

October 12 Board Meeting Report

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

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

V. REPORTS

BOE – Jeff Parker reminded the board of the SHESC Legislative Luncheon on November 12 and Marty Kramer asked the board members to be thinking about the KASB Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Sprinkle – Her report included: professional development activities; 2015 state assessment results; Nathan Burgess being selected as the KAHPERD Young Professional of the Year; and parent involvement at various school events.

Mrs. Wildeman – Her report included: congratulating the seven seniors that were recognized at the KU Honors Banquet; Team Red, White & Blue stopping at the MS/HS on October 15; 2015 state assessment scores; tentative January in-service day plans; calendar changes; and football district teams for the next two years.

Mr. Minneman – His report included: progress on track resurfacing; presented a KASB certificate to Jeff Parker for trainings he attended last year; and dates that he will be attending meetings out of the district before the next meeting.

VII. BUSINESS

Bowling Interest—Approval, contingent on being funded from outside sources, was given to start a cooperative agreement with Sacred Heart for HS Bowling.

Supplemental Positions—Norm Jennings was approved as the MS Head Boys' Basketball Coach and Josh Burt as the MS Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach.

Authorize Use of Contingency Reserve Funds—Approval was given to use Contingency Reserve Funds for the purpose of installing security cameras at the MS/HS and other security measures.

State Assessment Results—The district results of last year's state assessment were shared. Individual student reports will be sent home with report cards next week.

Communities That Care Survey Results—The results from last year's survey were shared.

There were two Executive Sessions (Negotiations, Personnel).

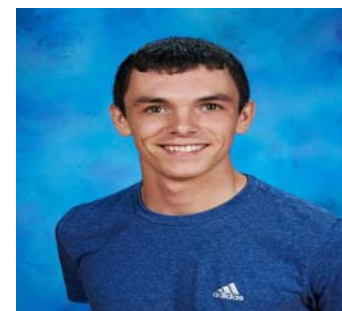
October Students of the Month

Sydney Hynes



Sydney Hynes is the October Middle School Student of the Month. Sydney is the daughter of Tracy and Michelle Hynes and the sister of Amanda and Courtney Reed. In school, Sydney participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, Cheerleading, Drama/Theatre, Band, PALS, and FCA. In her community Sydney plays softball and is a member of 4-H, the Volunteer Connection and St. Elizabeth's Church. Sydney enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with her friends, and exercising. After High School, she plans on going to FHSU to become an Elementary School Teacher or playing basketball at KWU. Way to go, Sydney!

Riley Drees



The October High School Student of the Month is Riley Drees. Riley is the son of Mitch and Shelly Drees and the brother of Emma and Keenan Drees. In school he participates in NHS, PALS, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Band, Science Olympiad, BPA, Football, Basketball, and Track. Outside of school he volunteers at Brookville's United Methodist Church. Riley enjoys reading, playing his saxophone, and spending time with his friends. After High School he plans to attend a four-year college to graduate with a degree in Biology and then seek further education to become a General Practitioner Physician. Good work, Riley!

Thank You

We would like to thank the Ell-Saline Family and community for the love and support you have given us through this journey we are taking. From t-shirt sales, pink out events, cards, hugs, prayers, and smiles you have been so wonderful. Your kindness, generosity and support have meant the world to us. We feel so blessed to be a member of the cardinal family. Thank you again for everything. God bless you all.

Robyn, Jeff, Morgan, Spencer, & Tanner Parker



UNSUNG HEROES OF THE ROAD



Who are the first school district representatives that most students see in the morning and the last ones they see at night? Who are those school district representatives that assume the enormous responsibility of carrying out their duties with their backs turned to their students? Who are those school representatives that are required to attend monthly safety meetings? If your answer to each of those questions was "school bus drivers" then give yourself an A+ because you are correct. In honor of this courageous group of people Governor Brownback proclaimed the week of October 20 – 24 as School Bus Safety Week and Wednesday, October 21, as School Bus Drivers' Appreciation Day.

The next time you encounter a school bus slow down, give them room, **STOP** if the **STOP** arm is out, be alert for the bus to turn, for students to be waiting up ahead to board the bus or for the bus to be stopping to let students off. The next time you see one of our regular route drivers (Shondra Abker, Kim Barkley, Susan Black, Jeremy Diehl, Liz Diehl, Cindy Jensen, Kim Klucas, Debbie Smith, Joyce Wagner) and our substitute drivers (Delbert Armbrust, Alan Davis) take a moment to tell them "THANK YOU" for accepting this tremendous responsibility and for a job well done.



