

THE

*Ell-Saline*

**USD 307**

**ECHO**

**November 2013  
EDITION**

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## OCTOBER 15 BOARD MEETING REPORT

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

AUDIENCE WITH THE BOARD: None

### REPORTS

Bal-A-Vis-X – Mrs. Minneman and three 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students (Conner Anglin, Ty Chalmers, Trenton Parks) demonstrated some of the Bal-A-Vis-X exercises that they use on a daily basis and then taught them to board members.

BOE – None

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: she will be attending the KSDE Fall Conference/KAESP Conference in November; a Preschool Research Team has been formed and they are gathering information regarding the support for a preschool program; a team of administrators and teachers will be visiting schools to gather information on setting up our iPad carts and strategies for using them; additional grants are being applied for to purchase additional iPads and carts; and the Parent Math Enrichment Night is October 24.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: four students being recognized at the KU Honors Banquet; teaching strategies she has observed being used in classrooms; upcoming in-service day activities; and homecoming week activities.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: the elementary school curb/guttering project will start next week; contingency plans for the November 1 In-Service Day as it is also the first day of state volleyball; Susan Rose's Retirement Reception from 4:00 – 6:00 on Friday, October 25; staff shirts are here; Gannon vs State of Kansas Court Case; read one thank you note; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

### BUSINESS

HS Girls' Basketball Fundraiser Proposal—This community service project fundraiser was approved.

Boys' Golf Request—Julie Weems, Tyler Weems and Tanier Clifford requested approval for a boys' golf team beginning this spring. More information was requested by the board and this item will be on the November agenda for action.

Library Aide Position—The Library Aide position was moved from the Clerical Aide pay scale to the Classroom Aide/Paraprofessional pay scale.

Accept Vehicle Bids—Bids were approved on one (1) used 2012 65-passenger Blue Bird bus from Kansas Truck; two (2) 2014 Dodge Caravan mini vans from Marshall Automotive Group and one (1) Ford E150 full size van from Long McArthur Ford. (We have since been notified that the used 2012 Blue Bird was no longer available.) The two mini vans the district currently owns are being traded in and the old white full size van will be up for bid.

Capital Outlay Resolution—A 5-year 8-mill resolution starting next year was adopted. The current levy expires this year. The district has not levied any mills for Capital Outlay for the past two years but without a resolution we would not have the authority to do so if the need arises.

Approve New Hire—Heather Hall was approved as our new District Office Administrative Assistant.

Utility Fee for Building Use—More information will be gathered and this will be on the June agenda.

There was one Executive Session (Personnel).

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Brookville. 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.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

## ELL-SALINE LIONS CLUB



***Sausage Gravy & Biscuits***  
*Brookville Community Bldg.*

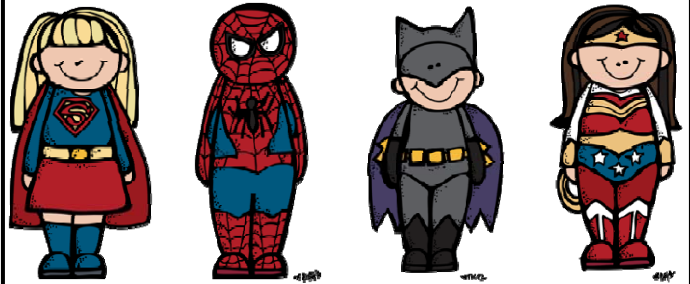
***SATURDAY***  
***November 9, 2013***  
***7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.***

*Proceeds will go to the  
Ell-Saline Lions Club Community Fund*

**Free Will Donations**

## *Super Heroes Save the Day!*

The Ell-Saline Elementary Super Hero themed carnival was a huge success. Participants had the opportunity to get their face painted to match their favorite super hero, eat delicious food, or test their skills in a variety of games. Thank you to the over 100 volunteers that worked games, baked goodies, and organized the event. A special recognition goes out to the carnival planning team, Darcy Bradley, carnival coordinator, Michelle Griffin, Jennifer Walker, Amber Fouard, Janelle Stelter, Jill Weems, and Meg Gravette.



