

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

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

Thank you to everyone that returned the Technology Survey sent to you. To date we've received back only 30% of them. I appreciate the time that those of you took to fill them out and return them to us. Your input is important as we continue to evaluate our technology program and future needs. Overall, the surveys indicate a strong support for providing multiple technologies for students that, in turn, provide students with new learning opportunities. Along with having up-to-date hardware and software it was also noted that providing training for teachers was equally important.

Now that the 2009-2010 school year is over you might be wondering just how our schools did this year in meeting NCLB and QPA standards. Did we make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)? Did our students have good attendance? Did we meet the Proficiency Standard on the State Assessments? Are our schools accredited? Although preliminary indications look very positive, the official report card will not come out until sometime next fall. You can, however, find the answers to these questions and others for last year (2008-2009) on our annual Report Card compiled by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). If you would care to look at the entire Report Card you can go to our website and click on either the "Elementary" or "Middle/High School" tabs. Although our last year's report is very positive with several classes having met the Standard of Excellence criteria, we anticipate that this year's, when it finally comes out next fall, will be even better.

This summer will be a busy time around both buildings with construction going full speed while school is not in session. When everyone returns in August it is anticipated that there will be a considerable amount of change that you will see. However, the entire project will not be completed at that time and we will still be making adjustments to accommodate the space that we will have available. It is estimated that the shop addition and office complex area at the MS/HS will be completed before school starts next year; the MS/HS cafeteria/commons area and the elementary school addition will be completed during the school year; and the locker room, restroom and weight room areas will be completed prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year. Although the shop addition is expected to be completed this summer we are considering that space for the weight room next school year as we don't have any other good locations for it to move to while waiting for the new weight room to be completed. At this time next year, the majority of the work will be completed.

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

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing your children back with us in the fall. Enrollment is July 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The first day of classes is Wednesday, August 25.

