

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 we have come out of the final turn, the medals have been awarded and school is over for the 2010-2011 school year. It seems like such a short time ago that we were just stepping into the starting blocks. This has truly been an enjoyable, positive, successful year for students, staff and patrons alike.

One of the areas that have been a major focus of the past several years for all schools is that of the State Reading and Math Assessments. This year has been no different as considerable time, effort and resources have again gone into preparing our students to be successful when taking them. We have recently finished taking those assessments and from looking at the preliminary results it appears that the efforts of everyone has paid off. Preliminary results show that the district as a whole met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. Congratulations and thank you to everyone that played an important role in achieving the goal. Without the effort, support and encouragement of students, parents and teachers all working together this would not have been possible. That is just one illustration of what makes EII-Saline USD 307 such a great place!

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. For our seniors we will get to take part not only in recognizing their accomplishments of this year at the Awards Night on May 12 but also to share in their celebration of the past thirteen years with their graduation exercises on May 14. For our 8th graders 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 throughout their next four years in high school, during their Awards Night on May 19. 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 are taking place. Our preliminary count of kindergartners for next year is 40 which is one of the largest preliminary enrollments we have had in recent years. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to being in all of our new and remodeled buildings when school starts next fall. Three elementary classes will be making that move yet this spring so that remodeling can start. 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.

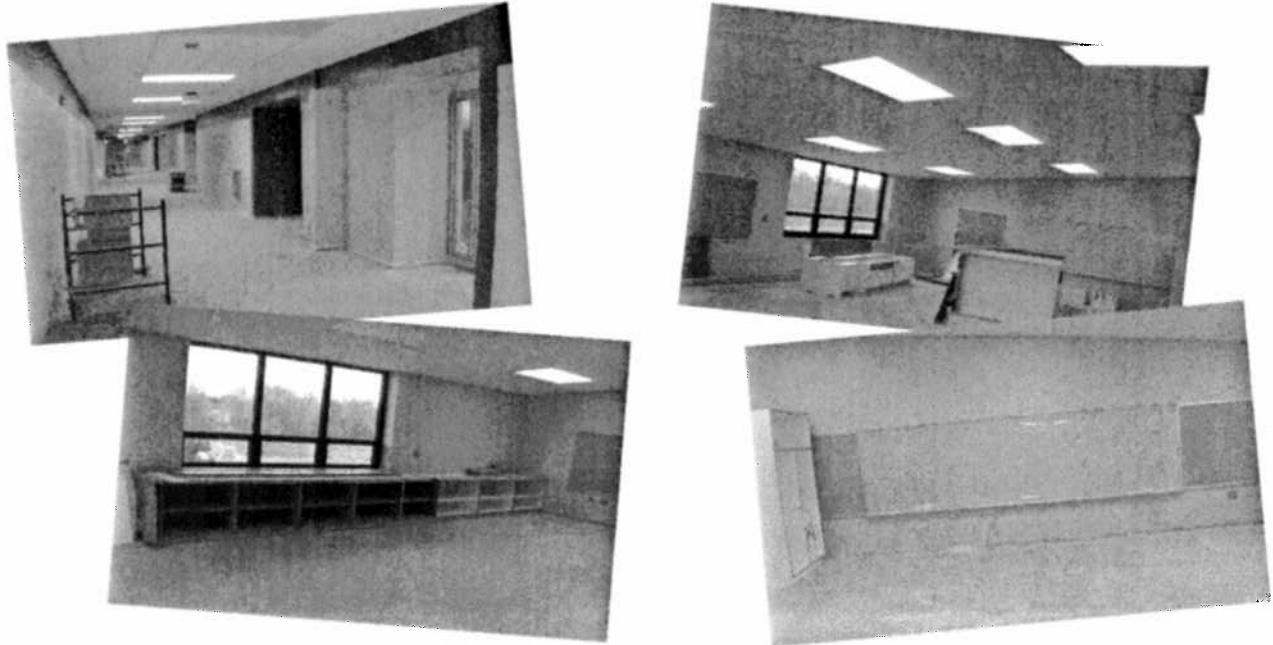
As we do those things this year, it is again with a great deal of uncertainty about next year's budget. The revenue projections of two weeks ago for the State of Kansas indicate a major shortfall in funds not only for the remainder of this fiscal year but also for next year. At the time I am writing 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 and we will again be faced with meeting even higher expectations with even less resources. Thanks to our Board of Education having made solid budget decisions in past years it appears we will be able to weather the reduction without a loss of personnel or programs. We will continue to provide our students with a solid education!

