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District AYP Report Shows Students Excelling!

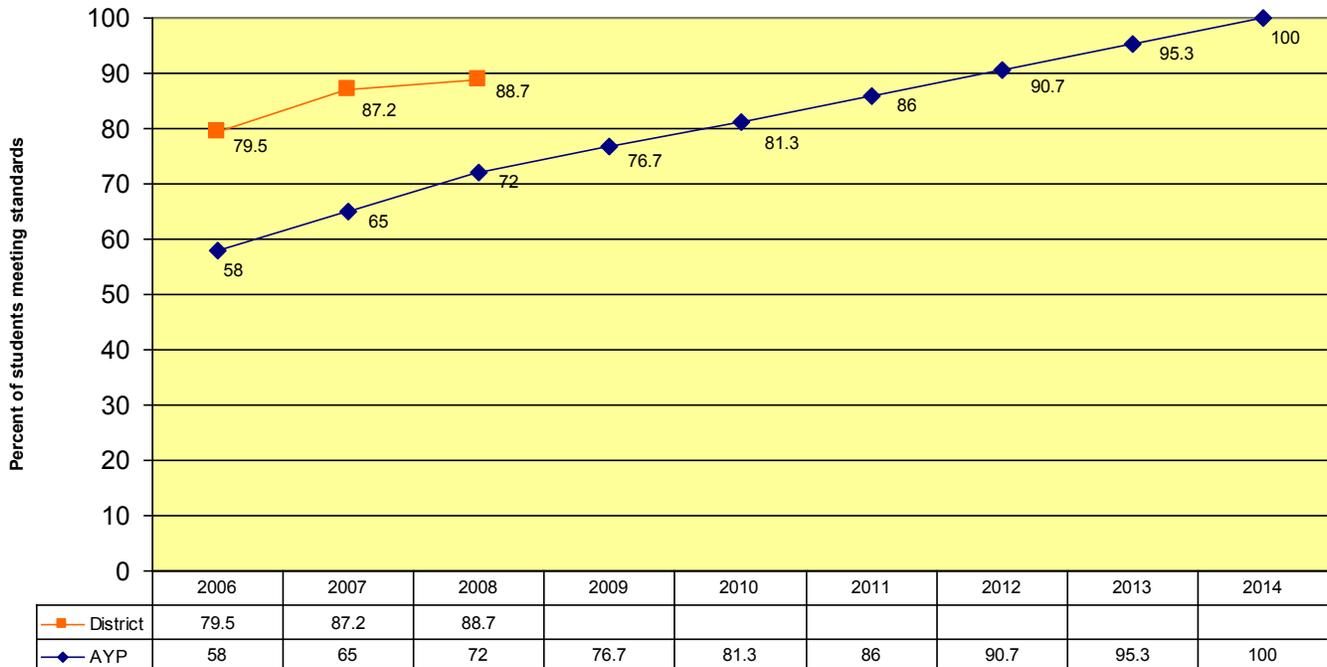
The majority of Mulvane students continue to improve and meet standards or above on the Kansas State Assessments in Reading and Math. All third through eighth graders and eleventh graders are assessed yearly in both subjects. The state requires 100% participation on the assessments. The graphs below show the percentage of USD #263 students meeting standards or above on the reading and math assessments and how they are progressing to the required 100% proficiency required by No Child Left Behind legislation.

**Mulvane USD 263
AYP Math Students**



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**Mulvane USD 263
AYP Reading Students**



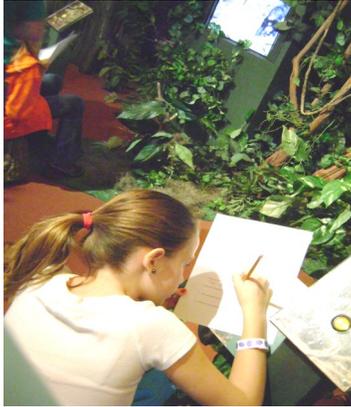
The Reading Standard of Excellence was achieved by 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th grade classes which reflected that the students not only met the standards but most of them exceeded the standards or were in the exemplary range on the assessment. The 7th, 11th High School and 11th Academy received the Standard of Excellence in Mathematics. **Congratulations to those students who achieved exemplary status on their assessments and to their teachers!**

**ATTENTION.....
CHANGE IN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ACCESS**

This will be the last hard copy mailed out in bulk. We will be using School Messenger to notify parents by e-mail when a newsletter is available. If you are not on the school database as a parent or staff member and would like to be notified by e-mail when a newsletter is available, please send your e-mail address to asagely@usd263.k12.ks.us. The newsletter will also be posted on the district website. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy by mail, please make your request by phone or letter to Angela Sagely, Mulvane District Office, ATTN: District Newsletter, 628 E. Mulvane St. Mulvane, KS, 67110 and we will be glad to mail you one.

