

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Here we are already! This Thursday marks the end of the third 9-weeks! In just three short months school will be out for the summer. Between now and then there is a considerable amount yet to be accomplished for this year as well as planning to be done for next year.

We appreciate all the parents that took the time to come and visit with us during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. That communication and support is very important in your child's education.

Within the next couple of weeks, our students will begin taking the state assessments. This year various grade levels will be tested in Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies. The students and staff have been working hard in preparation of the assessments as we look to continue our tradition of numerous students and classes scoring in the Exemplary category and meeting the Standard of Excellence. We ask that you encourage your children to do their best, get adequate sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast during these testing days.

Again this year the legislative session is proving to be as challenging as was anticipated. Several education bills have been introduced so far this session but very few of them have a positive impact on us or K-12 education in general. There have also been a few tax overhaul bills presented that would reduce the amount of state revenue which in turn would not lead to restoring the funding cuts of the past years. Most of these proposed bills have come from the House which is dominated by conservatives and they are taking Gov. Brownback's lead. The Senate is more favorable toward education and other quality of life services and is not proposing the type of reductions as is the House. Bulleted below are some of the bills that would have the most serious consequence on both schools and all taxpayers.

- **SB 317 and HB 2501** These bills exclude trade fixtures from definition of real property, real estate, and land when determining the assessed valuation of real property; reduces tax base. If passed this bill would have serious consequences on everyone—particularly owners of real estate. This bill would reduce by billions of dollars the value of tax valuation primarily for manufacturing companies which would result in millions of dollars less in tax revenue to the state. This would mean that the state would have considerably less resources available to fund the amount/services that it does currently. If passed this would have a tremendous negative impact on everyone that owns any other taxable property as taxes on that would likely increase considerably.
- **SB 339** – Governor's tax reform bill; reduces individual income tax; gradually eliminates by limiting spending to 2 percent revenue growth. If passed it would reduce the amount of revenue to the state which would mean reductions in the amount/quality of services provided by the state. If passed this would have a negative impact on schools as well as all citizens of Kansas.
- **SB 350** – Graduated increase in base state aid. This bill would maintain the current funding formula and restore over time the cuts in funding of the last few years. It would be good for schools.
- **HB 2493 and SB 311** – Supplemental appropriations; maintains \$3,780 BSAPP. It is important that this be passed so that our budgets will not be cut this school year. It would be good for schools.

I encourage you to contact your local legislators and share with them how this would have a negative impact on our students and encourage them to provide the necessary amount of funding for education. Contact information for our local legislators is provided below.

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 and we can get to know each other.

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March 2012

ELL-Saline Cardinals

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Family Fun Tips for St. Patrick's Day
 *Make shamrock milk by adding a few drops of Of green food coloring.
 *Dance the Irish Jig with your kids.
 *Serve Fresh green fruits, like green apples, Kiwi and green grapes with green yogurt for dipping.

5 BEEF RAVIOLI
 Cottage Cheese
 Salad w/ Spinach
 Diced Peaches
 Garlic Bread
 Graham Snack
 Milk Choice

6 BAKED POTATO
 Taco Meat Topping
 Broccoli & Cheese
 Apple Quarters
 Bread Stick
 Milk Choice

7 HOT HAM & CHEESE
 Baked Beans
 Tri Tater
 Treasure Salad
 Milk choice

8 CRISPITO
 & Cheese Sauce
 Whole Kernel Corn
 Banana Half
 Bread Stick
 Milk Choice

9 TUNA & NOODLES
 Mashed Potatoes
 Sweet Peas
 Orange Slices
 Roll & Jelly
 Milk Choice

12 BISCUITS & GRAVY
 Sausage Patty
 Tri Tater
 Baby Carrots
 Apricots, Milk Choice

13 MEATLOAF
 Potatoes & Br. Gravy
 Fresh Broccoli
 Tropical Fruit
 Roll & Jelly
 Milk Choice

14 CHICKEN FAJITA
 Lettuce & Salsa
 Seasoned Rice
 Apple Sauce
 Orange Slices
 Milk Choice

15 TURKEY & CHEESE SUB
 Baked Beans
 Baby Carrots
 Sun chips, Apple
 Milk Choice

16 ELL-SALINE PIZZA
 Salad w/Spinach
 Pineapple Chunks
 Vanilla Pudding
 Milk Choice

19 NO SCHOOL
 Spring Break

20 NO SCHOOL
 Spring Break

21 NO SCHOOL
 Spring Break

22 NO SCHOOL
 Spring Break

23 NO SCHOOL
 Spring Break

26 CHICKEN NUGGETS
 Ranch Fries
 Broccoli & Cheese
 Apple Quarters
 Bread Stick, Milk Choice

27 PIG IN A BLANKET
 Baked Beans
 Baby Carrots
 Banana Half
 Ice Cream Cup
 Milk Choice

28 COUNTRY STEAK
 Mashed Potatoes
 & Cream Gravy
 Green Beans
 Sliced Peas
 Roll & Jelly
 Milk Choice

29 ITALIAN DUNKERS
 (Cheese Bread)
 Green Pepper Strips &
 Cucumber Slices
 Fresh Citrus Fruit Cup
 Milk Choice

30 FISH STICKS
 Tri Tater
 Coleslaw
 Fresh Broccoli
 Diced Peaches
 Garlic Bread
 Milk Choice

National School Breakfast Week March 5-9

Monday-Breakfast Pizza
 Tuesday- Cinnamon Roll
 Wed. -French Toast
 Thursday-Cinnamon Roll
 Friday-Biscuits & Gravy
 Daily Breakfast Items:
 Cereal Choice, Milk, Juice &
 Fresh Fruit

