

**NO SCHOOL FOR MS/HS STUDENTS  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 7.**

Four Year-Old Pre-School Program—With funding not available at this time, no action was taken on starting a Four Year-Old Pre-School program next year.

**MARCH 10 BOARD MEETING REPORT**

All board members were present. Action taken was on a 7-0 vote unless noted otherwise.

6:55 P.M. BUDGET HEARING: The amended budget was approved as presented.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD: None

**REPORTS**

BOE – None

SRO Lanning – Introduced himself to the board.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: KITE system issues.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: Business Professionals of America students qualifying for the national competition; new SRO Dave Lanning; KITE issues; list of Dane Hanson scholarship winners; and 17 of our seniors will complete the Regents Recommended Curriculum.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: Governor Brownback's visit being postponed; the recent Supreme Court ruling on the Gannon case; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

**BUSINESS**

Parents as Teachers Request—The request to add five more families to the program at a cost of \$1,750, dependent on being awarded a grant to fund the remaining amount, was approved.

Accept Gifts—The Earl Bane Foundation grants of \$35,624 and the anonymous donation of \$20,000 for the Boys' Golf program were accepted.

Accept Resignation—Karen Hudson's resignation from the cook position at the MS/HS was accepted.

Fall Supplemental Positions—The fall sport supplemental coaches/sponsors were approved for the same positions as they were this year with the exception of Jeff Westover becoming the Head MS Football Coach and Brian Morris becoming an Assistant MS Football Coach.

Board Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading—Since this was the first reading no action could be taken. They will be brought back at the April meeting for action.

Kansas College and Career Ready Standards—Information was shared on the problems that everyone across the state is experiencing with the new KITE operating system for administering the state assessments.

Student Out-of-State Travel Request—Approval was given for Mrs. Hanson and 10 Business Professionals of America students to travel to Indianapolis for the national competition from April 30 through May 4.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. The Republished Budget Hearing will take place at 6:55. If anyone wishes to have an item added to the agenda, please contact President Jeff Parker, Vice-President Marty Kramer or the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting.



Wednesday, April 23, 2014

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before August 31, 2014, please contact Ell-Saline Elementary School for details (785) 827-8891. You can also go online to [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org) for information and to print off the Kindergarten Round Up Form.



**Ell-Saline Elementary CPTA  
10th Annual Youth Track Meet  
Saturday, April 26th  
Registration Begins @ 8:00a.m.  
Events: 9:30a.m.—3:00p.m.**



Join the fun at Ell-Saline High School in Brookville. Events include: long jump, softball throw, shot put, discus, javelin throw and many running events. Details and forms can be found online at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org), under “Current Highlights”.

We need lots of volunteers to make it a great day for our athletes. Please consider volunteering for one of the many areas we need help with. Middle and high school students are welcomed to help.



\*Questions, volunteers, etc. please contact Darcy Bradley @ 785-819-4091 or [darcybradley34@gmail.com](mailto:darcybradley34@gmail.com).



Starting **April 14<sup>th</sup>** the Ell-Saline Greenhouse will be selling plants after school **Monday through Friday** from **4 p.m. until 6 p.m.** **April 17<sup>th</sup>** they will be open until **7 p.m.** If you are not able to attend, please call the school to set up an appointment. The following plants are available for sale:

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| Petunias             | Geraniums |
| Coleus               | Marigolds |
| Asparagus Ferns      | Rose Moss |
| Aloe Vera            | Egg Plant |
| Tomatoes             | Peppers   |
| Mother-in-Law Tongue |           |



The money goes to helping the greenhouse buy supplies, helps the facilities, and helps students learn about running a business.

# Student/Staff of the Month



Murphy Seim is our MS student of the month! He is an 8th grader and is the son of Renee Bernardo and Jason Seim. He has one brother named Pete. Murphy participates in football, basketball, track, and baseball! He enjoys hunting as well as fishing. Someday Murphy plans on going to college and playing baseball. Keep up the awesome work!