# Smoky Hill Hollow Haunted House

Sponsored by: Ell-Saline Lions Club & Saline Co. Fire District #3  
Brookville City Hall—301 N. Perry Street, Brookville, KS

**Wednesday, October 18, 19, 25, 26, & 31**

**Times: 7:30pm to 11:30pm**

**Admission \$3.00**

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## ***SRO Corner!***

### **15 Things You Must Know About Teen Killers**

I have been reading several books by Phil Chalmers. Phil Chalmers is a motivational speaker who has done extensive research in the field of teenage killers. I would like to share: "15 Things You Must Know About Teen Killers."

1. Juvenile homicide and school massacres are **PREVENTABLE** crimes.
2. Juvenile killers usually plan their crimes for **MONTHS**.
3. 90% of teen killers are **MALE**, but **FEMALE HOMICIDES** are on the rise.
4. In America, roughly **FIVE JUVENILES** commit murder everyday on average.
5. Roughly 10%-20% of juveniles who kill are **MENTALLY ILL**.
6. Teen killers who use guns during the crimes obtain those weapons from parents or close relatives most of the time, and only about 50% of teen killers use guns in the commission of their crimes.
7. There is no **PROFILE** of a teen killer or school shooter. They are White, Black, Asian, Hispanic, Rich, Poor, Educated, Uneducated, Popular, Loners, Religious, and Atheist.
8. 80% or more of **SCHOOL KILLERS** plan on dying during the shooting, either self-inflicted, or death by cop.
9. The most common reason for a school massacre is revenge on those who have wronged the killer, along with instant fame and recognition.
10. Juvenile homicides and school shootings have taken place in Catholic Schools, Public Schools, Private Schools, Urban Schools, and Suburban Schools.
11. The most deadly hour of the school day is the first period, or first hour. Other dangerous times include times when students are gathered in large numbers—think lunch, school assemblies, sporting events.
12. Two things you must do to keep your **STUDENTS SAFE** is hire an SRO at the school, and **ELIMINATE BULLYING** completely with **ZERO TOLERANCE**.
13. Teen killers and school shooters will fall into a **TRANCE-LIKE** state when killing, and may not know what they are doing, or may not hear you telling them to drop the weapon.
14. A juvenile homicide and a school massacre can take place in any school, in any county, in any state, and in any country. The biggest mistake we can make is to think that **IT WON'T HAPPEN HERE!**
15. Most of these juvenile killers have **NO HISTORY OF VIOLENCE**.



Glad I could brighten your day! Just something to be aware of!

*Deputy Hammonds*

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT MATH ENRICHMENT NIGHT**



Teacher Tina Jacquart (right) presenting Batty Behaviors - Organizational and Social Skills for all types of learners to Janelle Stelter (left) and Laura Warhurst (middle)

### **EEK! Math! It's Not That Scary.**

That is what many parents learned—that math isn't that scary! The Parent Math Enrichment Night was designed to provide parents with information, successful tools and activities that can assist them in helping their child with mathematics homework. The parents were able to attend three of the following sessions: Chilling Out About Common Core – Myths vs Facts about the New Standards; Tools for Ghouls – Helpful Math Aides and Manipulatives; Batty Behaviors – Organizations and Social Skills for all Types of Learning; Spooky Math Games – Simple Games Using Cards or Dice; Mummifying Math Sense (K-2 & 3-6) – Reviewing Numbers and Computation Skills; and Paranormal Technology – Technology Activities to Enhance Learning. Handouts of all sessions were given to each attendee. All of the handouts are also available on the district web site under the Elementary School tab. On February 27 there will be an Elementary School Parent Reading Enrichment Night and everyone is encouraged to attend. As we work together, parents and teachers can continue to provide an effective learning community for our ESE students.

*Ell-Saline High School Drama Club  
to Perform:*

*Our Town*

*Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:30pm*

Admission  
\$5 per adult  
\$2 per student

*You can reserve tickets by emailing  
[eshdramaclub@gmail.com](mailto:eshdramaclub@gmail.com).*



# SEPTEMBER

## STUDENT/STAFF OF THE MONTH



Nicholas Davenport is our September Middle School Student of the Month! He is new to our building as a seventh grader, but has started off on the right foot! Nicholas's parents include Nikki Davenport, the school's cheerleading coach, as well as Steve Davenport. He plays football and is involved in band, PALS, and 4H! His hobbies include fishing, baseball, and riding horses. What a well rounded individual! Nicholas's future plans include going to K-State to study engineering. Round of applause for Nicholas!

