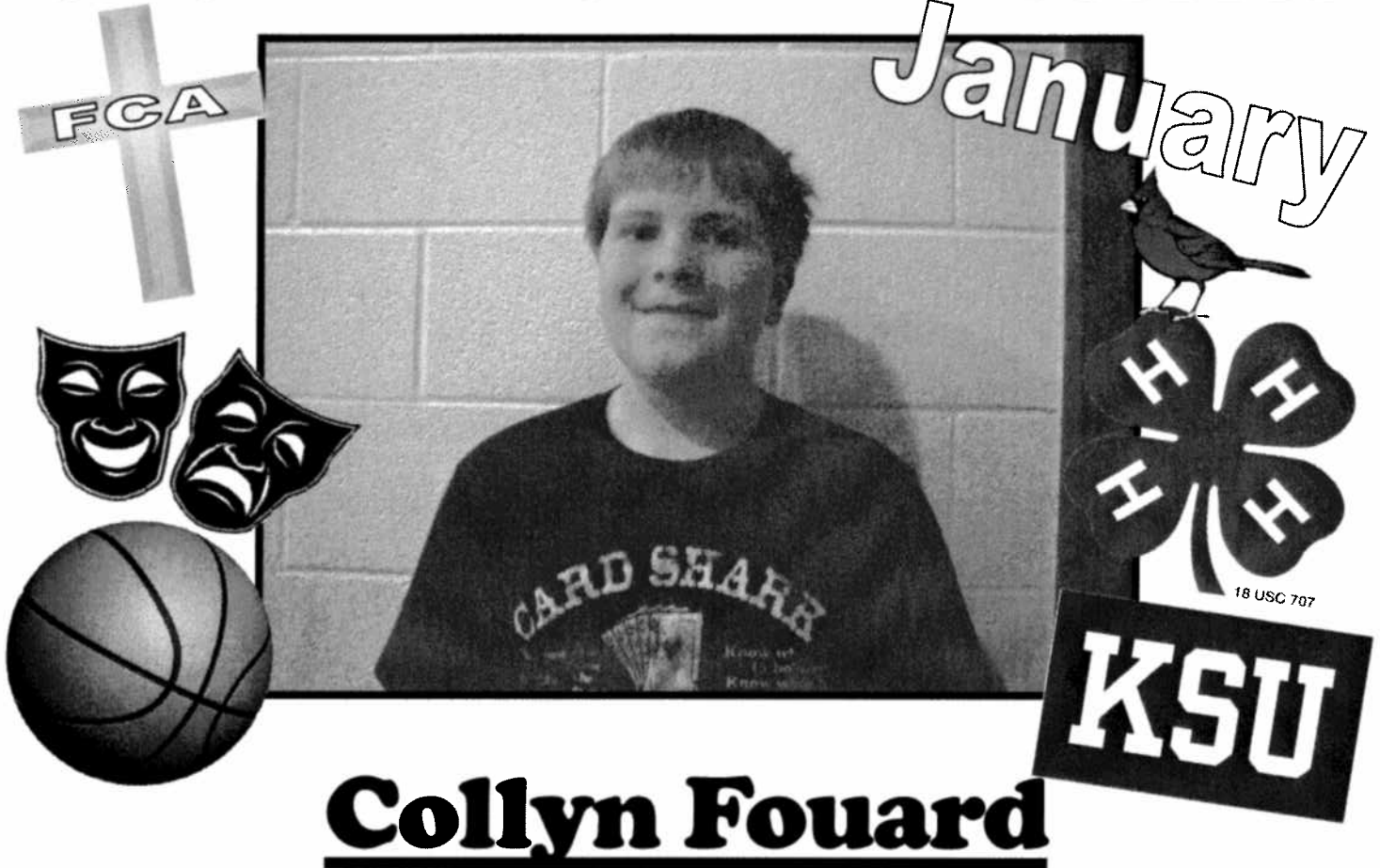
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Chance Harapat

Chance Harapat is the high school student of the month. He is a freshman and is the son of Chris and Paula Harapat. Chance has two brothers, Levi and Brandon. He participates in football, track, FFA, and band. In his free time, Chance enjoys sports, swimming, and fishing and even volunteered at Rolling Hills Refuge last year. Chance's future plans are undecided, but he is interested in being an engineer.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Collyn Fouard

Collyn Fouard is the middle school student of the month. Collyn is in 8th grade and is the son of John and Amber Fouard. He has two brothers, Cain and Carson. Collyn participates in basketball, FFA, FCA, and Drama. He is also involved in Green Team, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, and is a member of the Rachel's Challenge core group. Outside of school, he enjoys hunting, attending youth group at Salina Heights Christian Church, and being involved in 4-H. Collyn is the Cardinal 4-H Club President and the Reporter for the Central Kansas District Executive Council. Collyn's future plans are to attend Kansas State University.