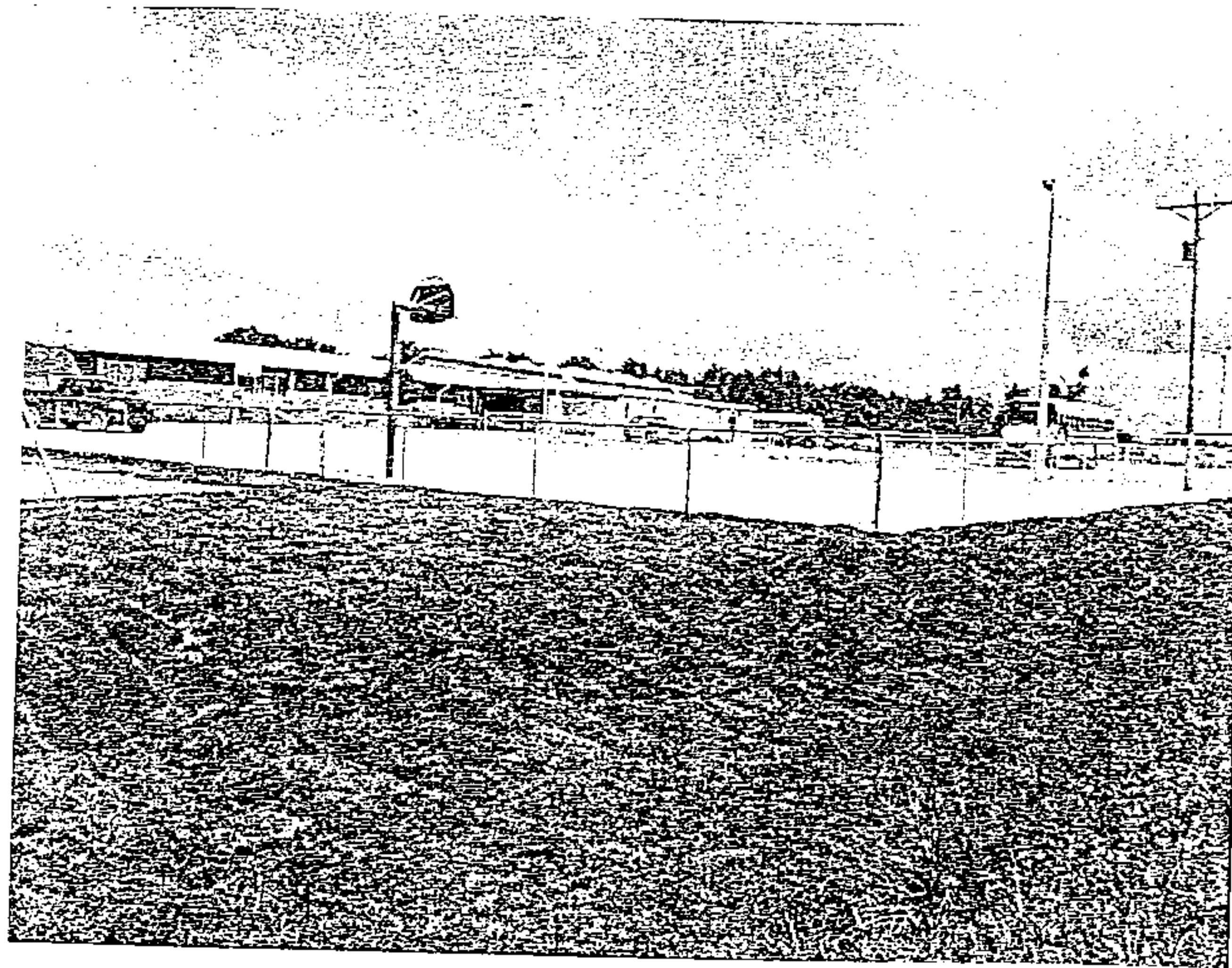
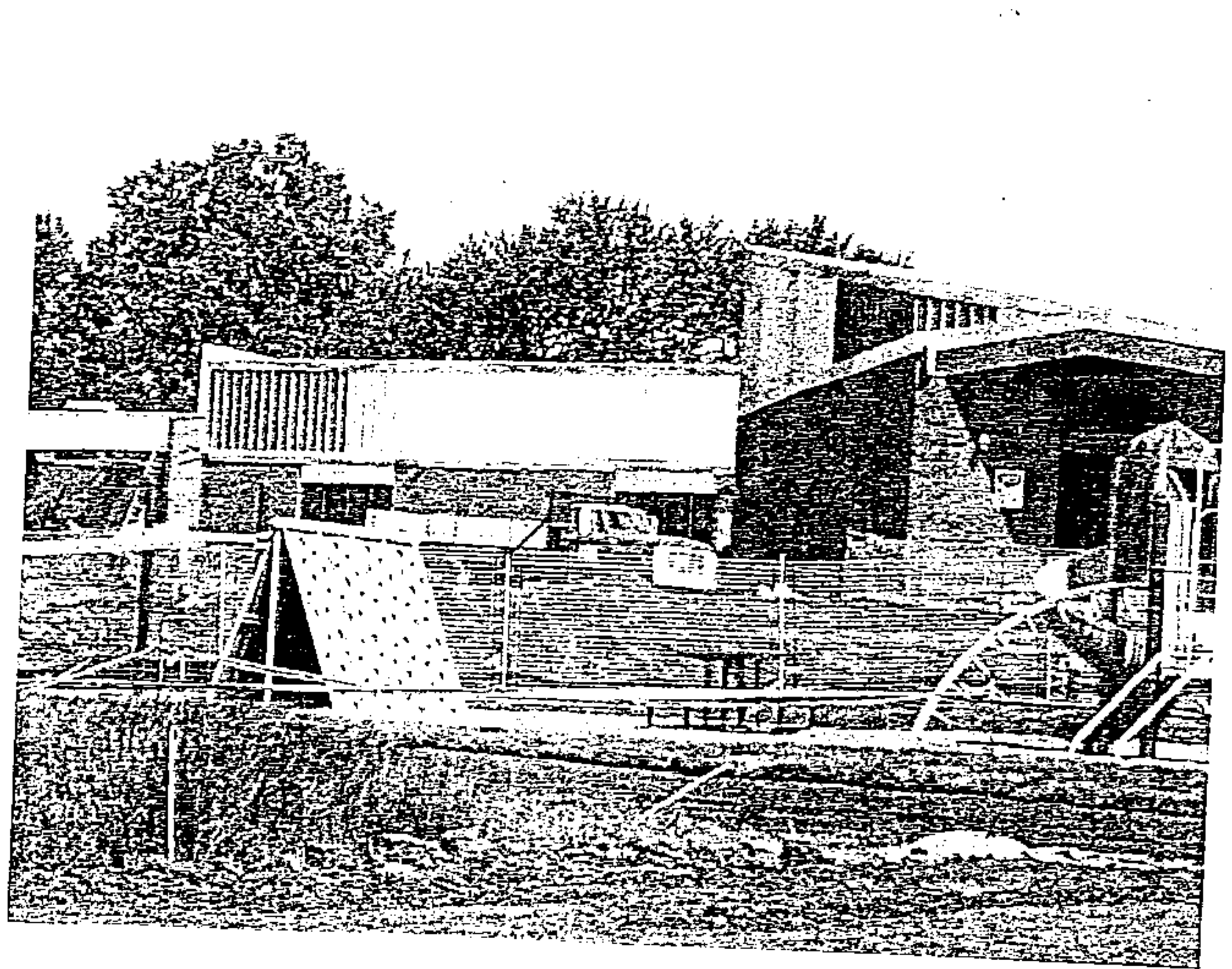