School News

Breakfast or Lunch ?
 Parents or Guests are always welcome to eat breakfast or lunch at either of the Ell-Saline Schools. Come and experience the choices our students have each day in the Cafeteria.
 We do request that you call the school office by 9:00am the day that you plan on coming.
 Adult Breakfast- \$1.85
 Adult Lunch \$3.10.

Remembering Reed

Reed D. Krone



October 15, 2009 – March 03, 2011

When: Monday, March 5, 2012

@ 1:30 – 2:15PM

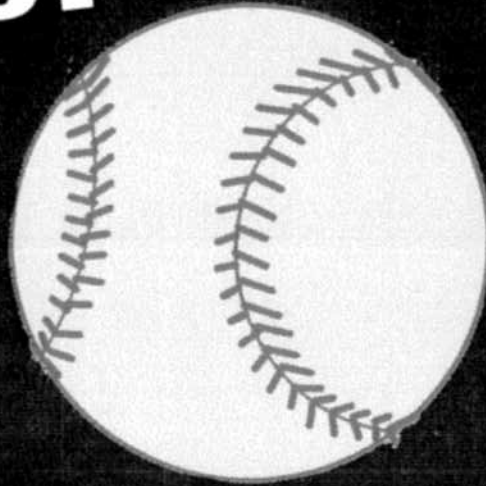
Where: Ell-Saline's big gym

We will meet in the gym and walk as a school and community to Reed's graveside – rain or shine.

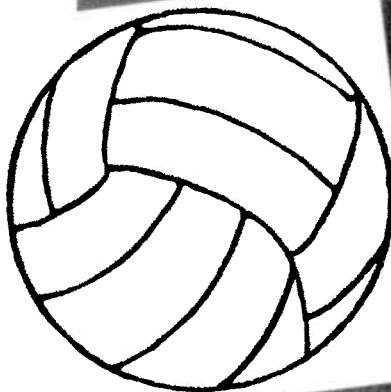
Father Peter O'Donnell, an associate pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salina, will be officiating this short service.

Please join us for this special time of remembrance, prayer, and renewed faith, hope, and love.

February Student of the Month



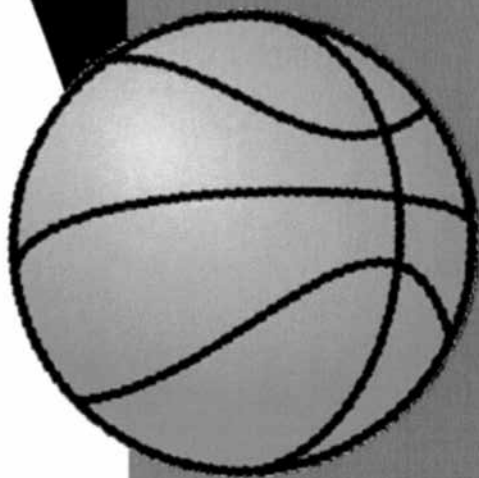
The February Student of the Month is Junior Missy Wimer. She is the daughter of Joel and Jerry Wimer, with her two brothers, Matthew and Michael. Missy is the Junior Class secretary, an FFA Officer, and participates in PALS/FOR, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, volleyball, softball, FFA, FCA, NHS, and Relay for Life. Outside of school, she is a part of her youth group and she volunteers at the hospital. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family. After high school, Missy plans to go to college to become a registered nurse, but is undecided on where she would like to go.



February Student of the Month



The February Student of the Month is eighth grader Morgan Parker. She is the daughter of Jeff and Robyn Parker, with two brothers, Spencer and Tanner. In school, Morgan is involved in FCA, basketball, track, volleyball, band, Scholars Bowl, and Science Olympiad. Outside of school, she volunteers at the Rolling Hills Zoo. She enjoys playing basketball, drumming, and training her puppy. Her future plans include going to K-State to play in the marching band and basketball and to major in zoology.



February Staff Member of the Month



The February Staff Member of the Month is Adam McDaniel. He is the Middle/High School Principal, and the Quiz Bowl and Sophomore Class Sponsor. He also participates in all of the district committees for the Middle/High School. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, going to movies, cheering on the Cardinals, and spending time with family and friends. This is his last year at Ell-Saline, because he is going to be the Superintendent/Elementary Principal for USD 105. He is proud to be a part of Ell-Saline and our new tradition of excellence.