ESH AFTER PROM COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE
**2011 CO-ED WINTER CLASSIC
DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!!**

PRIZES
AWARDED FOR
CHAMPIONSHIP
TEAM
&
RUNNER-UP

\$2.00/PERSON
ADMISSION FOR
SPECTATORS
CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE!!



***DON'T
FORGET
YOUR 5 D'S!
DODGE,
DIP, DUCK,
DIVE AND
DODGE!!***

WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2011

WHERE: ELL-SALINE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL, BROOKVILLE, KS

TIME: 1ST GAME STARTS @ 12:00PM

COST: \$10.00 PER PLAYER

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE!!

VISIT WWW.ELLSALINE.ORG TO PRINT YOUR TEAM ROSTER!

QUESTIONS? CALL LISA @ 785-820-6492 OR JENNIFER @ 785-826-6222

RULES:

TEAMS MUST BE MADE UP OF AT
LEAST 6, WITH NO MORE THAN 10 -
FIRST 12 TEAMS ARE GUARANTEED
A SPOT IN TOURNEY!

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 FEMALE
PLAYERS IN EACH GAME

PLAYERS MUST BE IN GRADES 7TH
THRU 12TH TO PLAY

BRACKETS & OFFICIAL RULES
WILL BE SENT TO TEAM CAPTAIN'S
EMAIL 1 WEEK PRIOR TO
TOURNAMENT DATE

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE ON ROSTER
AND SIGNATURE (UNDER 18 NEEDS
PARENT SIGNATURE) MUST BE
INCLUDED!

GET YOUR DODGE ON!!

ESH AFTER PROM COMMITTEE

**2011 CO-ED WINTER CLASSIC
DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER**

Please fill out roster information for 6-10 players, including signatures for each player (players under 18 yrs of age must have parent sign), and mail with each player's payment to: Jennifer Colgrove, 1017 Vassar Dr., Salina, KS 67401. Make checks payable to Ell-Saline After Prom. 1st 12 teams to complete roster and make payment will be guaranteed a spot in the tournament!!

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Team Members:

Captain: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Signature: _____

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Release and Waiver:

Please read this carefully. I am aware that in signing up and participating in this dodge ball tournament, I will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which I or my minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this tournament. In addition, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this tournament, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. Furthermore, I understand injuries may result not only from my own action, inaction or negligence but also the action, inaction, or negligence of others and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have, (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this tournament, against Ell-Saline USD 305, the Ell-Saline USD 305 After Prom, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees. I further specifically release the Ell-Saline, USD 305 School District, from any responsibility for negligence in planning, conducting and/or supervising any and all dodge ball tournament activities. I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk, and waiver and release of all claims.

ESH AFTER PROM COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE
**2011 ELEMENTARY CLASSIC
DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!!**

PRIZES AWARDED FOR

**1ST PLACE TEAM
&
RUNNER-UP**

**\$2.00 ADMISSION FOR
SPECTATORS**



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**TEAMS CAN BE CO-ED OR ALL
BOYS/GIRLS**

**PLAYERS MUST BE IN GRADES 4TH
THROUGH 6TH**

**ALL TEAMS NEED A PARENT SPONSOR
TO ENSURE ALL PLAYER PARENTS
SIGN PERMISSION FORM**

**BRACKETS AND ELEMENTARY RULES
WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENT
SPONSORS**

Each elementary team needs to have a team captain (child) along with a parent sponsor. The parent sponsor helps to ensure all permission slips are filled out and returned to the school by making calls to other parents as needed.

Please fill out your child's team information below, sign the permission slip and return this bottom portion, along with the \$10.00 per player entry fee, to the elementary school office. Make checks payable to Ell-Saline After Prom.

Team Name: _____
Team Captain: _____
Parent Sponsor _____
Participating Child's Name _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Release and Waiver:

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I, _____, have read the release and waiver above and give permission for my child,
_____, to participate in the ESH 2010 Elementary Classic Dodgeball Tournament.
Participating Child's Parent Signature: _____

ESH AFTER PROM COMMITTEE

2011 ELEMENTARY CLASSIC DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER

This form is to be filled out by the teams "Parent Sponsor". Each player should have a signed permission slip attached to this roster (found at the bottom of tournament flyer). All permission slips & team roster should be turned in together, along with individual payments. Parent Sponsor is responsible for collection of individual player fee's (\$10.00 each), communication to other team members/parents about rules/game times/team attire/etc.

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Parent Sponsor: _____

Parent Sponsor Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent Sponsor E-Mail Address: _____

Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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