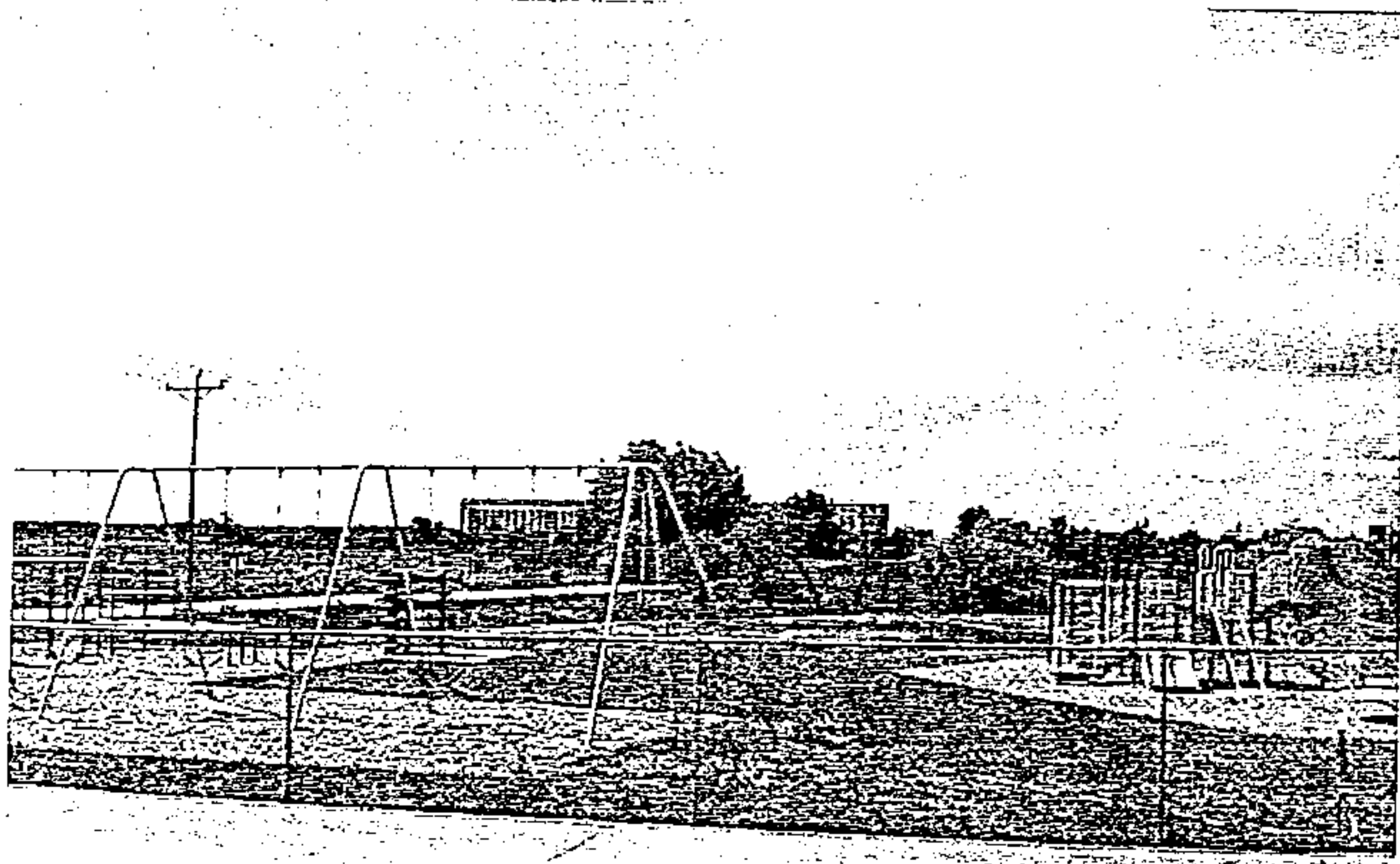
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

