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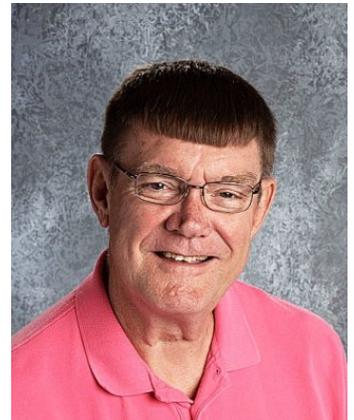
MAY 2012

Getting to Know Your School Board

Richard Canfield

My name is Richard Canfield. I grew up in Wichita and attended Wichita Public Schools. I then attended Sacred Heart College (now Kansas Newman University) and upon graduating, substitute taught in Wichita for a year and a half. During that time, I met and married my wife Paula. We then moved to Mulvane where I was the first full time art teacher at Mulvane High School. After 31 years, I retired from teaching in Mulvane and ran for the school board, which is where I currently serve the district.

During the time I taught in Mulvane, my wife also earned her teaching degree and started teaching third grade. Paula currently teaches fourth grade in Mulvane, but plans on retiring in the near future. Paula and I have three children, all of whom attended Mulvane Public Schools. Our youngest son Brad, now teaches woodworking at Mulvane High School and our granddaughter currently attends Munson Primary School.



When I reflect on my years of teaching in Mulvane, I think of good friends, special students, and many enjoyable years. I truly feel that the Mulvane community and school system are the best! There are few jobs that can be as much fun, totally challenging, and so incredibly rewarding as teaching. Now that I am no longer teaching, I feel that my position on the Board of Education allows me to support teachers in many ways, while also serving the community that has so richly blessed me.

Currently I substitute teach, do maintenance work, volunteer and, of course, babysit the grandkids once in a while. Life provides us with so many opportunities to be involved, stay busy, and give back to the others around us. I am so glad to live in a community of like-minded people.

Mulvane Parents as Teachers

Mulvane Parents as Teachers (P.A.T.) is a home/school partnership that begins when learning begins - at birth. P.A.T. is based on the philosophy that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

In their beginning years, children learn more and at a much faster pace than at any other time in their lives. Our program helps parents make the most of these crucial early-learning years, giving children the best possible start in life.

ALL families, regardless of socio-economic status, can benefit from participation in Parents as Teachers. We are a FREE, year-round program offering personalized home visits, group meetings, periodic screenings, and a resource network to all families in Mulvane USD 263. For more information, please contact Heather Leggett or Debbie White at Munson Primary School: 777-0151, ext. 1401.

Upcoming PAT events:

May 11, 2012 Mother's Day Treasures Parent-Child play group (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

May 14, 2012 Parents as Teachers Advisory Council meeting (3:45 - 5:00 p.m.)

May 15, 2012 Grabbing Hold of Hearts: Parent-Child Attachment parent meeting (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.)

May 24, 2012 Kindermusik (10:30 - 11:00 a.m.)

June 7, 2012 PAT field trip: Botanica (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

June 12, 2012 Big Truck Night (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

June 21, 2012 Kindermusik (10:30 - 11:00 a.m.)

July 12, 2012 Kindermusik (10:30 - 11:00 a.m.)

Aug. 9, 2012 Kindermusik (10:30 - 11:00 a.m.)

Munson Primary Contributes to Families in Oaklawn

Munson students and staff collected 13 huge tubs of supplies for the students and families in the Oaklawn area affected by the tornado in mid-April. As a school, they gathered the supplies and gift cards that were needed the most. In addition to the supplies purchased from the list provided by the coordinating agency, Munson also provided \$170 in gift cards.

The following are supplies purchased:

- Bottled water
- Sports drinks
- Cheerios
- Snacks
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Soap
- Washcloths
- Baby supply items
- Hygiene items
- Cleaning supplies

National Turn Off Your TV Week

Munson students participated in National Turn Off Your TV Week the last week of April; choosing some alternative activities to stretch their brains: Like visiting the public library, completing a library scavenger hunt, reciting poetry, and other family activities.



MGS Hoops for Heart

This year's Hoops for Heart Campaign by the Mulvane Grade School in cooperation with the generous Mulvane community raised \$6,826.53!