Kiva Phelps is our September Student of the Month! She is an involved and dedicated member of our student body, as she begins her junior year. Kiva's parents are Aaron and Darla Phelps; she also has a younger brother named Tel. Kiva is a member of the United Methodist Youth Group, as well as Relay for Life. She participates in FFA, FCA, Friends of Rachel, and the Pre-K PALS Literacy Program! Kiva intends on attending Kansas Wesleyan and majoring in either nursing or early education. Congratulations Kiva!



Ms. Scuitte has worked here for 29 years and hasn't rested the whole time. She teaches 9th and 10th grade English, is the FOR advisor, and a caring friend at the same time. In the community, she is the secretary of equality Kansas of North Central and serves on the Disciplinary Board for the city of Salina. In the future, the thought of retirement is both exciting and nerve-racking. For fun, she likes antiquing, reading, college and pro football, Duke basketball, cooking, and dining with friends. Congratulations, Ms. Scuitte!



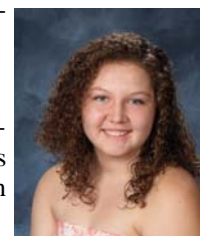
# OCTOBER

## STUDENT/STAFF OF THE MONTH

Skyler Clark is our October Middle School Student of the Month! She is the daughter of Nellie Tingler & Justin Clark. She participates in basketball and has volunteered at the Art Center. Miss Clark's hobbies include reading, playing basketball, and helping people out whenever she can! Her future plans range from veterinary school, all the way to professional writing. Congratulations on being nominated Skyler!



Miranda Merrill is our High School Student of the Month! She is a junior here at Ell-Saline; her parents are Brenda and Jeff Merrill. Miranda has four sisters: Kellie, Jessica, Paedyn, and Ashlynd. She is an active member of the student body, serving as cheer and dance captain. She participates in drama club, MLK, as well as PALS. Miranda dances at Vivette's Studio and attends Sunrise Presbyterian Church. Her hobbies include dance, cheer, and watching movies with her friends. Miranda's future major is undecided but she does plan on attending college in Kansas. Way to go, Miranda!



Ami Allison is our Staff Member of the Month! She has been a para-educator for the last 3 years. In her community, Ami serves as a Boy Scouts Den Leader and is a member of the Emmanuel Christian Church. Her hobbies include walking, swimming, collecting coins, and reading! Ami has a daughter named Mia who is currently in college and a son named Johnathan who is in the 2nd grade. We thank you for all you do!





# COMMON CORE CORNER

## Kansas College and Career Ready

This month's corner will be devoted to dispelling some of the myths that continue to circulate about Common Core. Next month the corner will be devoted to looking at samples of the actual Common Core Standards.

**Myth: *No teachers were involved in writing the Standards.***

**Fact:** The common core state standards drafting process relied on teachers and standards experts from across the country. In addition, there were many state experts that came together to create the most thoughtful and transparent process of standard setting. This was only made possible by many states working together.

**Myth: *The Standards are not research or evidence based.***

**Fact:** The Standards have made careful use of a large and growing body of evidence. The evidence base includes scholarly research; surveys on what skills are required of students entering college and workforce training programs; assessment data identifying college-and-career-ready performance; and comparisons to standards from high performing states and nations.

In English language arts, the Standards build on the firm foundation of the NAEP frameworks in Reading and Writing, which draw on extensive scholarly research and evidence. In Mathematics, the Standards draw on conclusions from TIMSS and other studies of high-performing countries that the traditional US mathematics curriculum must become substantially more coherent and focused in order to improve student achievement, addressing the problem of a curriculum that is "a mile wide and an inch deep."

**Myth: *The Standards tell teachers what to teach.***

**Fact:** The best understanding of what works in the classroom comes from the teachers who are in them. That's why these standards will establish what students need to learn, but they will not dictate how teachers should teach. Instead, schools and teachers will decide how best to help students reach the standards.