Thank you

FIFTH GRADE VENTURES OFF TO EXPLORATION PLACE



Jane Goodall is a world-renowned expert on wildlife. 10 Ways to Help Save Wildlife, one of her many publications from National Geographic For Kids, is featured in our reading curriculum. After studying Jane's article, the fifth graders ventured off to Exploration Place's "Jane Goodall Exhibit". There they learned more about the work of Jane Goodall. One of the main displays was a tent filled with basic supplies and equipment representing the kind of living conditions Jane experienced during the 30 years she spent living in the jungle. There were many interactive displays offering plenty of interesting learning opportunities. It was no surprise that the exhibit called "The Scoop on Poop" was very popular due to its intriguing group of disgusting weird facts and pictures. It was clear that all the students, parents, and teachers had a great time on this field trip.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING FROM MGS



The Mulvane District Office enjoyed Christmas Caroling from the students at MGS. Superintendent Donna Augustine-Shaw thanked the students for stopping by to perform and for a job well done.

CAPTURE THE FOOTBALL? FLAG? SNOWMAN? TURKEY?

WHICH GAME IS IT?

Well, it depends on the season. Students learned "Capture the Football" in P.E. during the month of November as part of their Cardiovascular Unit. They learned positions and rules, worked out strategies and got a cardiovascular work-out as they participated in the game.

On November 25th, the game turned into "Capture the Turkey."

Each grade level participated in a one hour single elimination tournament to produce one class to move to the semi finals held in the afternoon. At one p.m., Paula



Canfield's class triumphed over Erica Langhover's class to move on to the second level of the semi-finals competition where they lost to Michelle Coss's fifth grade class. Ms. Coss's class moved to the finals against the teachers. Victory was sweet!

Final Score: Teachers - 9 Students - 4



Show of Sportsmanship!



Organizing the Event!



FOOD ITEMS DONATED BY MMS

Mulvane Middle School had over 1500 food items donated by students and staff. The City of Mulvane police and EMS helped sort and distribute food to 20 Mulvane families, FROG diner, and the Catholic Church's food pantry.

DONATION TO RONALD McDONALD HOUSES

Mulvane Middle School students are collecting aluminum can tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald Houses. The tabs are sold to recyclers and pay the utilities for the houses that provide housing for families of hospitalized children. The tabs can be dropped off in the office or cafeteria.

ENVIROMENTALIST ENTERTAINS AND EDUCATES



Going green means even more to 6th and 7th graders since the presentation by the EcoTroubadour, Stan Slaughter. On November 13th, Mrs. Huss' science classes hosted the presentation on environmental conservation sponsored by Kansas Green Schools. Mr. Sluaghter presented songs and slides on recycling, conservation of resources, and use of alternative energy methods. Following presentations to the classes, he met with the Student Council officers, and staff members to discuss plans for the Mulvane schools being more environmentally friendly. Mr. Hampton, Food Service Director, is looking into using metal spoons and forks. Mr. Wheeler, Facilities Director, looked at ideas with the students for increasing recycling of plastic, cardboard, aluminum, batteries, and paper. Students also looked at programs in the school to turn off lights, use of reusable grocery bags, and drink bottles.

VOCAL MUSIC NEWS

The High School Winter Concert was held on December 2nd and was well attended. Women's Choir got to perform at the Villa Maria on December 16th. Esprit de Corps had a busy holiday concert season performing at MPS, MGS, MMS, Central Office/Senior Center, Rolling Hills Country Club, the EMS building for the Meadowlarks, the Sedgwick County Courthouse, Villa Maria and Sterling House in Derby.

Upcoming Events:

- March 10th MMS Spring Vocal Concert at MHS @ 7:00 pm
- April 11th MHS Regional Solo and Ensemble Festival
- April 16th MHS State Large Group Festival
- April 25th MHS State Large Group Festival
- April 29th MMS Vocal Music Festival
- May 4th MHS Catapalooza at MHS @ 7:00 pm



Esprit de Corps performing at the Mulvane District Office. Thank you Mrs. Jansen and Esprit de Corps! What a great performance!

ART AND TECHNOLOGY FANS

Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 5th, 2009 for the Art and Technology Show. The show will once again be held at the High School from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Student art, kindergarten through high school, as well as, middle school and high school technology projects will be on display. Refreshments and music will help provide an enjoyable evening for all who attend.