The American Heart Association uses this money to find new ways to save lives in their battle against heart disease. On March 6, 2012 boys and girls who won the most knock-out games in our actual event back in February, along with the student from each class that raised the most money for this event, gathered in front of the student body at 7:45 a.m. in the gym for a shoot-out. Winners of that event were as follows: third place boy and girl - receiving a free day pass to MRC - were Hunter from Mr. Townsend's class and Katelyn from Mrs. Elliott's class; second place winners - receiving two free day passes to the MRC - were Kiser from Mrs. Cline's class and Mercedes from Mr. Townsend's class; first place winners - receiving a one month premium pass to the DRC in Derby - were Drew and Brittany, both from Mrs. Headrick's class. Also recognized in this event was Zane from Mrs. Cottrell's class who raised over \$300.00 for this campaign.

A huge THANK-YOU goes out to all the students for their hard work and the community for their generosity in making our event a success. There is no way to put a value on the number of lives that you have enriched/saved with your efforts.



The Life Cycle of Butterflies Project at MGS

Many of the classes at MGS participated in the Life Cycle of Butterflies. The students completed written booklets that went along with the Painted Lady Butterfly Kits.

First, the butterflies begin their journey as a pale green egg the size of a pin head. Second they emerge as a larva (caterpillar). (The kits arrived at our schools) in this life cycle stage. Each participating classroom received approximately 5 caterpillars in a self-contained jar with special food. After 7 to 11 days, the third stage begins (the caterpillar turns into a pupa or chrysalis).

Our students utilized personal monthly calendars to predict when the final (fourth) stage would occur (butterflies may emerge from their individual chrysalis within 7 to 11 days). Several food items were provided to the hatched butterflies (flowers, oranges, orange juice, cotton balls soaked in sugar water, etc). Additional booklet activities included word mazes, making time lines of each life cycle, labeling parts of the butterfly, answering written questions, and finally writing a paragraph about their favorite part of hatching butterflies.

The picture shows a portion of approximately 50 MGS students representing all three grades, releasing 5 of the hatched Painted Lady Butterflies in the Butterfly Garden at Mulvane Grade School. All students thought the butterfly release was a huge success. It was a great learning experience shared by students and staff.



Child Find Notice & Clinic Screening 2012-2013

The USD 263 Board of Education is seeking to identify every student from birth through age 21 who lives in the boundaries of Mulvane Public Schools, has developmental delays and may be in need of special education.

Development screening dates for children birth to age 5 (Areas screened: Language, Concepts, Motor, Behavior, Hearing & Vision)

Wednesday, August 1, 2012 - Please call 777-0256, ext. 202, to make an appointment for August 1, 2012 clinic

- Wednesday, September 12, 2012
- Wednesday, October 24, 2012
- Wednesday, November 14, 2012
- Wednesday, December 12, 2012
- Wednesday, January 16, 2013
- Wednesday, February 6, 2013
- Wednesday, March 6, 2013
- Wednesday, April 10, 2013
- Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Note: Dates are subject to change. Call **777-0151** for an appointment. Screenings are held at: **Munson Primary, 1007 Westview, Mulvane.**

USD 263 provides services to all students who are eligible and need special education services including students with developmental delays, visual impairments/blindness, hearing impairments/deafness, deaf-blindness, autism, traumatic brain injury, emotional disturbance, specific learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, speech/language disabilities and gifted. If you have child you think has developmental delays or special needs, contact:

Gay Younkin, Director of Special Education
Mulvane Public Schools - District Office
628 East Mulvane Street, Mulvane, Kansas 67110
Phone: 316-777-0256

MMS End of Year Important Information

On Friday, April 27th, MMS students celebrated an all school reward party for doing their best on the state assessments. Students and staff spent the day at All Star Adventures in Wichita. The students were very excited about the day and the celebration. Everyone had a great time. A big "THANK YOU" goes to the teachers, the students and the parent support which helped to make this a successful and rewarding event.



Summer Sports Camps

Contact Mr. Hoy with questions at 777-2022.
Brochures and enrollment forms are available in all school offices.