**Myth: *The Standards will be implemented through No Child Left Behind (NCLB) – signifying that the federal government will be leading them.***

**Fact:** The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort that is not part of No Child Left Behind and adoption of the Standards is in no way mandatory. States began the work to create clear, consistent standards before the Recovery Act or the Elementary and Secondary Education Act blueprint were released because this work is being driven by the needs of the states, not the federal government. The NGA Center and CCSSO are offering support by developing a State Policymaker Guide to Implementation, facilitating opportunities for collaboration among organizations working on implementation, planning the future governance structure of the standards and convening the publishing community to ensure that high quality materials aligned with the standards are created.

**Myth: *These Standards amount to a national curriculum for our schools.***

**Fact:** The Standards are not a curriculum. They are a clear set of shared goals and expectations for what knowledge and skills will help our students succeed. Local teachers, principals, superintendents and others will decide how the standards are to be met. Teachers will continue to devise lesson plans and tailor instruction to the individual needs of the students in their classrooms.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF RECOGNITION ACTIVITIES**

At halftime of the football game on Friday, September 20, the Board of Education continued the tradition of recognizing staff members. This program introduces staff members new to the district and recognizes full-time staff members that are returning to the district on 5-year anniversaries and every year past 30. The new staff members received a USD 307 staff shirt and the returning staff members received a gift certificate to Gutierrez'.

Board members in attendance to help with the presentation were: President Jeff Parker; Vice-President Marty Kramer; Jamie Bradley; Michelle Cooper; Mitch Drees; John Fouard; and Cheryl Higgins.

New staff members recognized were: Kris Bell, MS Cheerleading Coach; Anita Bird, Elementary Administrative Assistant; Darcy Bradley, MS Cheerleading Coach; Lynn Davis, Board Clerk; Julie Glenn, HS Math Teacher; Jerry Hammonds, SRO; Megan Harding, Title I Reading Para Professional; Norm Jennings, Asst. MS Football and Boys' Basketball Coach; Amanda Little, HS Language Arts Teacher, Drama and Forensics Sponsor; Kim Parks, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher; Jim Proseus, MS/HS Para Professional; Brandon Toll, HS Asst. Football Coach; Jeff Westover, HS Social Studies Teacher, Asst. MS Football and Track Coach; and Danielle White, Spanish Monitor.

Returning staff members recognized were: 5-year – Trena Carlson, Elementary Custodian; Pam Dodd, Kindergarten Teacher: 10-year – Albert Reeve, Elementary Head Custodian; Zandra Rotrock, MS/HS Custodian; Michelle Werner, MS/HS Math, MS Asst. Volleyball and Track Coach: 15-year – Amber Fouard, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher; Terry King, Physical Education and Health Teacher, HS Head Football and Asst. Track Coach; Kevin Patrick, HS Science Teacher, HS Asst. Football, Head Cross Country and Asst. Track Coach: 20-year – Trudy Dennison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher; Dana Sprinkle, Elementary Principal; Joyce Wagner, Bus Driver; Becky Walters, Food Service Director: 25-years – Ann Krone, District Treasurer: 30-years – Lori Scuitte, HS Language Arts: and 34-years – Mary Ellen Muninger, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher.

The Board of Education welcomed the new staff members and looks forward to the positive contributions they will make, and thanked all of the returning staff for the years of educating our students they have given.



Kneeling Left to Right – Zandra Rotrock, Julie Glenn, Kim Parks, Amber Fouard, Trudy Dennison, Dana Sprinkle, Mary Ellen Muninger, Anita Bird  
Middle Row Left to Right – Cheryl Higgins, Kris Bell, Michelle Cooper, Danielle White, Pam Dodd, Michelle Werner, Becky Walters, Albert Reeve, Amanda Little, Joyce Wagner  
Back Row Left to Right – Mitch Drees, Marty Kramer, Jamie Bradley, Jim Proseus, Jerry Hammonds, Norm Jennings, John Fouard, Lori Scuitte, Darcy Bradley

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome to November from Ell-Saline USD 307. Wow! It doesn't seem possible that it can be that time of year already. In just a few short weeks we'll be sitting around our dining room tables with family and friends, eating a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and giving thanks for the many blessings that we receive.