MULVANE HIGH SCHOOL ELECTRORALLY TEAM

Fall 2008 Harold Stapp and David Dieker,
School Sponsors

The Mulvane High School Electric car team had a very busy schedule this past fall competing at two events in October. The first event took place at the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City on October 6th. This was the first national event that our school has ever had the opportunity to participate in and the students did a great job of representing Mulvane High School. The team consisted of Brandon Tootle as the driver, James Jacobs, Jordan Patterson and Brice Walsten. The team traveled to Kansas City on Sunday, October 5th to look over Cabelas and the shopping area around the speedway. On Monday we arrived at the speed way early to check out the rest of the cars and teams from as far away as Maine and Oregon. The kids had a great day and finished 5th nationally in the Experimental Class with car #254X. It was very exciting to do this well at a national event. The teams consisted of high schools, technical schools, colleges and private companies. The students were able to participate at some of the nicest facilities in the country and see many of the best cars built for this event. We all were able to witness two national records set. Unfortunately, Mulvane was not one of those. One car from Maine ran the hour race at an average of 58.3 miles per hour for one hour using only 67 pounds of batteries. We all hope that the Kansas ElectroRally sponsors host more races at the Kansas Speedway in the future. Our second race was run at Hays, Kansas on October 16th, hosted by the University of Hays. The High Plains ElectroRally is run every fall at Hays. The Mulvane team had two cars in this race consisting of #54 in the advanced class and #254X in the experimental class. These are solar powered cars. Car #54 did well considering it had some mechanical problems coming in 8th for the day. However, car #254X did take second in it's class and showed very well. The team for the day consisted of James Jacobs driving car #254X, Jordan Patterson driving #54, Brandon Tootle, Todd Lane and Coleton Caldwell.

The students had a great time traveling to Hays on the morning of the race before presenting the cars for inspections. The race is run in the park around curves, around many trees and hills. This is always a wonderful race and lots of fun.

Mulvane has been competing in the Kansas ElectroRally since 1999. This is our tenth year competing in the event and have found it to be a great educational project. The ElectroRally cars are small electric powered cars that the students design, plan, and build in the shop. The cars are only powered by 67 pounds of batteries, carry a 180 pound driver, comply with all safety regulations and compete to see how far the cars can travel in one hour. Many of the parts come from bicycles and electrical components found in golf carts. The students design the vehicles as light weight as possible, efficient as achievable, and then they build the design in the shop and test the results at races against other high schools. We have had many supporters in the past ten years but this past year we have had Phillips Electric and Butler Rural Electric Cooperative add to the finances for our team. This is so important to help the students purchase new batteries and parts for the new cars that are produced every year. Mulvane builds a new car every year. However, many of the teams that we see do not update their cars or build new. Many of these teams run the same cars or just update parts. We all want to thank the community for their past support and are in hopes of sustaining the program for our students in the future. More can be found at www.kansaselectrorally.org the electric car web site.

HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

Ethan Young, a sophomore at Mulvane High School, has been selected to participate in the Hugh O'Brian



Youth Foundation (HOBY) Leadership Seminar. HOBY is the nation's only program exclusively for high school sophomores. The purpose of HOBY is to motivate and develop future leaders, preparing them for positions in their schools and helping them to expand the

talents that will serve them and others in the future.



The seminar brings together the best of two worlds; high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership qualities, tomorrow's leaders, and today's leaders, that include men and women who have distinguished themselves in business, education, government, the sciences, the arts, and their professions. Through intense but informal discussions, young people obtain a realistic look at their nation, its people, and their role in the world community. The conference will be held in June 2009 on the campus of Wichita State University. The Mulvane Optimist Club contributed the registration fee for Ethan.

WEATHER BUG

The Weather Bug Weather Station was installed at the Mulvane Grade School in 1994. We have been able to do repairs and keep it running up until last spring. Andy Hausman, WeatherBug Account Executive at AWS, said they no longer have the Master Control Unit (MCU) for our station. It is just too old. Although, they may be able to repair it there is no guarantee that it can be fixed and other problems may exist with the overall system.

It would cost \$4995 to purchase a Weather Station replacement. In talking with various staff from each school building in our district, no one uses the Weather Station for educational activities. Staff is able to access the same information from another source so the Weather Bug Weather Station will not be replaced at this time. To access weather information in your area go to www.wunderground.com.

FOOD SERVICE OFFERS ASSISTANCE

If your income or job status has changed recently during this economic downturn, you may qualify for free or reduced meals under the National School Lunch Program. If you have been laid off, on strike or have seen a reduction in pay and need assistance with your student's meals, please visit our website to download a free/reduced meal application. Go to www.usd263.com and click on the lunch icon or under "Departments" and choose "Food Services" then follow the link to the meal application.