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.

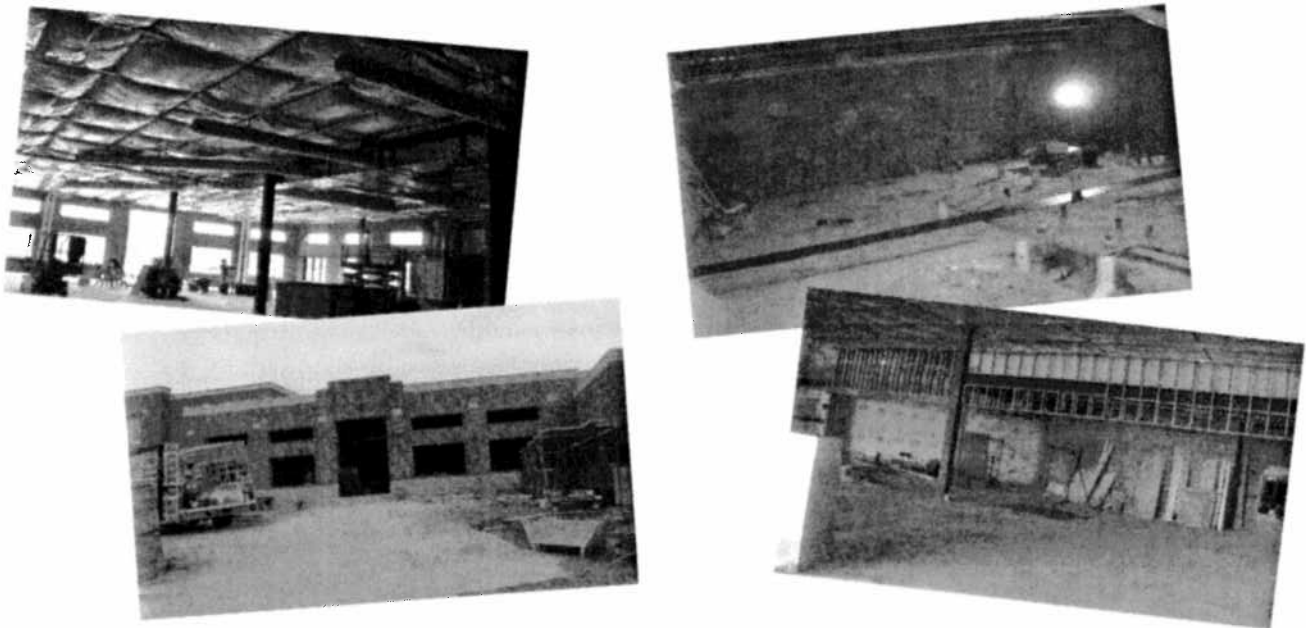
Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in the EII-Saline USD 307 school district. You can be assured that your children are receiving a quality education. Please call or stop in so we can visit about the many good things going on in your district.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PICTURES

Wow! Visible progress has really been made at both locations this past month. At the elementary school most of the work this month took place on the inside so it was not too visible when you drove by. The classrooms are starting to shape up as cabinets, ceiling tile, lights, doors, whiteboards and fire alarm and HVAC systems are tested all as we prepare to move Mrs. Trowbridge's, Mrs. Svaty's and Mrs. Dennison's rooms within the next couple of weeks. That move is important in the overall schedule of having the entire project completed by the time school starts next fall. At the MS/HS it was more visible as the exterior cinder block wall was completed and the veneer finish brick being completed on the front of the commons area and on part of the restroom/locker room extension. Also, more ductwork, framing, plumbing and electrical work has been completed.