Evan Morrical is in the 11th grade with a 4.0 GPA! He is the son of Eugene and Veronica. Evan participates in varsity football, basketball, and track. He is a STUCO representative and is in FFA, NHS, BBBS, FCA, FOR, and PALS. Evan is a member of Rolling Meadows 4H club and Junior Leaders Salina. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family! Evan plans on attending a 4 year university and is currently undecided on a major. Congrats, Evan!



Mr. Wilson is the staff member of the month! He has taught for 22 years and has over 60 seasons of coaching under his belt. He is in charge of the 8th grade, FCA, coaching basketball, and assisting volleyball and track, as well as club volleyball! Mr. Wilson is a member of Bennington Bible Church and enjoys hiking, backpacking, and horse back riding. Someday Coach Wilson plans on becoming a building principal. His wife Cary is a guidance counselor and his daughter Aubrey is graduating this year and attending HCC on a volleyball scholarship. Mr. Wilson's third grade twins help to 'keep him young'! Way to go Coach!

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

As I sit here at the close of Spring Break I don't know if March is going to go out like a lamb or like a lion but I do know that it came in like a lion with the cold winds blowing through us! Now the wheat fields and yards are starting to green up, trees are beginning to have buds on them, and everyday more flowers are bringing color to the world. Spring seems to definitely be getting closer. Something we could definitely use, though, is more moisture to keep things going!

Spring time in school buildings is one of the most rewarding times of the school year. This year is already proving to be no different. Now is when the culmination of one year's, or several years', worth of effort and accomplishment is recognized. Although neither of our HS basketball teams qualified for the state tournament they definitely represented themselves and our school in a very positive manner. Our middle school recently hosted and competed in the Heart of America League music festival where their hard work was rewarded by earning many ratings of "I" and "II". The MS Quiz Bowl teams have competed very well in the contests that they have participated in. The National Honor Society held their banquet with the induction of 17 new members and the recognition of the current senior members. Eleven of the Business Professionals of America students participated in the state competition with 10 of them qualifying for the national competition to be held in late April in Indianapolis. The Forensics students continue to compete well in their tournaments. The FFA held their banquet where the students' accomplishments were recognized and the officers for next year were installed. Our Grades 1-2 students performed a lively concert in front of a full house. As the seniors look forward to next year and pursuing their goals, various scholarships have been announced, with more to come that will help them in their endeavors. We ended our 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks grading period just before Spring Break and looking at the Honor Roll it appears that even with all of the activities that the students have been involved in, they continue to do a GREAT job in the classroom!

Spring time in school districts is also normally a stressful time as that is when our students take the Kansas State Assessment tests that give us information on progress they have made over the year and helps us make decisions for the future. We were planning to begin taking these prior to Spring Break. However, KSDE and CETE (Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation) from KU have encountered numerous problems with the new format. Most of our stress this year is not from wondering how well our students will do but rather from not being able to test because of the problems that are completely out of our control. We are hopeful that the problems will be corrected soon and we can begin testing in the next couple of weeks. Whenever we are finally able to test we are confident that our students will do well.

Spring time in school district offices is normally one of the most anxious times of the school year. This year is no different. State funding is extremely critical to school districts since the vast majority of our budget comes from the state. The Kansas Supreme Court ruling on the *Gannon vs the State of Kansas* case among other things said that the state has the obligation to fund K-12 education "adequately" and "equitably". They did not give a remedy for adequately but did for equitably. For several years the state has not funded the full portion of state aid for either Capital Outlay or Supplemental General (more commonly called LOB—Local Option Budget). The remedy given was for the state to start fully funding state aid to each of them. Unfortunately this would not translate into additional money. Fortunately this would translate into a lower mill levy for our patrons. It will be worth it for all of us to keep an eye on how the legislature works through this. I encourage you to contact your Senator and Representatives and encourage them to not take that money from existing school funds but rather to provide it from other funds as taking it from existing funds would have a negative effect on our overall budget.