This past month provided many good days for progress to be made.

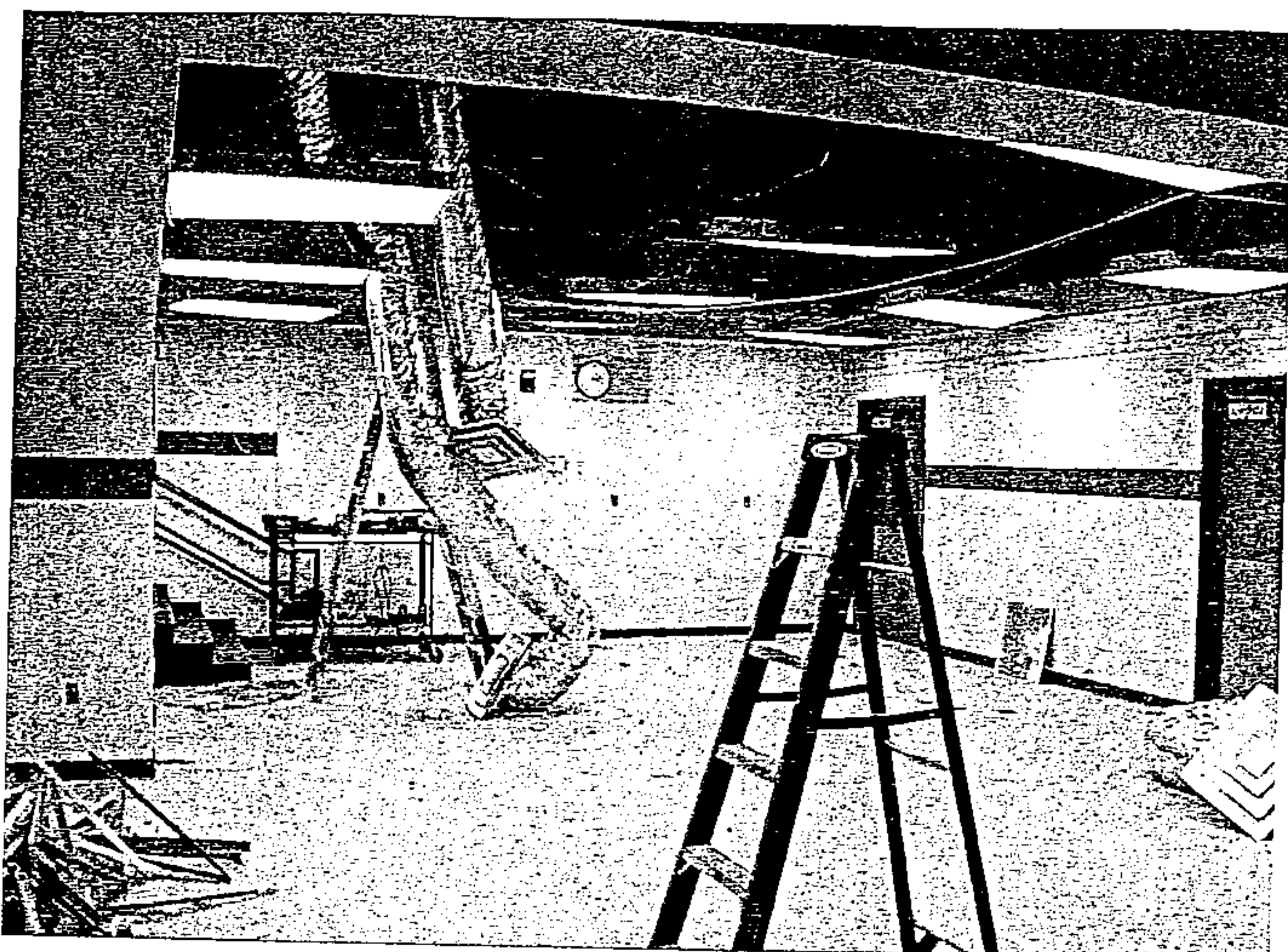
At the elementary school the playground equipment has been set up and the sod has been laid. The basketball goals have been installed on the new parking lot/concrete playground pad. Excavating continues as the grass playground area is being elevated/leveled in preparation for planting grass. The majority of the roof overbuild is completed. Utility and other work continues in the area where the addition will be located. Windows will be removed this summer from the rooms that will be against the new addition. Work this summer will concentrate primarily on the new addition.