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








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2	Monday	3	Tuesday	4	Wednesday	5	Thursday	6	Friday
<p>*MS/HS SCHOOL PICNIC Check out menu below ELEMENTARY- BBQ BEEF ON BUN COLESAW BANANA HALF, MILK </p>		<p>LAST WEEK FOR CHICKEN & NOODLES MASHED POTATOES SWEET PEAS CHERRY CLOUD ROLL & JELLY MILK </p>		<p>SENIORS ! TACO SALAD & NACHOS BLACK BEAN SALSA APPLESAUCE BREADSTICK MILK </p>		<p>TONY'S PIZZA SALAD W/ SPINACH TROPICAL FRUIT CHOCOLATE PUDDING MILK</p>		<p>BEEF RAVIOLI COTTAGE CHEESE TOSSED SALAD CRISP APPLE QUARTER GARLIC BREAD MILK </p>	

9	Monday	10	Tuesday	11	Wednesday	12	Thursday	13	Friday
<p>HAMBURGER ON A BUN OVEN FRIES CARROTS & CELERY BANANA HALF MILK </p>		<p>LASAGNA SALAD W/ SPINACH DICED PEACHES GARLIC BREAD WHOLE GRAIN COOKIE MILK <i>Ahh, the power of Cheese.™</i></p>		<p>Kindergarten try lunch 6th Grade Shadow Day CHICKEN NUGGETS BROCCOLI RED GRAPES BREAD STICK MILK </p>		<p>TURKEY & CHEESE SUB VEGETABLE STEW CRISP APPLE QUARTER BANANA CAKE MILK </p>		<p>CHICKEN SEASONED RICE GREEN BEANS ORANGE SLICES BREAD STICK MILK </p>	

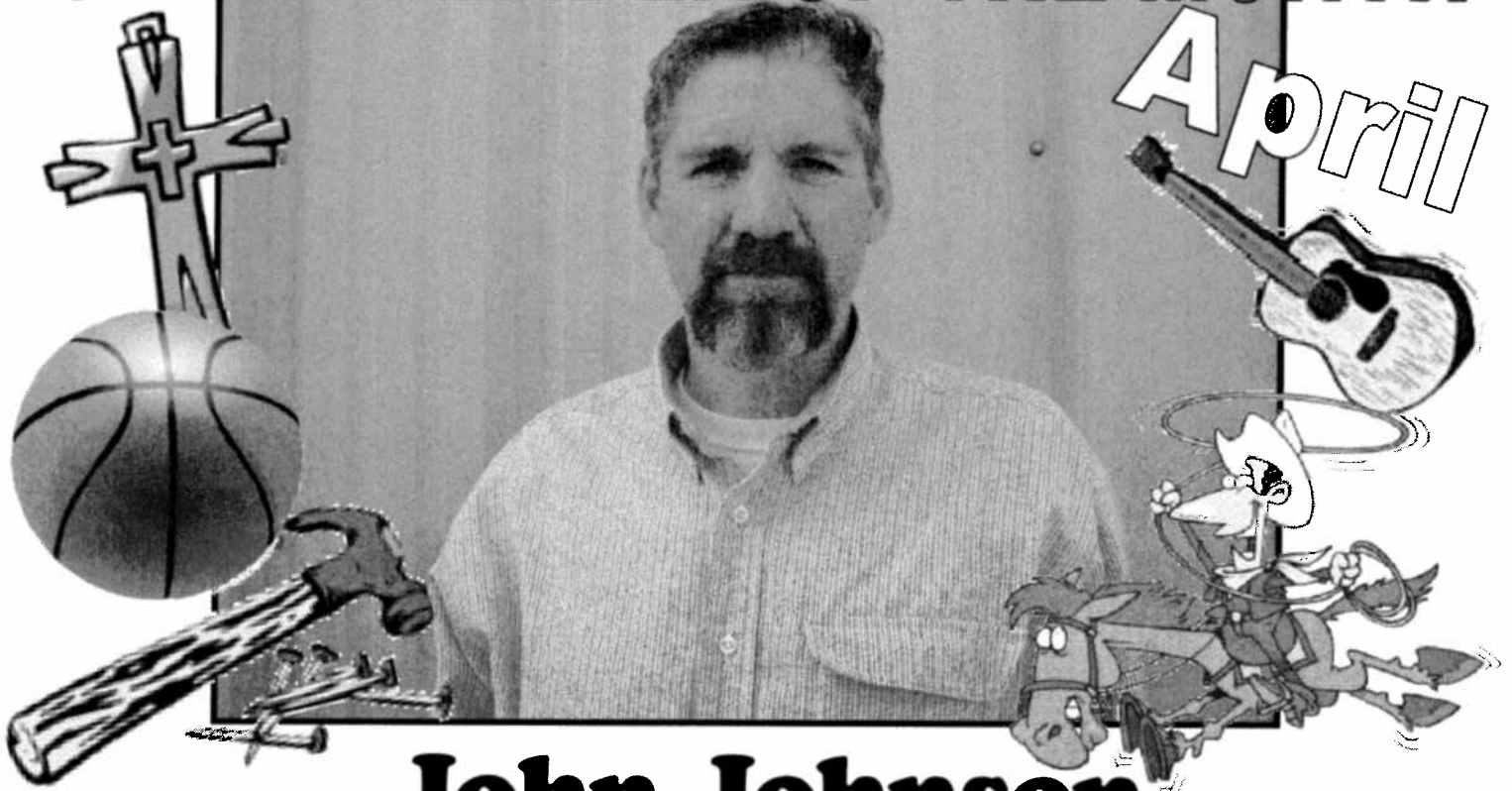
16	Monday	17	Tuesday	18	Wednesday	19	Thursday	20	Friday
<p>COUNTRY FRIED STEAK POTATOES & GRAVY BROCCOLI FLORETS ORANGE SLICES BISCUIT / ROLL & JELLY MILK</p>		<p>ELL-SALINE PIZZA SALAD w/ SPINACH PINEAPPLE CHUNKS ICE CREAM CUP MILK</p>		<p>CRISPITO & CHEESE SAUCE CORN CHILLED FRUIT BREAD STICK MILK</p>		<p>Elementary- Sack lunch* Check out menu below. MS/HS CORN DOG TRI TATER BABY CARROTS APPLE QUARTERS</p>		<p> Last Day of School </p>	