For your convenience, contact information for our area legislators is again listed at the end of this article. If you would like more specific information on how any new proposals 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 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.

## Legislative Contact Information

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**April**

**Fun Facts**

### April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day: Kitchen Tips for Saving the Planet

Follow these 12 tips to reduce, reuse and recycle, save energy and use less water!

1. Drink milk and other beverages bottled in plastic, and recycle the containers.
2. Purchase products that use recycled packaging, like yogurt in plastic containers.
3. Pack sandwiches in reusable containers instead of sandwich bags or sandwich wrap.
4. Reuse grocery bags. Better yet, bring your own, reusable bags to the market – it's fashionable, too!
5. Cook in one pot. You wash fewer dishes and use less energy.
6. Cook large amounts and freeze the extra. Cooking and only reheating later saves energy.
7. Boil only the amount of water you need and cover the pot when you boil it.
8. Cook once and eat as a family. It saves energy, and kids reap the benefits of family meals, including better nutrition.
9. Turn off the lights when you leave the kitchen.
10. Unplug appliances, like the toaster oven and coffee maker, when not using them.
11. Plan meals ahead of time. It saves last-minute trips to the grocery store or the scramble to get take-out.
12. Wash only full dishwasher loads.

### Did You Know...?

Recycling a ton of plastic milk bottles saves the equivalent of 3.8 barrels of oil. It helps our environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving landfill space.

Source: Killinger, Jennifer. "Information Sheet." American Chemistry Council. March 2007  
[http://americanchemistry.com/s\\_plastics/sec\\_content.asp?CID-1102&DID-5007](http://americanchemistry.com/s_plastics/sec_content.asp?CID-1102&DID-5007)

### One-Pot Cheesy Rice & Beans



Follow one of our Tips for Saving the Planet with this easy and nutrient-rich, one-pot dish! Serve it with a crisp, green salad and a glass of cold milk for a complete meal.

- 1 3/4 cups instant brown rice (about 3 1/2 cups cooked)
- 2 cups water
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups frozen, mixed vegetables
- 1 1/2 cups salsa
- 1 1/2 cups pre-shredded, reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream

Place the rice, water, beans, vegetables and salsa in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over high heat and stir until completely combined.

Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat, and simmer, covered, until most of the liquid is absorbed, about 10-12 minutes.

Stir in the cheese until melted. Serve in individual bowls topped with sour cream.

Courtesy: *The Mom's Guide to Meal Makeovers: Improving the Way Your Family Eats, One Meal at a Time!*  
[www.mealmakeovermoms.com](http://www.mealmakeovermoms.com)

### Kids' Corner:



#### Sustainable Farming

Explore with your children what dairy farmers are doing to sustain the environment and make the world a better place. Visit [www.DairyFarmingToday.org](http://www.DairyFarmingToday.org) > **Caring for the Environment.**

#### Environmental Kids Club: You & Your Environment

Do your kids want to make the earth a cleaner place to live? How can they help to protect the air, water, and land? They can find out at [www.epa.gov/kids](http://www.epa.gov/kids).

# The Importance of Reading Variety

Sharing lots of different kinds, or genres, of books with your child exposes him to different words, different kinds of images, and whole new worlds. This tip sheet suggests some genres to try with your young reader that complement 'traditional' fiction. Some are suggestions for read alouds, while others may be ones your child can read on his own.

It's easy to find yourself lugging home a stack of library books that your kids will love to listen to. It's harder to make sure you're bringing home a wide variety of books. But that may be just as important. Sharing lots of different kinds, or genres, of books with your young reader exposes him to different words, different pictures, and whole new worlds. Below are some genres to try with your reader that complement 'traditional' fiction. Some are suggestions that can be used as read alouds, others may be ones your child can read.

