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Facility Steering Committee Developing District Wide Master Plan

Volunteers Needed

Mulvane Public School District has embarked on an exciting process of developing a Strategic Facilities Master Plan that will guide our school district for the next 10 to 15 years.

A critically important element of this process is a Steering Committee of 30-40 members that represent a broad cross-section of our community including parents, teachers, administrative staff, and community members.

The Steering Committee has the important task of facilitating the development of a plan as we prepare to position our school district and community for the future.

The Steering Committee is responsible for reviewing demographic and facility data, examining future trends that will impact education, engaging the community in a dialogue regarding future direction, reviewing budget and funding, formulating options for addressing program and facility needs, and presenting recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the future direction of Mulvane Public Schools.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Tom Keil at 777-1102 or email tkeil@usd263.org

On behalf of the USD 263 Board of Education and Administration, we look forward to your participation in this important endeavor and appreciate your continued support of quality education.



Kansas Teacher of the Year Nominee

On Saturday September 10th, Dyan Steffen was recognized as the district's elementary Kansas Teacher of the Year nominee and was honored along with over 30 other elementary and secondary teachers as part of the Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY) program. Mrs. Steffen is pictured with Dr. Watson, Commissioner of Education, Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner and Kevin Watt, with Security Benefits.

Teacher nominations for KTOY are made by school districts from across the state of Kansas with each district participating, in a regional selection process to determine state finalists for the Kansas Teacher of the Year.

The mission of the Kansas Teacher of the Year program is to build and utilize a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance, and the teaching profession. The Kansas Teacher of the Year team, comprised of the Teacher of the Year and state finalists, serve as ambassadors for education in Kansas, making public appearances across the state promoting education and the teaching profession.

Congratulations to Mrs. Steffen on her selection as the USD 263 Kansas Teacher of the Year nominee. We are very proud to have Diane as a teacher in our district.

Flu Symptoms & Good Practices

Fall is here and with the beautiful changing of the leaves, we also have the Flu season fast approaching. All parents, guardians, students, faculty and staff should be aware of flu symptoms in order to conduct self-screenings and to refer students to the health suite for evaluation. We also want to reinforce good practices regarding hand-washing and proper coughing techniques to help prevent the spread of germs in the school and home settings.

Flu Symptoms include the following:

- * Fever of 100 degrees or greater, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose.
- * Other symptoms may include:
 - Body aches
 - Chills
 - Headache
 - Diarrhea
 - Fatigue
 - Vomiting

If you think your child has the flu:

- Keep him/her at home. Do not send him/her to school.
- He or she should avoid close contact with others for 3-5 days (24 hours after resolution of fever without fever-reducing medication)

Early treatment of high-risk students:

People at high risk for Influenza complications who become ill with influenza-like illness should speak with their health care provider as soon as possible.

EVERYONE SHOULD practice and encourage others to:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Drop the used tissue in a wastebasket. If a tissue is not available cough into the crook of your elbow or sleeve.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand gel.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Getting the flu vaccine is also a great way to reduce your risk.

Kansas Honor Scholars Fall 2017

Dr. Jay Ensley, Principal at Mulvane High School, announces the seniors who have been named Kansas Honors Scholars for fall 2017. These students earned this distinction by being ranked in the top 10% of their senior class. The Kansas Honors Scholars program will be held on Thursday, November 9, at Wichita North High School. Following the Honors Scholars program, the KU Alumni Association will host a reception and refreshments will be served. Students receive an invitation at school with details. Students are asked to RSVP so they are able to plan accordingly. The website to RSVP is <http://www.kualumni.org/kansashonorscholar>. Congratulations to these students and their parents for this distinction.