23	Monday	24	Tuesday	25	Wednesday	26	Thursday	27	Friday
<p></p>		<p>5/2 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PICNIC HOT HAM & CHEESE CHIPS CARROTS & CELERY APPLE, GRAHAM SNACK MILK</p>		<p></p>		<p>5/19 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICNIC SACK LUNCH  PBJ SANDWICH SUN CHIPS, APPLE BABY CARROTS, GRAHAM SNACK, MILK</p>		<p></p>	

30	Monday	31	Tuesday	1	Wednesday	2	Thursday	3	Friday
<p>WE HOPE YOU HAVE A FUN , SAFE, RELAXING SUMMER BREAK. YOUR, ELLS-SALINE COOKS </p>		<p></p>		<p></p>		<p></p>		<p></p>	

☆☆	MAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TOTALS	☆☆
<p>Elementary-Breakfast \$19.60 Lunch \$31.50 MS/HS- Breakfast \$21.00 Lunch \$33.60 Reduced Breakfast \$4.20 Lunch \$5.60 Extra Milk .35</p>		

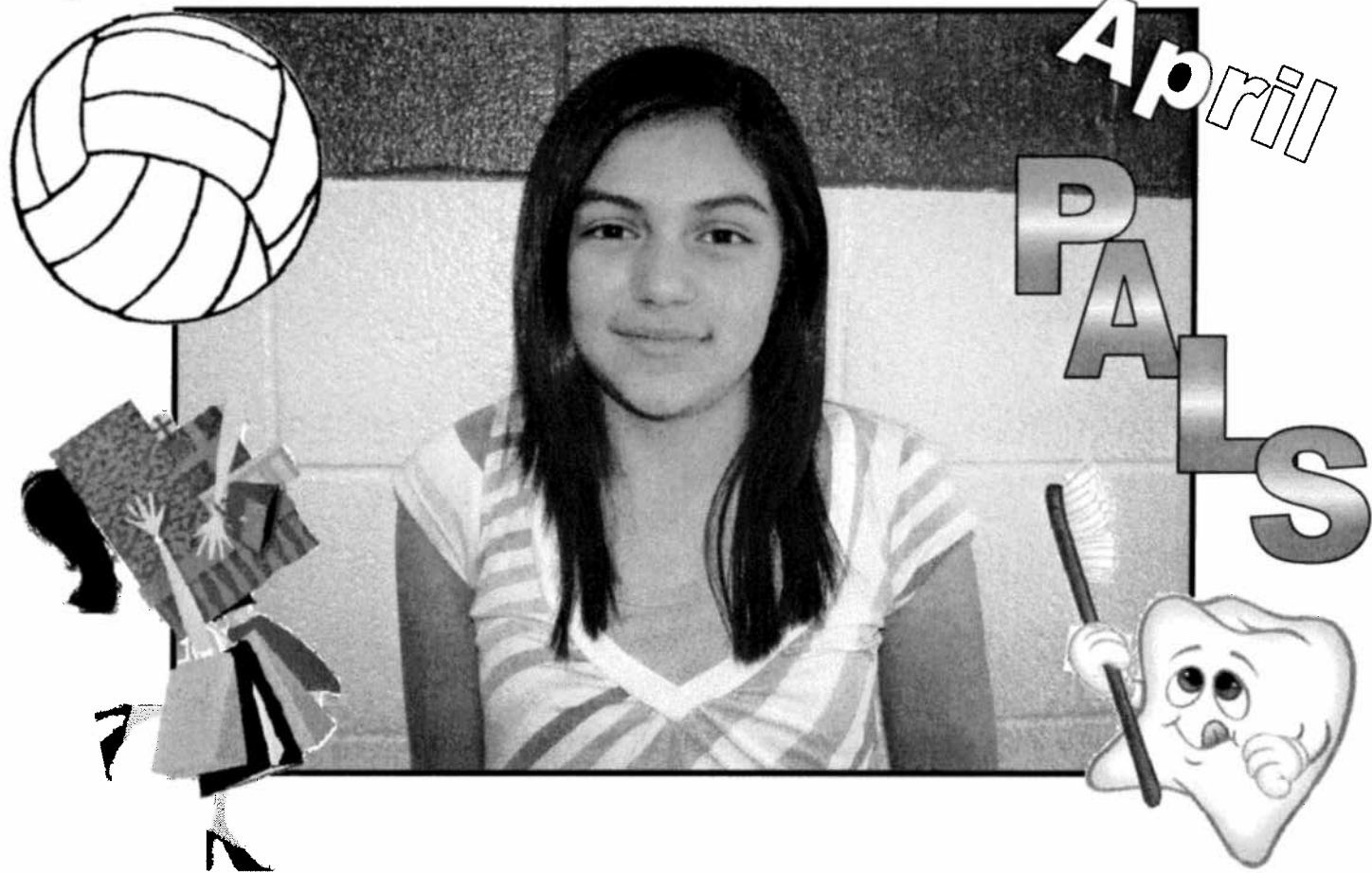
STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH



John Johnson

John Johnson is the staff member of the month. He has taught Industrial Arts/Technology for 15 years at Ell-Saline, 3 at Solomon, and 3 at Canton/Galva. He says when he started teaching 20 years ago, it didn't take him long to figure out he wanted to come home to Ell-Saline to teach and he is so glad it worked out. John is also the Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach as well as the Driver's Ed. instructor. Outside of school, John helps with Sunday School and youth group at Brookville United Methodist Church and loves anything to do with horses and guitars. He loves the new addition to the shop and would like to continue to give his students great opportunities to learn skills to help them with their future.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Yadira Nunez

Yadira Nunez is the middle school student of the month. Yadira is in 7th grade and is the daughter of Francisco and Maria Nunez. She has two sisters, Marlene and Jennifer, and a brother, Francisco I. Yadira participates in Volleyball, G.R.E.A.T. and PALS. She enjoys shopping, swimming, and being outside, and often cleans up trash around her neighborhood. Yadira's future plans are to attend Kansas University to become a dentist.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



McKalab Caswell

McKalab Caswell is the high school student of the month. She is a senior and is the daughter of Les and DeAnna Worley. She has one brother, Josh. McKalab has been involved in Volleyball and Softball for four years and is also a member of Band and NHS. In her free time, McKalab works at Gutierrez and enjoys art and sports. McKalab's future plans are to attend Hutchinson Community College for Business Management as well as to get a degree from Sidney's Hairdressing College. She plans to open a shop of her own one day.