## Fantasy/Science Fiction

From talking dogs to imaginary underground worlds, fantasy books contain elements that are not possible in real life. Cornelia Funke, J. K. Rowling and Lemony Snicket are all authors to consider within the fantasy genre.

## Historical Fiction

Well written historical fiction helps past events come alive for children. With topics as wide ranging as pioneer life and ancient civilizations, books within this genre awaken the historian in any child.

## Biography

Biographies have a way of inspiring kids. The best ones introduce famous presidents, inventors, educators and scientists in a way that helps kids identify with the person. David Adler has a series of biographies that are well loved by early elementary students.

## Informational Books

What makes a volcano erupt? How tall is the tallest man? Where does the word pumpkin come from? Kids ask many questions, and reference books help them find the answers. When choosing reference books for your child, make sure they were recently written and seem to contain accurate information.

## Poetry

Poetry just isn't as widely read as it should be. Several children's poets have collections that will make your child howl with laughter. Poetry is often shorter too, which makes the task of reading less overwhelming for new or reluctant readers. Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein are great authors to start with in this genre.

Whatever you choose to read with your child, make it an enjoyable experience. Have fun visiting that magical place, getting to know that famous person, finding the answers to questions, and reading with the rhythm of poetry.

## Family Fun, Food and Fitness Event Wellness Day

Ready to have some fun? Learn about Nutrition, Fun Physical Activities and Prepare a Healthy Snack?

April 4<sup>th</sup> during PE class time, the Ell-Saline Elementary students will spend time doing just that. With fun games like Nutrition Bingo, Grocery Shopping Relay, Nutrition Bean Bag Toss, Rock Climbing and Jump Rope Relays, just to name a few.

Parents are welcome to attend their child's PE time and participate in the activities. Or parents, families and community can also attend from 4:00-6:00pm.

We know it will be a fun Physical time. Hope to see you there.

The Ell-Saline Wellness Committee



## Heart of America

### All-League Team

#### GIRLS

#### First Team

Aubrey Wilson

Paige Johnson

#### Honorable mention

Sesely Omli

Emma Drees



#### BOYS

#### Honorable mention

Justin Schmutz

### All-State Girls

#### 3rd Team

Aubrey Wilson

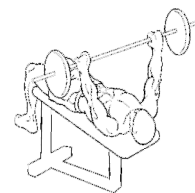


#### Honorable Mention

Paige Johnson



# Clay Center Powerlifting Meet Results



## Boys

### 198 lb Class

**Justin Schmutz** 2nd Place Overall - 950 lbs

-Squat 410 lbs (2nd Place) Bench 275 lbs (1st Place) Clean 265 lbs (2nd Place)

**Austin Funk** 4th Place Overall - 785 lbs

-Squat 350 lbs (3rd Place) Bench 230 lbs Clean 215 lbs

### 181 lb Class

**Luke Sheridan** 2nd Place Overall - 740 lbs

-Squat 270 lbs (2nd Place) Bench 230 lbs (2nd Place) Clean 240 lbs (1st Place)

### 173 lb Class

**Tanner Parker** 6th Place Overall - 770 lbs

-Squat 325 lbs Bench 200 lbs Clean 245 lbs

### **Staton Diehl**

-Squat 0 lbs Bench 265 lbs (1st Place) Clean 240 lbs

### 148 lb Class

**Dakota Came** 2nd Place Overall - 660 lbs

-Squat 255 lbs (2nd Place) Bench 210 lbs (1st Place) Clean 195 lbs (2nd Place)

### 140 lb Class

**Keaghan Patrick** 2nd Place Overall - 600 lbs

-Squat 230 lbs (2nd Place) Bench 180 lbs (1st Place) Clean 190 lbs (6th Place)

### 132 lb Class

**Kade Krebaum** 2nd Place Overall - 600 lbs

-Squat 270 lbs (2nd Place) Bench 160 lbs (3rd Place) Clean 170 lbs (2nd Place)