Seated left to right: Jeremy Diehl, Driver in training Gus Diehl, Liz Diehl, Susan Black, Kim Klucas

Standing left to right: Joyce Wagner, Cindy Jensen, Shondra Abker, Kim Barkley

Not pictured: Debbie Smith, Delbert Armbrust, Alan Davis

Reading out loud with Your child can be...
POSITIVE ... PRODUCTIVE ... & POWERFUL.

The Set-Up

- Sit next to each other.
- Take turns reading one page at a time.
- When you read, model strong phrasing and expression.
- When your child reads, listen to the story. Let your child attempt hard words. Help explain new vocabulary.

Read a variety.

- Choose short texts like picture books, blogs, poems, and magazine articles.
- Choose a chapter book that you and your child save to only read when you are together.

Think out loud.

- Pause to think out loud.
- Show your child what goes through your mind when you read.

Approach as a fellow reader.

- Try to avoid too many corrections or judgements.
- Enjoy the book as two readers.

Encourage conversations.

- Pause during and after reading to discuss predictions, reactions, opinions, and feelings.

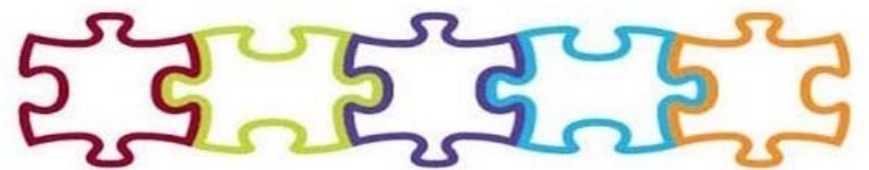


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Ell-Saline Elementary staff invites you to attend

Parent Enrichment Night

Teacher-led mini-workshops on various topics including: Math, Reading, Technology, Behavior Supports, and more!



Date: Thursday November 12

Time: Meal starts at 6:00 pm. workshops to follow

MEAL IS FREE TO THOSE WHO ATTEND THE ENRICHMENT NIGHT!

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED!

Come enjoy a meal. and learn some tips and tricks to help your students at home!



BRANSON GETAWAY THANK YOU!!

The Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence thanks everyone who participated in the Branson Getaway fundraiser. The drawing was held at the football game with Bennington last Friday. The winner of the drawing was Jan Wearing! Congratulations and have a great time!!

ELL-SALINE LIONS CLUB Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Free Will Donations

Brookville Community Building
SATURDAY

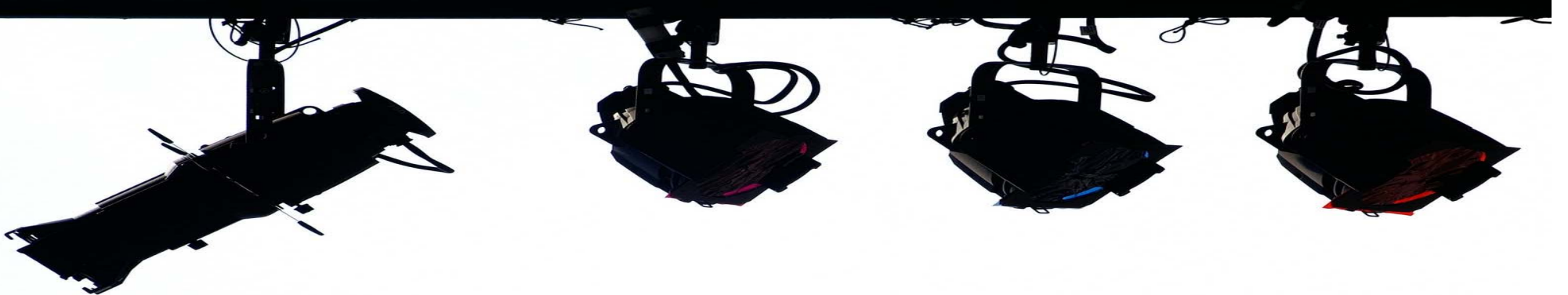
NOVEMBER 7, 2015

7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



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

THEATER



Join us for the Ell-Saline Drama Department's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, a play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, based upon *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman. This harrowing story of a young girl in Nazi occupied Amsterdam has won the hearts of millions around the world. Shows will be Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, at 7:00 pm. Also, keep your ears peeled for news of a dinner show on Saturday night hosted by the After Prom Committee.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