At the MS/HS most of the utilities have now been relocated. Core pilings are being drilled. Considerable excavation has taken place both in the front of the building and on the north lot. The hallway to the west of the old gymnasium and the concession stand has been removed. Work this summer will concentrate on remodeling of the current weight room and the office areas, the commons/cafe area, and the shop expansion.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PICTURES



The above pictures are of the new playground area at the elementary school with the equipment in place and the sod laid. The concrete playground/parking lot has the basketball goals installed. The picture in the upper right hand corner also shows the roof overbuild where it will adjoin the new gym.



The cafeteria are at the MS/HS as the workers are preparing for remodeling.



The front of the MS/HS with the concession stand and hallway demolished as well as dirt excavating.

FOURTH QUARTER RENAISSANCE READERS

Eli-Saline Elementary students finished the year on a successful note as the majority of them met their points and percentage goals in AR. Their hard work is well rewarded as their reading skills improve with all their practice and they have the satisfaction of a job well done. Students who met their goals for the 4th quarter are listed by grade.

First grade: Karter Adam, Victoria Arceo, Gavynn Diehl, Reece Ditto, Hailey Garman, Brandon Harapat, Lakota Heinrich, Thalia Herrman, Madison Holcom, Michael Jacquart, Jordan Livingston, Nathan Maize, Trevor Peterson, Gage Pierce, Prairie Robbins, Jared Russell, Corbin Schneider, Nadiah White, Nolan White, Faith Zachary, Hannah Backhus, Shepard Basinger, Colton Bell, Meredith Best, Austin Bird, Katelyn Brandt, Kylar Dewhirst, Keenan Drees, Jenna Henderson, Garrette Holcom, Eli Hopkins, Rianne Jordan, Sophia Martinez, Aidan Parks, Treyton Peterson, Cole Schneider, Lakyn Short, Jackson Walker, and Myles Work.

Second grade: Owen Bradley, Angel Cardona, Ty Chalmers, Gabby Diehl, Kayleigh Hobby, Coleson Hopkins, Sydney Hynes, Erin Lange, Katrina Nelson, Cale Northcutt, Trenton Parks, Eric Rincon, Haley Torres, Caleb Umscheid, Caden White, Connor Anglin, Macala Base, Alison Bird, Wyatt Cell, Karah Dougherty, Seth Flesher, Kaden Griffin, Wyatt Hayes, Noah Hopkins, Sawyer Kramer, Taylor Lewis, Mia O'Shea, Luke Parks, Rose Pearson, Lydia Rick, and Ashton Travis.

Third grade: Joel Came, Nickolas Davenport, Patrick Giersch, Addison Harvey, Ian Hays, Cade Heinrich, Kennedy Mick, Chase Parks, Seth Schneider, Jacob Stelter, Grace Stoppel, Zaine White, Jeb Allen, Blake Bell, Michael Burke, Christian Carrazco, Mason Henderson, Angel McDanel, Logan Roush, Connor Schmeck, Rylee Schrock, Jaya Simmons, Clayton White, and Dylan White.

Fourth grade: Branson Basinger, Grace Bowers, Joshua Brandt, Spencer Came, Emma Castelli, Brody Ditto, Mason Farrell, Desiree Garman, Madelyn Hayes, Hunter Kindlesparger, Zaide Korb, Morgan Linenberger, Makayla Miller, Malik Myers, Sydney Phillips, Jordan Werner, Faith Wolf, Ethan Alvarez, Cole Base, Mattie Best, Avery Bradley, Shyanne Dreyer, Derek Gropp, Jessi Hughes, Lexi Kochanowski, Bryce Lange, Alyssa Mangels, Jonah Mattson, Cheyanne Monasmith, Jennifer Nunez, Nathan Parks, Tel Phelps, Nathan Schweitzberger, Murphy Seim, Myah Ward, Colton White, and Matthew Wilvers.