The following seniors are 2017 Fall Kansas Honors Scholars:

Destiny Allen, daughter of Cory and Cassandra Allen

Jonathan Hankins, son of Mark and Jennifer Hankins

Connor Heersche, daughter of Dan and DeAnne Heersche

Amaya Humphries, daughter of Carrie Humphries and William Humphries

Erika Landes, daughter of Dale and Renie Landes

Dalton Miller, son of Terry Miller and Rebecca Wells

Morgan Mitchell, daughter of Chris and Shirley Mitchell

Adam Mouak, son of Adil and Lori Mouak

Blaze Parson, daughter of Kassi and Josh McCabe

Emma Springer, daughter of Dennis and Sheri Springer

Anna Stephens, daughter of Craig and Bonnie Stephens

Andrew Wing, son of Albert and Paula Wing

Haley Wood, daughter of Nathan and Marissa Wood



Kindergarten through second grade are finishing up their collaborative art project. We read the book, “How to Catch a Star” by Oliver Jeffers. It’s about a little boy who wishes he had a star of his own. He tries several ideas that fail but he never gives up. Each student designed and created their individual star to be put together as one sky to show the beauty of individuality. We also talked about collaborative art, two of the art elements; line and color, and worked on our fine motor skills.

Help is Coming!



Mrs. Simon’s and Mrs. Zepeda’s third grade classes felt moved to help with hurricane relief. They “adopted” Ms. Glodd’s third grade classroom in Houston. Gray Elementary was affected by Hurricane Harvey. The MGS classes decided to host a week long fundraiser on September 11-15, collecting money and classroom supplies during morning drop off. Thanks to the generous donations of all MGS students, parents and staff, they were able to raise over 190 pounds of supplies and nearly \$450 in monetary donations.

We are extremely proud of their efforts and the compassion they have for others!

MGS School Families

Mulvane Grade School is beginning their second year with school families. Small groups of students from across the three grade levels meet every Monday morning with their family leader. Family leaders are teachers, paras, secretaries, and other staff members. During school family time, students have the opportunity to share with their family members and write in a gratitude journal. They also read about and discuss topics such as being a positive leader, friendship, handling conflicts, setting and achieving goals, and other life skills.

Recently, family leaders read the book *Only One You* by Linda Kranz with their school families. The book is about celebrating individual uniqueness and simple ways to make a difference in other’s lives. Students discussed ways they can make a difference and decorated rocks to show their individuality. These rocks will soon be brightening the way into MGS.



Alyssa M., Cameron H., & Shye N., are pictured with the rocks they painted with their school families.

Stay Connected with our District

Our district website, www.usd263.com provides a great deal of information for students, parents and community members. The school also has a Facebook page - search Mulvane Public Schools or Twitter @MulvaneSchools.

Please follow us for informational updates and to see examples of the amazing things happening in our district!

Where Will You Take Your Class: Bringing Lessons to Life

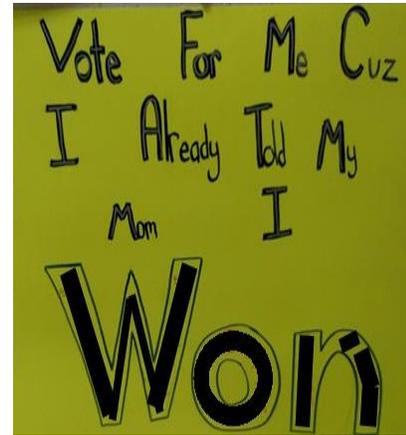


Imagine exploring Machu Picchu, Antarctica, the International Space Station, or even the surface of Mars in an afternoon. With Google Expeditions and the use of VR (Virtual Reality) goggles, teachers can take students on immersive, virtual journeys.

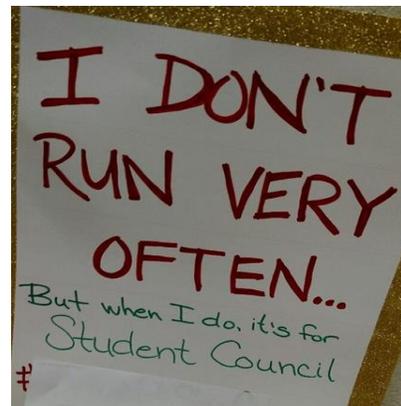
Recently our 5th Graders at MGS, were studying the Mayan and Aztec cultures in Social Studies and they were able to truly “visit” the Mayan and Aztec ruins without having to travel to Central or South America. For this particular journey, there were 6 scenes to choose from. Mrs. Headrick reports, “Google Expeditions allow me to ‘guide’ my class along each scene on the visit. If there is something of interest I want my students to see, I can click on it in the scene and an arrow will pop up in the students’ VR goggles showing them the direction I want them to look.” The teacher can then see a “smiley” face, so he/she knows where the kids are looking in their goggles. With the use of a tablet and the Expeditions App, the teacher can also share information about each scene to explain each monument or landmark to the students.