Basketball Camps

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| Boys | Grades 7 - 8 | June 6 - 8 |
| | Grades 9 - 12 | June 11 - 13 |
| | Grades 2 - 6 | June 13 - 15 |
| Girls | Grades 8 - 12 | May 29 - 31 |
| | Grades 4 - 7 | May 29 - 31 |

Volleyball Camps

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| Grades 3 - 12 | July 11 - 15 |
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Football Camps

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| Grades 7 - 12 | May 29 - June 1 |
| Grades 3 - 6 | July 9 - 12 |

Soccer Camps

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| Grades 9 - 12 | July 9 - 12 |
| Grades 7 - 8 | June 17 - 19 |

(Grades are designated for the 2012-13 school year)



The Class of 2016 Announces

8th Grade Promotion and Awards Ceremony

**Monday, May 21, 2012 8:30 A.M.
M.M.S. Gym**

**A reception will follow the
award ceremony**

**Students should report by 7:45
Student dress is semi-formal
(no jeans or shorts, please)
School dress code applies**

SCHOOL BOND PASSED

THANK YOU

Dear USD 263 Patrons,

Tuesday evening May 8, 2012 we received great news that the school bond passed. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the patrons of USD 263 for participating in this important vote and supporting the facility and safety improvements for our students.

“On behalf of the USD 263 Board of Education, I would like to thank the bond committee and everyone else involved for their efforts, work, and dedication to get the bond issue passed”, said Board of Education President, Timothy Snider.

The bond will improve student safety and building security at Munson Primary and the Mulvane Grade School. Renovations will also take place at Lyle Couch Stadium and the transportation facility.

You can follow the progress of each project on our website at: www.usd263.org

Thank you!

Final Project for AP Statistics Students at MHS

From farming to photographs, AP Statistic students are in the midst of their final projects. Students are given the broad task of “Find something you’re interested in answering, gather raw data, analyze the data to reach a conclusion and present your findings.” Student presentation will take place during classes on May 16 and May 17. Anyone is welcome to attend the presentations. For more information on particular times, contact Jesse Myers, jmyers@usd263.org.

Topics and Authors

- Does field location affect average wheat yield?
Zach May
- Does sleep affect one’s problem solving ability?
Ty Gerber, Aaron Rogers, Wyatt Carter
- Is the quality of a photograph determined by the camera or the photographer? Christy Trapp and Annie Honn
- Do students prefer Kool-Aid to a generic flavor drink? Lauren Lanzrath, Meghan Schippers, and Oliver Hughes
- Do students prefer name brand snacks (Oreos, Pop-tarts, etc.) to their generic counterparts? Brittany Latham, Maggie Keys, and Kalee Whitmore
- Are the colors in Sunkist fruit snacks and Black Forest fruit snacks distributed equally? Hunter Dewald, Mason Dewald, Tyler Allen
- Is the payload of 12 gauge shotgun increased with the use of a Pattern Master choke? Brandon Ramsey and Jed Heersche
- Are a large number of tornados in April a good indicator that we should expect a large number of tornados throughout the year? Edward Darbro, Justin Wilcox, and Branden Curtiss
- Are average prices at Wal-Mart lower than average prices at Dillons? Reagan Innes
- Is there a relationship between GPA and the number of hours a student works per week? Bri Demeritt and Ciara Bentley



Classroom Events at Mulvane Academy

The staff and students of the Academy collected \$360.00 to give to Taylor Heersche, to use as needed in her battle with Leukemia.



Drumming and Discussing Rhythm with Mrs. Hilger's Class

RJ enjoying math class!



FROM THE CITY OF MULVANE

City Web Site: www.mulvanekansas.com

City Hall - 777-1143

Mandatory Water Restrictions:

Mulvane residents can water lawns on days depending on your address.

Properties with even addresses: Monday & Thursday

Properties with odd addresses: Tuesday & Friday

Water only from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. OR 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

City Utility Bills: Payment online now available. Go to the City website and click Online Payment on the sidebar. 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. Bills must be paid by the 19th of each month in order to avoid being disconnected. 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.

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 Shelly Steadman. If you would like to be on the City's email list for council agendas, meeting minutes and other information, send your email address to : khixson@mulvanekansas.com

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. It may need to be a separate policy rider.

Utility Bill Savings Ideas:

- Don't over-water your lawn.
- Most grasses need only 1 inch of water per week and need only be watered once or twice a week.
- Zoysia, bermuda and buffalo grasses use much less water and fewer chemicals.
- Check toilets and faucets for leaks and have them repaired.
- Retrofits - install retrofit kits to decrease water use from showers, toilet flushing and faucets.
- Make sure your home air conditioner unit is in proper working order for the summer.
- Install energy efficient light bulbs.
- Practice water and energy conservation whenever possible!

Mulvane Swimming Pool:

- Open May 28 thru August 12
- 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. daily
- Season passes now on sale at the Mulvane City Hall
- Swim lesson sign-up at the Mulvane Recreation Commission

- Information: Email - Mulvanepool@yahoo.com



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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