

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Here it is November all ready and we have much to be Thankful for. Our students had many successes this Fall in classes, activities and athletics. I am thankful for their hard work and dedication toward our district and their personal achievements. I am thankful for our teachers and paras who work hard every day to provide our students with engaging educational opportunities. I am thankful for our counselors who provide guidance for our students. I am thankful for our activity sponsors and athletic coaches who provide extracurricular guidance to help our students grow and develop in a variety of ways. I am thankful for our bus drivers who get our students to school safely. I am thankful for our cooks for providing healthy meals for our students and staff. I am thankful for our custodians who help keep our school clean and everything working properly. I am thankful for our secretaries and office personnel who manage the day-to-day operations of the district. I am thankful for our tech director for keeping our electronics running well so everyone can do their jobs more efficiently. I am thankful for our principals for leading our staff. Finally I am thankful for our parents and community members who support our schools.

As you can see, it takes many people to make our district great. I am thankful that everyone is so dedicated to our school district. We cannot succeed without you! Thank you for all you do!

PREDICTORS OF POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS

At a recent training, we were provided an article from the College & Career Readiness & success Center at the American Institutes for Research on the Predictors of Postsecondary Success. In this article they identify "Indicators," "Predictors," and "Other Potential Factors" of Postsecondary Success.

In Elementary School the study identified students who are absent less than 10 percent of the time and students who can read proficiently are more likely to succeed in future grades and graduate from high school with the essential skills needed for postsecondary success.

In Middle School, students who have the following characteristics tend to be more successful:

- Less than 20 percent absenteeism
- Remaining at the same school through the middle grades
- Receiving no unsatisfactory Behavior referrals
- Passing English and Math courses and being proficient on state exams.
- Passing Algebra I in the eighth grade

Other factors that were identified were a student's social – emotional stability and their decision-making skills.

In High School, these indicators were identified:

- Less than 10 percent absences
- Failing no more than 1 subject in the 9th grade
- Completing Algebra II, Geometry, and one higher-level math class as a Junior and another higher-level math class as a Senior.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in High School
- Dual Enrollment participation
- Passing state exams
- FAFSA completion

Other factors that included few school transfers between grades during high school, ACT Work Keys testing and receiving some kind of Skills Certification.

Obviously these are general indicators and individuals may be successful if they do not meet all these criteria but as we continue to "redesign" our schools and seek yearly accreditation, we will evaluate where we are in helping students achieve in these areas and how we can improve.



November MS Student of the Month:

Avery Richards



Avery Richards, an 8th grader, is the daughter of Tara Richards and Darin Richards and sister to Lani and Ally Richards. In school Avery is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, and Scholars Bowl. Outside of school she is a member of the BUMC youth group. In her spare time Avery enjoys playing sports and hanging out with her friends. After high school she plans to attend college and then work in the medical field. Great job, Avery!

November HS Student of the Month:

Reece Ditto



Junior Reece Ditto is the daughter of Troy and Darci Ditto and sister to Brody Ditto. In school Reece is involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, FCA, BBBS, PALS, NHS, is the FFA secretary, and the Junior class vice-president. In the community she is a daycare provider at the Salina Family YMCA and a member of the BUMC youth group. Outside of school she enjoys playing sports, hanging out with friends, and reading. After high school Reece plans to attend Kansas State then become an elementary teacher. Way to go, Reece!



NEWS



The Ell-Saline Freshman Par-law and Ritual team placed third recently at the North Central FFA District competition. Georga Stelter was the top Secretary on that day.

The Ell-Saline FFA attended the National Convention held in Indianapolis. The members listened to Key Note speaker Bob Goff and had the chance to visit college booths from around the nation. On the way home students stopped at the World Famous Clydesdale Ranch and toured the facility and was lectured on the breeding, training, and raising of the horses.