## Girls

**Sesely Omli** 1st Place Overall - 645 lbs

-Squat 275 lbs (1st Place) Bench 185 lbs (1st Place) Clean 185 lbs (1st Place)

**Sydney Omli** 4th Place Overall - 435 lbs

-Squat 200 lbs (2nd Place) Bench 135 lbs (1st Place) Clean 110 lbs (4th Place)

**Bailey Chermak** 4th Place Overall - 310 lbs

-Squat 120 lbs (5th Place) Bench 100 lbs (5th Place) Clean 100 lbs (3rd Place)



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at [www.ellsaline.org](http://www.ellsaline.org)

Apr. 1	3:00 HS BSB Smoky Valley @ ES	Apr. 17	4:00 MS TR @ Bennington
Apr. 1	4:00 MS Scholars' Bowl @ Canton/Galva	Apr. 17	4:30 HS SB Sacred Heart @ ES
Apr. 2	HOA League Art @ Inman	Apr. 18	<b>NO SCHOOL—Easter Break</b>
Apr. 2	6:00 MS/HS Site Council	Apr. 20	Easter
Apr. 3	2:00 MS TR @ Tescott	Apr. 21	<b>NO SCHOOL—Easter Break</b>
Apr. 3	3:00 HS SB/BSB Canton/Galva @ ES	Apr. 21	FFA @ Manhattan
Apr. 5	State Science Olympiad @ Wichita	Apr. 22	3:00 HS TR @ Russell
Apr. 5	Regional Music Contest @ Tabor College	Apr. 22	3:00 HS BSB Little River @ ES
Apr. 7	<b>NO SCHOOL for MS/HS Students</b>	Apr. 22	4:30 HS SB Trinity Catholic @ ES
Apr. 7	8:00 HOA Forensics @ ES	Apr. 23	<b>NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES</b>
Apr. 7	7:00 3-4 Vocal @ EL	Apr. 23	Kindergarten Roundup
Apr. 8	3:30 MS HOA League Scholars' Bowl @ Trinity Catholic	Apr. 24	4:00 MS TR Quad @ ES
Apr. 8	3:00 HS SB/BSB @ Inman	Apr. 25	3:00 HS TR @ Lincoln
Apr. 10	9:00 MS/HS Spring Sports Pictures	Apr. 26	9:00 - 3:30 CPTA Youth Track Meet @ ESHS
Apr. 10	4:00 MS TR @ Inman	Apr. 26	KSHSAA State Solo/Sm Ensemble @ KWU
Apr. 10	4:30 HS SB @ Republic County	Apr. 27	TBA Worlds of Fun Competition & Park
Apr. 11	3:00 HS TR @ Bennington	Apr. 28	7:00 K Vocal @ EL
Apr. 12	ACT Test Date	Apr. 28	3:00 HS JV TR @ Tescott
Apr. 14	1:00 HS JV Golf @ Salina	Apr. 29	1:00 Varsity Golf Bennington @ Minneapolis
Apr. 14	7:00 BOE Mtg. @ DO	Apr. 29	9:30 MS TR @ (Southern Cloud) Beloit
Apr. 15	3:00 MS TR @ Ellsworth	Apr. 29	3:00 HS SB/BSB Marion @ ES
Apr. 15	4:30 SB/BSB @ Moundridge	May 1	7:00 5-12 Band Concert @ Music
Apr. 16	9:00 Art @ Hays	May 1	Technology Ed. Fair @ Hays
Apr. 16	KSHSAA State Large Group Contest @ Concordia	May 2	10:00 HS TR @ Beloit (Relays)
Apr. 17	HS Varsity Golf @ Salina?	May 2	3:00 HS SB/BSB @ Bennington
		May 2	Technology Ed. Fair @ Hays
		8 May 3	Junior/Senior Prom