Mrs. Headrick reports that she would also like to take her students on an expedition to the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution. Google Expeditions has allowed our teachers to bring the world into the classroom to help engage students with immersive lessons and expand their horizons.

What’s Going on at MMS



Sixth graders showed their creativity as they hit the Campaign trail during the Student Council elections.



Vocal Music Notes

The vocal departments of MMS and MHS have been busy getting choirs arranged, parts balanced, and new music learned. Esprit de Corps performed the National Anthem at the Homecoming football game September 22nd. Women’s Choir and Esprit de Corps performed in the Villa Maria Health Fair Talent show and Esprit took 2nd place. Next Esprit de Corps is preparing to perform at the National Honor Society induction ceremony on October 24th. MMS will be having tryouts in the next couple of weeks for the Pioneer League Honor Choir. All choirs at both buildings are preparing music for their December concerts. Are you in need of holiday entertainment? Call Rachel Jansen at: 316-777-1183 to book Esprit de Corps to perform for your next event. Dates are limited and going fast. Thank you for your support of fine arts in Mulvane.

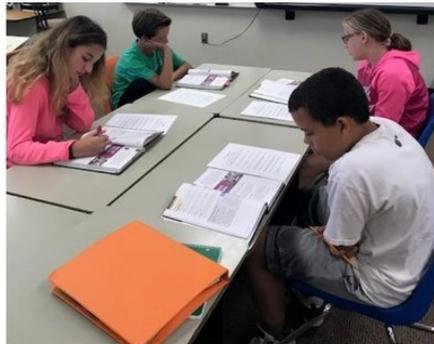
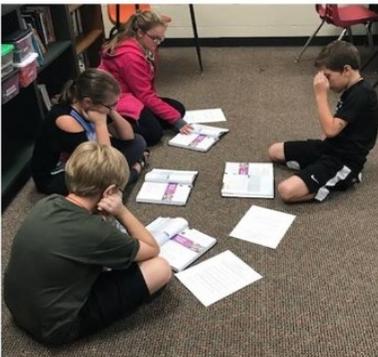
See you at the shows!



Working hard on a wildcat pattern for a pencil box in Mr. Huss' 7th grade technology class.



Under the direction of Mr. Klaker, the MMS band is practicing their routine for their performance at Arkalala in Ark City on Saturday, October 28th. Kindergarteners at Munson Primary School were entertained during their recess time.



Sixth Grade ELA students work with the new curriculum.

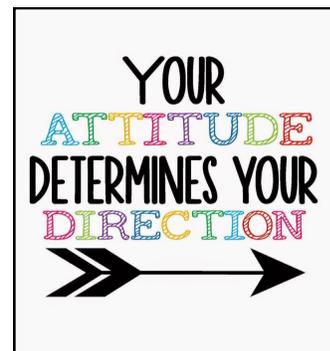
Manufacturing Day for MMS 8th Graders

In a continued effort to prepare Mulvane students for success after high school, ALL MMS 8th graders will be traveling to Cowley College Ark City on Tuesday, October 10th to participate in a "Manufacturing Day" with Cowley College instructors.

Students will hear guest speakers and instructors who will be available to discuss the programs at Cowley. The day will provide students with hands on experiences in the areas of auto mechanics, welding, product design and more. All of the students will receive a T-shirt to wear at the event. The visit is to help the students to think ahead and be prepared for what some colleges have to offer. Instructors will be able to spend time with our students at a luncheon, which is also provided by the college.

Mulvane Middle School yearbooks will be on sale Oct. 31-Nov. 3.

This will be the last opportunity to order the book for only \$30. The price will go up to \$35 through the end of the school year.



Virtual Field Trip



On September 11th, the MHS World History students went on a Virtual Field Trip to Italy. We visited The Uffizi Gallery, The Great Council Hall in Venice, and the Capitoline Museum in Rome. They were able to see some of the Renaissance Galleries in the museums and the elaborate ceiling of the Council Hall. The students really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the chance to use the VR Goggles again soon!