This past month I have been reminded of, and have observed, many things going on with our students, staff and patrons that give us cause for celebration and thanksgiving. Every year the University of Kansas recognizes the top 10% of seniors from high schools in the state. This year it was held on October 9 at the Salina Country Club, and four of our top senior students and their parents were recognized at the KU Honors Banquet. They were: Hunter Lindquist, daughter of Brandon and Pam; Justin Schmutz, son of Jan and the late Ron; Garrett Schuman, son of Shawn Andrews and Richard Schuman; and Danielle Sprinkle, daughter of Steve and Dana. Our high school vocal students were part of the HOA League Honor Choir that was held on October 10 at Berean Academy. Various FFA teams placed well at competitions they were in and a group of them are attending the National FFA Conference in Louisville where Jordan Pieschl, a past Ell-Saline graduate, will be representing Kansas FFA as the National Officer Candidate. The MS volleyball and football teams completed their seasons after giving us plenty to cheer about and showing improvement during the season. The HS volleyball, cross country and football teams have competed well throughout the season and volleyball and cross country have qualified for post season competition. Ms. Brandt and Ms. Grover are working with their students in preparation of the Grades 5-6 music concert on November 14, the HOA Instrumental Honors Concert at Remington High School on November 12 and the Grades 7-12 music concert on November 25. Our HS Scholars' Bowl team coached by Mrs. Hanson has begun its competition. Our students in various grade levels have completed the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment. A group of high school students participated in the HOA Leadership Conference at HCC on September 25. Mrs. Little and the play cast are preparing for their performances of *Our Town* on November 15 and 16. Numerous educational field trips have been taken to enhance our students learning. Our staff has participated in In-Service Day activities where they learned more about the changes needed as we move to the Common Core English Language Arts curriculum. Staff members are visiting other schools to observe how they have implemented and are using iPads in their instruction. Last week we finished our first 9-weeks grading period and looking at the grade reports of the students, even amidst all of the activities going on, our students and staff kept their focus on academics to begin the year. A large percentage of our parents attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences where they had an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the teachers. Our CPTA and Booster Club have continued to provide additional support for our students and staff. Several district patrons and Board of Education members have given of their time by volunteering to serve on the Site-Councils at each building and on the District Calendar Committee. Many parents attended the Parent Math Enrichment Night presented by elementary school staff members. We thank you for having taken the time and interest to attend, support and encourage our students and staff in all of their efforts and encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities this next month.

Although we have not yet had the threat of a widespread flu like illness it is about that time of the year when the regular flu bug begins to hit. We will appreciate everyone's help in containing the flu as well as we have in the past by practicing proper health etiquette and by keeping your children home while they were ill.

## EII-Saline USD 307

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Nov. 1	NO SCHOOL—Teacher In-Service Day	Nov. 14	7:00 5-6 Band/Vocal Program @ EL
Nov. 1	3:30 HS VB State @ Emporia	Nov. 15	TBA HS FB Sectionals
Nov. 1	National FFA Convention @ Louisville	Nov. 15	7:30 HS Play <i>Our Town</i>
Nov. 1	All Saints Day	Nov. 16	7:30 HS Play <i>Our Town</i>
Nov. 2	8:00 KMEA HS Auditions @ Junction City	Nov. 17	End of HS Buffer Week
Nov. 2	11:00 HS CC State @ Wamego	Nov. 18	Winter Sports Practice begins
Nov. 2	2:00 HS VB State @ Emporia	Nov. 18	CPTA Mtg. @ EL
Nov. 2	National FFA Convention @ Louisville	Nov. 19	MS Winter Sports & Cheerleader Pictures
Nov. 3	Day Light Savings—Fall Back 1 Hour	Nov. 19	MS BB Salina Christian Academy @ ES
Nov. 8	ACT Test Registration Deadline	Nov. 21	EL Fall Retakes
Nov. 8	TBA HS FB Regionals	Nov. 21	FFA @ Linn
Nov. 11	7:00 BOE @ ESDO	Nov. 22	TBA HS FB Sub-State
Nov. 11	HS Buffer Week	Nov. 25	7:00 7-12 Band/Choir @ ES
Nov. 11	Veterans' Day	Nov. 26	4:00 MS BB Wilson @ ES
Nov. 12	7:00 HOA Inst. Music Honors Concert @ Remington	Nov. 27	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 13	2:00 MS Winter Sports Picture	Nov. 28	NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING DAY
Nov. 13	TBA Red Cross Blood Drive	Nov. 29	NO SCHOOL
		Nov. 30	1:00 HS FB State @ Fort Hays State