Fifth grade: Duncan Anglin, Reilly Brin, Kyle Came, Kodee Christensen, Cody Clancy, Tanier Clifford, Morgan Davenport, Katie Edgerton, Baleigh Griffin, Hunter Hayes, Tempest Henry, Kylee Jones, Milah Linenberger, Madison Mick, Klayton Rick, Adriana Rodriguez, Amanda Schneider, Madison Schuman, Tyler Weems, Miranda Work, Tifanie Becker, Bailey Chermak, Kale Flesher, Levi Harapat, Evan Irish, Riley McKain, Megan Northcutt, Emily Oberle, Sydney Omli, Kadi Relph, Alex VonLintel, Emily Wagner, and Vaiden White.

Sixth grade: Rosanna Arias, Reagan Basinger, Devin Bowers, Noah Bradley, Cameron Darr, Riley Drees, Arelia Herrman, Jordan Holcom, Andrea Howard, Morgan Kindlesparger, Spencer Maize, Morgan Parker, Matthew Parks, Tova Plumer, Luke Sheridan, Katelynn Winter, Katie Adam, Ashlyn Bird, Kody Came, Adrian Castelli, Tim Collins, Stalee Diehl, Fernando Garcia, Jessica Henderson, Koby Ingalsbe, Spencer Kochanowski, Kimberly McCready, Chance Miller, Yadira Nunez, Keaghan Patrick, and Catelyn Richards.

CELEBRATE READING!

Friday, May 7 students in grades 3-5 along with teachers and staff boarded buses headed for *The City*. After a stop at Sunset Park for lunch, the celebration officially began with snacks, games, contests, and an afternoon out of school. Students who met their AR goals with 85% comprehension for the year were rewarded for their efforts with this celebration. The staff at *The City* complimented the students on their behavior and added that they might have read more as students if their schools had done fun activities for them. Good job ESE students! Keep reading this summer!

Tuesday, May 11 first and second graders celebrated their reading achievements with Game Day. Throughout the afternoon, students moved through a variety of games and activities with their classmates. Teachers and parent volunteers led the games and helped as the students enjoyed Bingo, dancing, hair painting, a food craft, and more. These children deserved an afternoon off, and they enjoyed every minute of it. Of course reading is a reward in itself but a little celebration is always welcome. Great work first & second graders.

PARTY IN THE PARK...RAIN OR SHINE

Monday, May 10 fifteen students from grades 2-5 enjoyed a few hours of freedom at the Friendship Center since it was too wet to go to the park. Domino's delivered pizza for them to enjoy when they took a break from playing, and a stop at the Dairy Queen was just the right ending for the outing. This celebration was Party in the Park. Students in sixth grade must earn 200 AR points, fifth graders need 175 points, fourth graders have to have 150 points, and for second and third graders, it takes 125 points to earn a party in the park. This year, Morgan Parker, Kody Came, Riley Drees, Duncan Anglin, Baleigh Griffin, Miranda Work, Emily Wagner, Levi Harapat, Morgan Linenberger, Colton White, Jeb Allen, Clayton White, Kayleigh Hobby, Connor Anglin, and Caden White earned enough points to attend. We appreciate the support of CPTA for this and our other reading celebrations. Our students are fortunate to have these opportunities.

ESE TOP AR READERS

Each year, three students are recognized for earning the most AR points throughout the year. When students earn 125 points, their pictures are placed on a chart so we can watch their progress and cheer them on. It always seems to spark a little competition between the top readers. That was the case this year, with the 2nd and 3rd place readers finishing within just a few points of each other. Our top reader, however, was able to stay out of the range of the competitors. In fact, he broke previous school records for most AR points earned in a school year. According to his latest TOPS report, he read 5,265,112 words to set his own record. Congratulations are well deserved by Emily Wagner with 336.8 points, Miranda Work with 341 points, and Colton White with 809.5 AR points for the 2009-2010 school year. These students are just in fourth and fifth grade. Imagine what we might see next year!!



SMOKY HILL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Ell-Saline

Parents as Teachers

Parent Educator: Aimee McDaniel 785-825-9185

Self-discipline is critical to your child's success in school and in life

The dreams you have for your child—and that he has for himself—depend, in part, on his self-discipline. Will he behave well? Will he get along with others? Will he be responsible? Will he overcome challenges?