All
Required school vaccinations are due to the school nurse by **November 17th** to prevent your child from being excluded from school.

All
7th grade students are required to have a **Tdap booster**

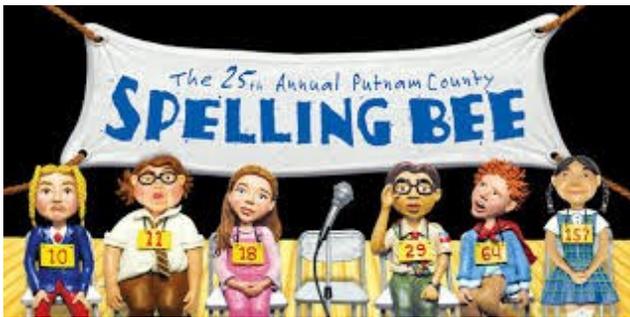
Please contact your school nurses with any questions

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Mulvane High School Winter Dance

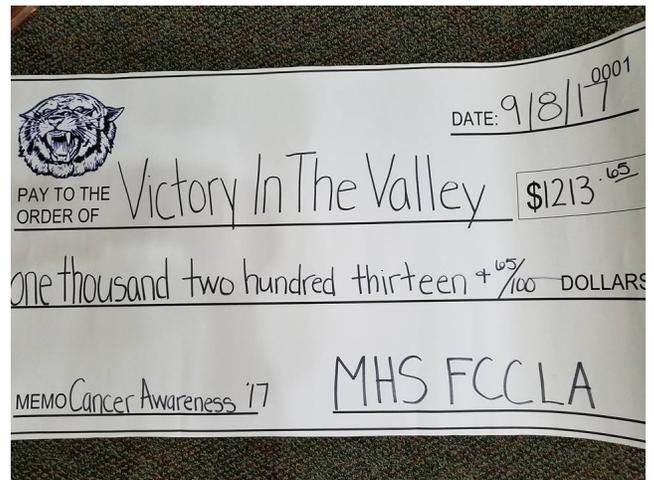
The Mulvane High School annual winter dance, the Snowflake Soiree, is commonly mistaken as the winter “formal” or a Sadie Hawkins dance (where girls ask guys). This is a semi-formal dance where formal dress is NOT required and guys CAN ask girls. This dance, sponsored by Mulvane High Student Council, is scheduled for Saturday, December 2 from 8:00pm - 11:00pm in the Mulvane High School Commons. Admission for this dance will be \$7 per student and is open to all grades 9-12. Students are allowed to bring out of school dates to this dance as long as they have filled out the out of school date form from the office.



The Mulvane High School Theatre and Music Departments are proud to announce their fall musical for 2017, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.” The story for this Tony Award winning musical is focused around a junior high spelling bee. The show is filled with great music, plenty of laughs and even some guest appearances from “special” contestants. Performance dates are November 16, 17 and 18th with show times starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For more information, please contact Jason Mitchell or Rachel Jansen at 777-1183 or email: ticketssales@usd263.org.



Thank you MHS FCCLA



We would like to thank [Mulvane High School](#) FCCLA for a very successful Cancer Awareness night fundraiser. We are honored to be the recipient of these proceeds. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with this event!

Welcome to Food Services!

We have a new USD 263 Food Services Website!

Simply go to the District Website:
www.usd263.com. On the right hand side under Quicklinks: Click on School Food Service.

You will be able to find Menus for all schools, Nutrition & Fitness, Nutrition Education, Payment Options, and our Wellness Policy.

The new menu layout includes nutritional information and will be updated in the next few months with allergy information! All schools will have Monitors in the cafeteria displaying Menus, Nutritional Information, and Fitness and Nutrition Education Facts.

You may also apply on-line for Free or Reduced meals by clicking on the Meal Applications button on the left hand side of the screen. Please feel free to contact Richard Hampton, Food Services Director at: rhampton@usd263.org with any questions.

Mulvane Education Foundation, Inc.