COMMUNITY FACILITY STEERING COMMITTEE

The Mulvane School District has started holding meetings with a community facility steering committee comprised of patrons, staff members, administrators, and architects from Schaefer, Johnson, Cox, and Frey to look at district facilities. Meetings have been held at the various attendance centers and the district office. The purpose of the meetings has been to tour the facilities and begin the process of determining what the building needs are with regards to space, building infrastructure (heating, cooling, electrical), technology needs/wiring, athletic facilities, etc. The meetings have been beneficial to all and will continue this spring. A master plan will be provided to the Board of Education when the committee reaches consensus and a recommendation on how best to meet the needs identified in the process.

Facility Steering Committee Members are:

Amy Dempsey, Barb Cooper, Becky Huss, Bill Meitl, Brad Hansen, Brenda Martin, Bruce Sweet Cathi Wilson, Cathy Fooshee, Cindy Ramsey, Clara Thompson, Dale Landes, Dana Vaughn, Darrien Wheeler, Dave Johnson, David Haynes, Dee Lanzrath, Denise Woods, Dennis Springer, Don Pennington, Doug Evers, Gay Younkin, Gregg Oblinger, Heidi Perkins, Jack Barton, Janet Rodriguez, Jared Payne, Jayson Miller, Jeri Anderson, Jim Webb, Jim Lanzrath, Joe Gosch, Joe Belden, Joe Johnson, JT Klaus, Julina Beck, Kevin Collier, Linda Miller, Mindy Sorensen, Nicole Streff-Colignon, Phil Keys, Ramon Wiseman, Randy Miller, Raquel Charbonneau, Richard Canfield, Richard Flores, Richard Hampton, Rick Langerot, Robin Tharp, Robin Williams, Roger Bennett, Ron Hladik, Ron Adkins, Ron Paul, Scott Dunham, Scott Swaney, Shelly & Bob Chambers, Stacy Nulik, Steve Nichols, Terri Lemos, Ticia Human, Tom Ingalls, Traci Becker, Troy Smith



FROM THE CITY OF MULVANE

City Web Site: www.mulvanekansas.com

City Hall - 777-1143

City Utility Bills: Payment is due by the 5th of each month in order to avoid the late penalty. Bills paid after the 5th are subject to a 5% penalty. Shut-off for non-payment is 1:00 p.m. the 20th of each month. Please attach your utility bill stub to your payment to insure you receive proper credit to your bill. For after hours utility service, please call the Mulvane Police Dept. Dispatcher at 777-4262.

Mulvane City Council Elections: Candidates for three city council position must file at city hall (211 N. 2nd) by noon on Tuesday, January 27th. The filing fee is \$10.00. The primary will be March 3rd (if needed). The general election is April 7th. The council members serve four (4) year terms.

Stormwater Pollution Control: What goes into the street and storm sewer goes into a stream or river. Use pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn sparingly. Repair auto leaks. Sweep up yard debris. Clean up after your pet. Dispose of household hazardous waste (antifreeze, oil, paint, etc.) and batteries properly. Sedgwick County offers several locations at which to dispose household hazardous waste. Call 660-7464 for more information.

Home Safety Inspections: The Mulvane Fire Dept. will perform free home safety inspections upon request. Contact the Mulvane Fire Dept. at 777-1551 for more information on making your home safe.

Dogs & Cats - Licensing & Running At Large: All dogs and cats in the City must be vaccinated and licensed. Licenses can be purchased at the Mulvane Police Dept. at 211 N. 2nd. City ordinance limits the total number of pets per house to three (3). All dogs must be kept on a leash or in a fenced enclosure. Please clean up after your pet in city parks and other public places.

City Council Meetings: First and third Mondays of each month at City Hall, 211 N. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Public welcome. Council members are Mayor Jim Ford, Joe Johnson, Jenean Keck, Doug Hatfield, Terry Richardson and Shawn Townson.

Council Agenda via Email: If you would like to receive the bi-weekly city council agenda and meeting minutes via email, email khixson@mulvanekansas.com and ask to be put on the email list. Council meeting minutes are also posted on the City web site.

Sewer Back-ups Happen! Basements with floor drains are susceptible to this problem. You should install a back-flow preventor on your basement sewer service line. Be sure your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy covers sewer back-up damage.



Mulvane USD 263 Mission Statement:

The mission of the Mulvane Public Schools is to prepare all students with academic and life skills while respecting the diverse social, educational, and cultural characteristics of each individual student.

The core values of Mulvane students and staff are based on a foundation of:

- *Respectful, positive relationships*
- *Safe learning environment*
- *Competent, knowledgeable staff*
- *Appropriate social skills and citizenship*
- *Professionalism with integrity*
- *Open and honest communication*

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Board of Education meetings are held at the Mulvane District Office at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.



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