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FCCLA NEWS

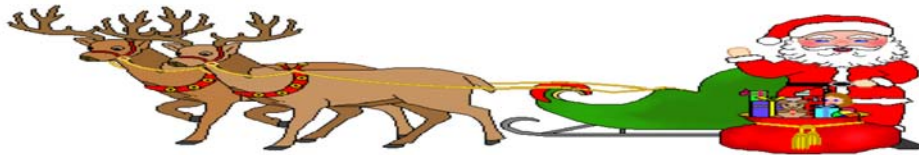
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Cancer Survivors to be Honored

The Ell-Saline Relay For Life team is planning to honor all cancer survivors with a Pink Out Night on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Admission is free for cancer survivors and a short recognition is planned. T-shirts will be sold to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This year's Saline County Youth Relay will be Saturday evening, March 28, at Salina Stadium or KWU Student Center if weather conditions are poor. The public is invited to attend. Contact Taylor Lewis, Julisa Wolf or Cassidy Duerr, high school students, for more information.



FCCLA and Santa Deliver Treats

Students and staff at the Middle School/High School will have the opportunity to order holiday treat bags to be delivered to their friends in the building or for themselves. These make great Christmas gifts for friends and brain boosters for finals. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members will be putting the goodies together. Santa and his merry helpers will distribute the holiday treats the week before Winter Break. To order some for your students or friends, please bring or send your holiday message and \$2.00

For each treat bag to Mrs. Susan Nelson,
MS/HS FCCLA Sponsor.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check for changes at www.ellsaline.org

Dec. 3	4:00 V Scholars' Bowl @ Ellsworth	Dec. 19	END OF QUARTER/SEMESTER
Dec. 3	4:00 MS BB @ Sterling	Dec. 19	No ESE After School
Dec. 3	HS BB Food Bank Scrimmage @ ES	Dec. 19	8:15 ESE Holiday Parties
Dec. 3	HS Winter Sports Parent Meetings	Dec. 19	MS BB @ Sedgwick
Dec. 4	MS/HS Winter Sports Pictures	Dec. 19	4:30 HS Girls BB HOA/CPL Challenge @ Marion
Dec. 5	4:00 MS BB Remington @ ES	Dec. 20	WINTER BREAK Teacher Work Day
Dec. 6	No ESE After School	Dec. 20	3:00 HS JV WR @ Council Grove
Dec. 7	10:00 HS V WR @ Lincoln	Dec. 20	4:30 HS Boys BB HOA/CPL Challenge @ ES
Dec. 7	HS BB @ Southeast of Saline		Fall State Sports Recognition
Dec. 9	No ESE After School	Dec. 20	5:00 HS JV WR @ Abilene
Dec. 9	6:30 BOE Meeting	Dec. 22-26 KSHSAA Non-Practice Days	
Dec. 10	4:30 HS Pre-Season BB Halstead @ ES	Dec. 23	WINTER BREAK
Dec. 11	8:30 Scuitte —Martin Luther King Trip	Dec. 24	WINTER BREAK
Dec. 11	FFA Dairy Foods	Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec. 12	3:00 ESE Fundraiser pick up	Dec. 26	WINTER BREAK
Dec. 12	4:00 MS BB Trinity Catholic @ ES	Dec. 27	WINTER BREAK
Dec. 12	4:30 Pre-Season BB @ Minneapolis	Dec. 30	WINTER BREAK
Dec. 12	6:30 CPTA Read with Santa	Dec. 31	NEW YEARS EVE/WINTER BREAK
Dec. 13	FFA Beef Expo	Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR/WINTER BREAK
Dec. 13	No ESE After School	Jan. 2	WINTER BREAK
Dec. 13	HS Pre Season BB @ KWU	Jan. 3	WINTER BREAK
	6:30 Girls	Jan. 6	WINTER BREAK Teacher In-Service
	8:15 Boys	Jan. 7	Classes Resume
Dec. 14	ACT Test Date	Jan. 7	4:30 HS BB @ Bennington
Dec. 14	9:00 MS BB @ SES	Jan. 7	MS Girls BB Salina South @ ES
Dec. 14	9:00 HS V WR @ Minneapolis	Jan. 8	7:00 Booster Club Meeting
Dec. 16	7:00 5th & 6th grades Band & Vocal Concert	Jan. 9	4:00 MS BB @ Inman
Dec. 17	4:30 HS BB @ Ellinwood	Jan. 10	No ESE After School
Dec. 17	6:00 HS WR @ ES	Jan. 10	4:30 HS BB @ Remington
Dec. 18	ESE Spirit Stick Sales	Jan. 11	9:00 HS V WR @ Ellsworth