Silent Auction and Dinner
October 21, 2017 at 5pm
Kansas Star Casino

Auction and Dinner



Live
Entertainment
will be provided
by Josh & Jennifer
Melcher

Sponsored by:



Some of the items being auctioned include:

- Mystery cash prize from Carson Bank
- 2 WSU Shocker Basketball Tickets and Parking Pass
- Ron Baker signed basketball
- NBC Kansas Stars signed baseball
- Two phase air compressor
- KC Chiefs Lighted LED Remote Mascot
- K-State Basket
- Luciano's dinner for 6 w/5 course meal
- Nascar Package
- Traeger Grill
- KU Lighted LED Remote Mascot
- KC Royals Lighted LED Remote Mascot
- Kansas Star Casino Package

Tickets available
to purchase

Contact:

Gary McGuire 316-214-0641

or

Steve Nichols 316-670-0240

50/50 Raffle

The Mulvane Education Foundation is pleased to announce the 4th annual Dinner and Auction fundraising event. The event will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the Kansas Star Casino**. The silent auction begins at 5pm and tickets for the event are \$100 each or \$175 for couples.

All proceeds from the event directly support teacher and staff funding requests that will be awarded in January 2018. Contact Steve Nichols at: 670-0240 or Gary McGuire at: 214-00694 for tickets.

Mulvane Public Library October Programs

What's New?

Instagram for Business - Class dates are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. October 11 @ 4:30pm and October 25 @ 4:30pm

CROCK-TOBER - Slow cooker recipes. Monday, October 23 @ 6:30pm.

BUNCO - Monday, October 2nd @ 6:00pm

Read with Barney the Dog! Join us at the library on the 1st and 3rd Monday from 3:30-4:30 to practice your reading skills with Barney. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Barney is a certified therapy dog.

Creative Writing Workshop - Workshop dates are the 4th Tuesday of each month. Next workshop is Tuesday, October 24th @ 6:00pm.

DIY Mondays - Every 2nd Monday of the month, there will be a free craft available to create. Monday, October 9th @ 6:00pm.

Teen Scene - Every Friday at 3:30pm, we provide a safe space just for teens to hang out and do activities together. October 6 - Halloween Bingo, with a prize! October 13 - Games.

Regular Library Programming

Throwback Thursday: For adults and teens - Monthly on the 1st Thursday @ 6pm. Come enjoy activities that you used to do! Enjoy a warm beverage and activities like coffee and coloring, button making, play doh, and more! Every month will be a different activity.

Books with Bite! Adults Only. Reading *The Pain Eater* by Beth Goobie, meeting at Jane's Landing @ 6pm, Thursday, October 12th.

Fiction and Friends: Adults Only. Reading *The All-Girl Filling Stations's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flagg, meeting at the library @ 6pm, Thursday October 26th.

Dungeons and Dragons: For adults and teens - Meets @ 10:30am the 3rd Saturday of the month. For new and veteran gamers. We provide the room, books, playing mats and pieces; you bring the players!

YOUTH

Pre-school Story Time (ages 3-5) - Wednesdays @ 10:30am. Join us weekly for children's stories, read aloud and a craft!

Family Story Time - Monthly on the 4th Saturday @ 10:30am. Enjoy free, quality family time at the library!

Wee Reads - Fridays @ 11am - This story time is for the littlest ones. It includes songs, movement, rhymes, and stories. Suggested ages 0-4.

Mommy Mixer - Fridays @ 11am. In between story times, adult caregivers (not just mommies) can enjoy a cup of Jane's Landing coffee while the kiddos play on the floor. It is a great way for parents/caregivers to meet new people.

After School is Cool! Tuesdays @ 3:30pm. For school-age kids (K-5). Every week has a different theme for a fun-filled after school activity!

Bedtime Story Time - 4th Thursdays @ 7pm - Toss your kids in their jammies and come to the library for a Bedtime Story time. We will read stories, sing songs, and do activities that will help get your child ready for bed!

Music and Movement - 2nd Saturdays @ 10:30am - Come shimmy and shake your cares away at this fun, new dance class! All skills, talents and ages accepted at this fun start to your weekend taught by Set-Free Dance Studio.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact us via our email or call us at 316-777-1211. Our hours are: Monday - Thursday 10am - 8pm and Friday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

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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