To encourage self-discipline:

Set limits. As your child grows, family rules will change. But they should match his age and abilities. Be sure to enforce key rules consistently. Otherwise your expectations will become confusing.

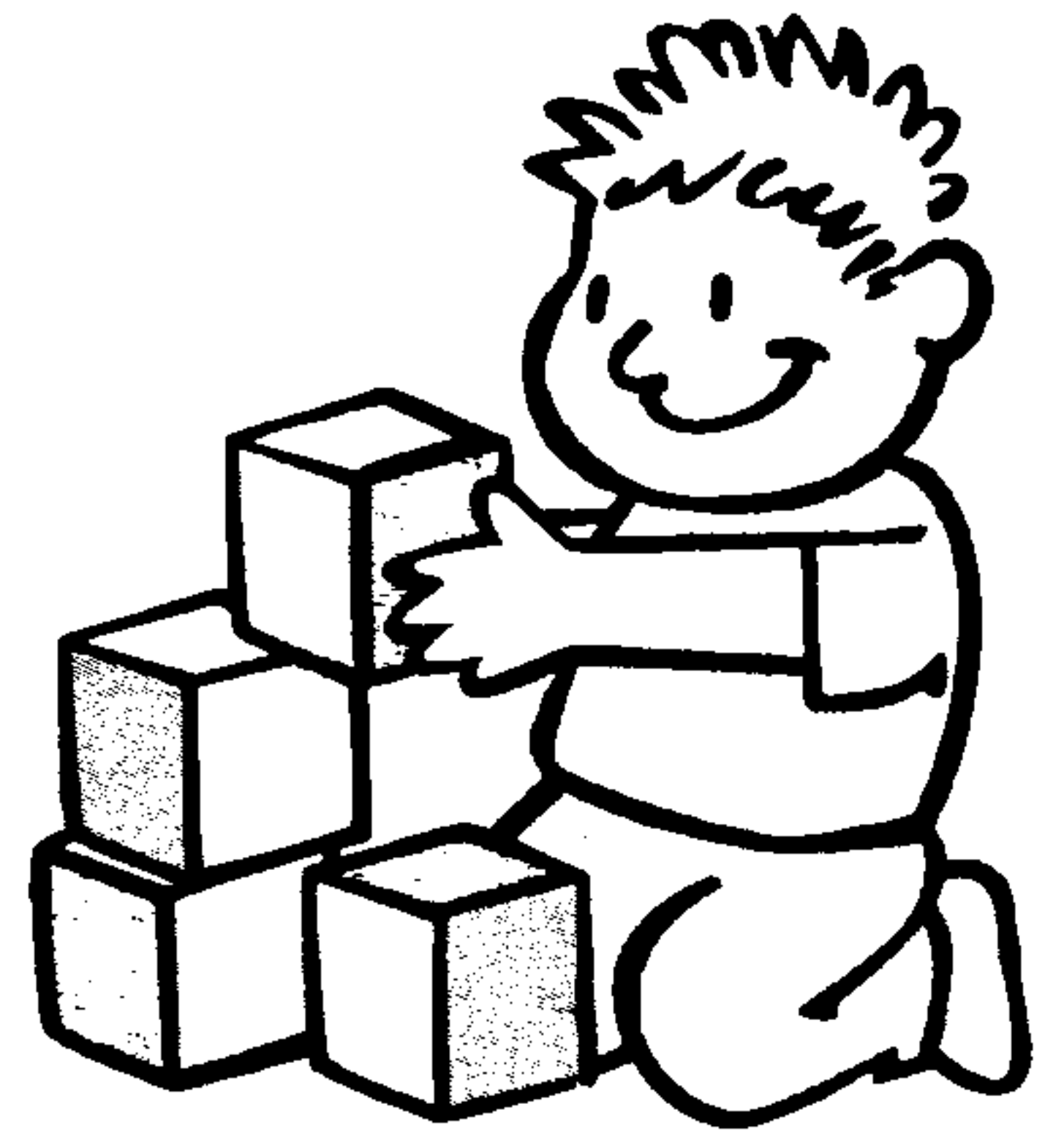
Be clear. Instead of, "Clean your room," say, "Make your bed and stack your blocks in the corner." Explain possible results: "When you're finished, we can leave for the park," or "Toys left out are taken away for a day."

Use consequences. Kids learn from their successes, and failures. Stick to rules you make, but let your child make minor decisions, even if you disagree with them. He might spend his allowance too quickly, for example, but he'll learn from this mistake.

Solve problems. Work through difficulties together. Avoid yelling and interrupting. Focus on respect and solutions. Meanwhile, give your child chances to solve problems himself, with your guidance when needed.

Be a role model. You are your child's most important teacher.

Source: Ann Hamilton, "Raising Tomorrow's Adults: Teaching Children Self-Control and Self-Responsibility," University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension



Games to Play with Babies

By Jackie Silberg

THE FLOATING GAME

- Gather together scarves, cloth belts and anything else that you can throw into the air to float down slowly.
- Sit on the floor with your baby.
- Throw the first item into the air. Scarves are good to begin with. As it floats back down, extend your arms to catch it.
- Throw the scarf into the air again and tell the baby to catch it. Hold her arms out so that the scarf falls into her arms.
- Continue playing with the different items you selected. The baby will soon try to catch them herself.



What your baby will learn:

Hand-eye coordination

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

BIG TRUCKS/EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Tuesday, June 8th

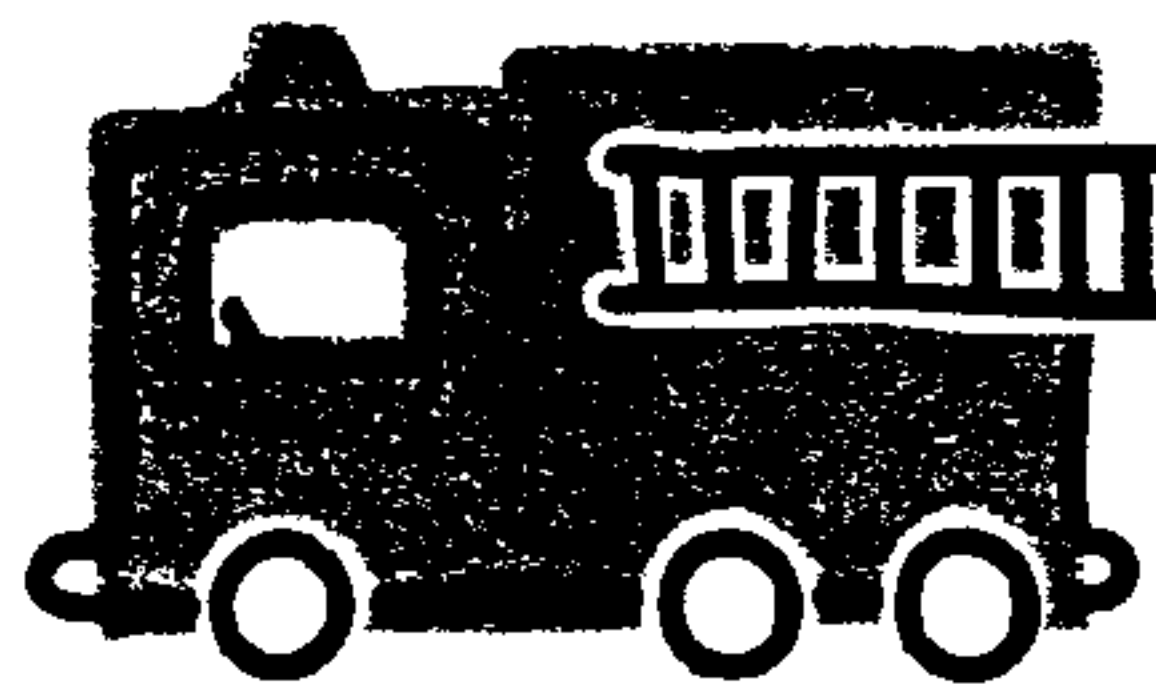
6:00-7:00pm

SOUTHEAST OF SALINE PARKING LOT

5056 E K-4 Highway Gypsum, KS

Will be cancelled in case of rain.

Drinks and snacks will be served.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!



RELAY FOR LIFE

Help support the fight against cancer



The Brookville Team is having a Mexican Dinner Fund raiser

Saturday, June 12, 2010 5:00-8:00 p.m.

at

Brookville Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Tickets must be purchased prior to June 7, 2010

Adults--\$6.00

Senior Citizens--\$5.00

Children, under 12 years--\$3.00

For purchasing tickets contact:

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**Luminaries may be purchased for \$10.00,
in memory of; or in honor of;
a cancer survivor**