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| Nov 1 | Remember to set clocks back one hour | Nov 19 | ESE Picture Retakes |
| Nov 3 | 6:00 ESIC Meeting | Nov 19 | 9:00 FFA @ Linn |
| Nov 5 | NO ESE After School | Nov 20 | NO ESE After School |
| Nov 5 | 7:00 1 & 2 Vocal Program | Nov 20 | 7:00 HS FB Sub-State |
| Nov 6 | NO ESE After School | Nov 23 | 4:00 MS BB @ Canton/Galva |
| Nov 6 | ACT Registration Deadline | Nov 24 | NO ESE After School |
| Nov 6 | 7:00 HS FB Regionals | Nov 24 | 9:00 Yearbook & MS Winter Sports Pictures |
| Nov 7 | HS KMEA Auditions @ Junction City | Nov 24 | 4:00 MS Basketball Wilson @ ES |
| Nov 9 | 3:30 FFA @ Salina | Nov 25 | NO SCHOOL |
| Nov 9 | 7:00 BOE Mtg. @ DO | Nov 26 | |
| Nov 9 | HS Buffer Week | | |
| Nov 10 | 7:00 HOA Inst. Music Honors Concert @ ES | | |
| Nov 10 | HS Buffer Week | | |
| Nov 11 | HS Buffer Week | | |
| Nov 11 | 6:30 Booster Club Meeting @ ES | Nov 27 | NO SCHOOL |
| Nov 12 | NO ESE After School | Nov 28 | HS FB State |
| Nov 12 | 6:00 Elementary Parent Enrichment Night | Nov 30 | 7:00 HS Band/Choir Concert |
| Nov 12 | HS Buffer Week | Dec 1 | 5:00 HS BB Gatorade Scrimmage @ ES |
| Nov 13 | 7:00 HS Play | Dec 1 | HS Winter Sports Parent Mtg. |
| Nov 13 | NO ESE After School | Dec 3 | 4:00 MS BB Moundridge @ ES |
| Nov 13 | 7:00 HS FB Sectionals | Dec 4 | NO ESE After School |
| Nov 13 | HS Buffer Week | Dec 4 | 4:30 HS BB @ Sedgwick |
| Nov 14 | HS Buffer Week | Dec 5 | 10:00 WR @ Lincoln |
| Nov 14 | 7:00 HS Play | Dec 5 | HS KMEA @ Manhattan |
| Nov 15 | 3:00 Outdoor Learning Center Work Day | | |
| Nov 15 | End of HS Buffer Week | | |
| Nov 16 | Winter Sports Practice Begins | | |
| Nov 16 | 6:30 CPTA Meeting @ ESE | | |



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. A fourth of our year is already over as the first 9-weeks has ended. 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 continue to 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. However, this year we had seven seniors with 4.0 GPAs so all seven were honored. Our students and their parents recognized at the Salina Country Club for the KU Honors Banquet are: Noah Bradley, son of Darcy and Jamie; Dakota Came, son of Laurie and Bill; Riley Drees, son of Shelly and Mitch; Morgan Kindlesparger, daughter of Jessica and Sean; Morgan Parker, daughter of Robyn and Jeff; Catelyn Richards, daughter of Cher and Doyle; and Haley Thomason, daughter of Carrie and Eric.



- ✓ Various FFA teams placed well at competitions they were in and a group of them are attending the National FFA Conference in Indianapolis.
- ✓ The MS volleyball and football teams completed their seasons after giving us plenty to cheer about and showing improvement during the season. The football team finished its season undefeated!
- ✓ The HS volleyball, cross country and football teams have competed well throughout the season as they prepare for their post season competitions.
- ✓ Ms. Brandt and Ms. Grover are working with their students in preparation of the Grades 1-2 music concert on November 5, the HOA Instrumental Honors Concert that we will host on November 10 and the Grades 7-12 music concert on November 30.

- ✓ Our HS Scholars' Bowl team coached by Mrs. Hanson has begun practicing for its upcoming season.
- ✓ Mrs. Little and the play cast are preparing for their performances of *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* on November 13 and 14.
- ✓ Numerous educational field trips have been taken to expand on classroom instruction.
- ✓ Our staff has participated in an In-Service Day where they designed activities that addressed their own individual needs and interests. Activities included: iPad apps and Google Classroom; integrating ELA and Math into cross-curricular subject areas; differentiated instruction; preparing for the AdvancEd school visit in April and for a presentation at the KSDE Fall Conference; visiting other schools; and researching ideas for developing student teamwork, outdoor problem solving, critical thinking and real world application.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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 have given of their time by volunteering to serve on the Site-Councils at each building.
- ✓ Our elementary staff is gearing up for the Parent Enrichment Night that will be on November 12.

Whew! It has been a busy month for everyone! 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 we encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities this next month.

It is refreshing to see the interest, and involvement, of so many parents and patrons of the district. That is just one of the many things that I am thankful for. Only through your help and encouragement will Ell-Saline USD 307 continue to be a place where your children will receive a quality education. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence.