

Labette County U.S.D. 506



March 9, 2015 Board Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2015, 7:00 PM

Bartlett Grade School, Bartlett, Kansas

Our mission is to provide a positive learning environment where all students develop: skills to live and work in a progressive world, a positive work ethic, a sense of individual worth, pride in citizenship, and a life-long desire for learning.

Our vision is to be recognized and respected as one of the premier public school systems in Kansas.

Agenda – Regular Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order

2. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

The board president will recognize visitors at this time. The board may allow public comments during this time. Public comments will be kept to a maximum of 5-minutes unless stated by the board president.

3. Approval of Printed Agenda

At this time Board members may (1) accept the agenda as shown below, (2) add items, or (3) request that one or more “Consent Agenda Items” be placed under “Action, information, discussion, or executive session for separate consideration.

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Approval of February 9, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
- 4.2 Approval of March 2015 bills, Investments, and Activity Fund Report
- 4.3 Approval of March 2015 Substitute Employee List
- 4.4 Approval of Personnel:
 - I. Erin Johnston/LCHS Family and Consumer Science Instructor

5. Reports

- 5.1 Superintendent
- 5.2 Building Administrators
- 5.3 KASB/Legislative
- 5.4 SEK Interlocal #637

6. Information/Discussion Items

- 6.1 Meadow View Enrichment Opportunity for 2015-2016 (I/D)
- 6.2 Consider Adoption of Revisions to Student Handbooks – First Reading (I/D)

7. Action Items

- 7.1 Bartlett Grade School, Grades 3-8 Trip (A)

8. Executive Session

- 8.1 For the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to personnel.
- 8.2 For the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to negotiations.

9. Additional Business as a result of Executive Session

10. Board Member Comments

11. Adjournment

- 11.1 Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2015 at Meadow View Grade School

Supplemental Agenda
Board of Education
Monday, March 9, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
Bartlett Grade School

1. Call to Order:

The board president will call the meeting to order for business.

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3. Approval of Printed Agenda:

At this time Board member may accept the agenda as shown below; add items to the agenda, or request that one or more "Consent Agenda Items" be placed under "Action, information, discussion, or executive session for separate consideration."

4. Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda is a method whereby the board, with one motion, may approve (by consent) items on the agenda, which are routine, informational, or the receipt of reports, which may not need discussion. This procedure assumes each board member has read and studied the agenda prior to the meeting. Furthermore, at this time the Board may request that one or more consent agenda items be placed under action, information, or discussion for separate consideration. *The motion should read- I move the board approve by consent, items in the agenda, which are identified as 4.1-4.4.*

4.1 Approval of February 9, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes (pgs. 8-11)

4.2 Approval of March bills, investments, and Activity Fund Report (pgs. 54-70)

4.3 Approval of March 2015 Substitute Employee List (p. 12)

4.4 Approval of Personnel:

I. Erin Johnston/LCHS Family and Consumer Science Instructor
(p. 13)

5. Reports:

5.1 Superintendent- Dr. Wyrick will share his report with the board at the scheduled meeting.

5.2 Building Administrators- See enclosed reports on pages 14-51.

5.3 KASB- Gail Billman will share her report with the board at the scheduled meeting.

5.4 SEK Interlocal #637- Dr. Dennis Wilson will share his report with the board at the scheduled meeting.

6. Information/Discussion Items:

6.1 Meadow View Enrichment Opportunity for 2015-2016:

Junior High students at Meadow View are provided ample support when it comes to Tier I and Tier II instruction for math and reading. Our classroom instructors, paraprofessionals, and Title I instructors work very hard to provide those students who are struggling to master certain concepts the additional support necessary to fill the holes. Our aim is to find a way to provide additional support to those students who are ready to be challenged beyond the day-to-day lessons being provided in the regular classroom.

Said simply, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Kastler have worked together to provide a solution to the problem. Mr. Anderson will share one of his high school math instructors with Mr. Kastler. Mr. Scott Carson will teach 2-hours of MTSS Tier III classes at Meadow View for those students who are ready for 7th grade Pre-Algebra and 8th Grade Algebra. These classes will not replace 7th grade math or 8th grade math. Students who are ready for one of the additional classes will take both during the course of the school year. For example, student A will take 7th grade math and Pre-Algebra during the school day. In turn, Pre-Algebra and Algebra will be taught during MTSS Tier III intervention time. As mentioned in the past, this approach is a little different from what we have offered in the past for our kids. Our hope is to expand this approach to all K-8 facilities in the future. For now, our approach will focus on Meadow View and those individuals who need Tier III intervention for math.

Mr. Kastler, Mr. Anderson and Dr. Wyrick are excited about this opportunity and look forward to sharing our thoughts with the board during our March board of education meeting. One of the most compelling aspects of this approach is that it we will be able to serve a significant amount of Tier III students through an instructional approach, which has the potential to impact a group of students in a way where they feel more connected and accountable. (I/D)

6.2 Consider Adoption of Revisions to Student Handbooks-First Reading:

Included within the packet is a copy of handbook recommendations for the high school and grade schools. These recommendations are for the board to consider, review, and ponder at this time. These changes are the recommendations from the building principals. The board will be asked to take action on the recommended language during our April board meeting. This is the first reading of the new language. (I/D)

7. Action Items-

7.1 Bartlett Grade School Trip, Grades 3-8:

Dr. Wyrick will ask the board to approve the trip as presented. Mr. Traxson and the staff at BGS have put together a trip that will allow their kids the opportunity to gain insight on different regions within Kansas and surrounding states. Enclosed is an itinerary for the trip. Enclosed on pages 52-53 is a copy of the itinerary for the proposed trip. (A)

8. Executive Session-

8.1 Personnel:

At this time the board may need to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

8.2 Negotiations:

At this time the board may need to go into executive session to discuss negotiations.

9. Additional Business as result of Executive Session-

Action as a result of executive session may take place at this time.

10. Board Member Comments-

Individual board members are encouraged to share stories of success and opportunities for growth at this time.

11. Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Next Regular meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at Meadow View Grade School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LABETTE COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 506
Altamont, KS 67330

Curran Administrative Center February 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Justin Bebb
Gail Billman
Rich Falkenstien
Jessie Foister
Dr. Kolette Smith

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Dr. Dennis Wilson

1. Dr. Kolette Smith called the meeting to order. Gail Billman opened the meeting with prayer.
2. There were no visitors who desired to address the board during the recognition of visitors.
3. Gail Billman moved to approve the printed agenda with the following addition:
Add the Kansas State Legislative Actions Relating to School Board
Elections Resolution to 4.5 of the Consent Agenda. Justin Bebb seconded, motion Carried 5-0.
4. Consent Agenda Items
Gail Billman moved to approved the consent agenda items in the amended agenda, which are identified as 4.5. Jessie Foister seconded, the motion carried 5-0.
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Superintendent Report
No report at this time.
 - 5.2 Building Administrators
No report at this time.
 - 5.3 KASB/Legislative
Gail Billman thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to attend the Advocacy Institute in Washington D.C. Gail gave a very informational report to the board regarding key legislative priorities that have the potential to impact student success in our district.

5.4 SEK Interlocal #637

Dr. Wyrick reported to the board that he had spoke to Dan Duling regarding the additional assessment for 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Duling said our share could increase by \$34,920.00 for this 2014-2015 school year. An additional increase would also be added for 2015-2016. The SEK Interlocal Board will discuss the topic during their February meeting and could entertain a vote on increasing assessments.

6. Information and Discussion Items

- 6.1 Dr. Wyrick informed the board of the proposed changes to the Professional Negotiations Act. If adopted into law, the new process would be effective July 1, 2015. Gail Billman and Dr. Wyrick reported that Senate Bill 171 will be voted on this week. Senate Bill 171 would move school board elections to November and make them partisan. Gail and Dr. Wyrick encourage all to contact their State Representatives to make their feelings known.

7. Action Items

- 7.1 Building and Trades Instructor Mr. Eddie Green presented the next building trades project for the 2015-2016 school year. The house will be built within the city of Altamont. Gail Billman made a motion to approve the project. Rich Falkenstien seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 7.2 Chris Bohrer from Wood-Dulohery presented the new insurance renewal rates to the board. Justin Bebb made a motion to approve the renewal rate of \$166,046.00 with a Data Compromise Coverage of \$372.00. Gail Billman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Executive Session

- 8.1 Gail Billman moved the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel; and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:50 p.m. Jessie Foister seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Gail Billman moved to extend the executive session to 9:00 p.m. Justin Bebb seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Justin Bebb moved to extend the executive session to 9:05 p.m. Rich Falkenstien seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session to 9:20 p.m. Gail Billman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session to 9:30 p.m. Justin Bebb seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Kolette Smith moved to extend the executive session to 9:40 p.m. Gail

Billman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Gail Billman moved to extend the executive session to 9:45 p.m. Kolette Smith seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Justin Bebb moved the board go back to executive session and the board return to the open meeting at 9:55 p.m. Kolette Smith seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

8.2 No executive session regarding Negotiations was needed at this time.

9. Executive Session Action

Justin Bebb moved to hire Sean Price to teach Nutrition and Fitness at Labette County High School and to be hired as the High School Football Coach. Jessie Foister seconded. Vote was, 3-2. No action was taken.

Justin Bebb moved to hire Sean Price to teach Nutrition and Fitness at Labette County High School and to be hired as the High School Football Coach. Jessie Foister seconded. Motion carried, 4-1. Rich Falkenstien was a no vote.

10. Board Member Comments

Rich Falkenstien said he was very proud of our school district and glad we put our students first. Rich also wanted to congratulate LCHS FFA for getting 1st Place at K-State Speech Contest.

Jessie Foister really enjoyed Mound Valley Grade Schools News and Notes in the packet this month. Very proud of our school district.

Kolette Smith was thrilled with the turn out at the Steering Committee Community Meeting. Also wanted to remind all that the Theatre Department is Presenting Midsummer Jersey this week.

Gail Billman thinks our USD 506 staff is phenomenal! Kudos to all!

Justin Bebb thanked Mr. Scott Austin's class for compiling all the Steering Committees data into spreadsheets.

Mr. Wyrick wanted to add congratulations to Altamont Grade Boys Basketball and Mound Valley Girls Basketball Teams for winning the A Team Tourney. Also, congratulated Meadowview Boys and Altamont Girls for winning the B Team Tourney. Congratulations to all coaches and players for a great season.

11. Adjournment

Rich Falkenstien moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Bebb seconded the Motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be: March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett Grade School.



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To: Board of Education
From: Alicia Hill
RE: Substitute Employee List
Date: March 9, 2015

Recommended substitute employee list presented during the March 2015 board of education meeting is as follows:

Sub Teacher

Emily Eaton
Kala White
Kelsey Overacker
Kelsey Fabrycky
Jordan Marlow

Sub Cook

Kristina McCarty

Sub Bus Driver

Chuck Evans

Sub Custodian/Maintenance

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: John Wyrick, Superintendent
RE: Certified Employment Report
Date: March 9, 2015

Work Agreement

Erin Johnston

LCBS Family and Consumer Science Instructor

Effective 08.19.2015

Altamont Grade Administrative Report
Board of Education Meeting
March 2015

AWARD: Kyle Harris has advanced to the State Geographic Bee Competition held on March 27th in Abilene, KS.

Building Management

- Fire Drill held
- Tornado Drill held
- Supervise lunchroom
- Weekly Events emailed to all staff (tells what's happening in the building)
- Custodial schedule accommodates cleanup from evening and weekend events
- Letters home to parents concerning fees and P/T conferences
- Move clocks forward 1 hour on March 9th, Daylight Savings Time

Educational Leadership

- Placement and annual IEP Meetings held as required
- Appreciation Notes out to staff, parents, students for help with Skating unit
- Review applications for teaching positions for 2015-2016;
- PSU Interview Day
- KSA Testing scheduled and in progress
- March Building Newsletter sent out to all parents
- Talent Ed Walk-throughs and evaluations continue for all teachers
- Habits of the Mind strategies presented to students (2 each month)
- After school program in place for third nine weeks
- FAST (Families and Schools Together) meetings on Mondays
- Staff meetings held
- Kdg. Clinic held on March 25, No Kdg. class that day
- Monthly Safety Mtg. @ BOE 9:00 on March 27th
- AGS SIT Mtg. March 30 8:15 – 3:00
- Information presented to parents about Summer School
- Research papers completed in junior high LA

Activities

- March 3rd - 8TH Gr. Parent Enrollment Mtg. 6:00 @ LCHS
- 7TH Grade District Leadership meeting held on March 4th;
- NO SCHOOL ON March 6th, end of 9 weeks
- ½ Inservice on March 6th (am) for Teach Like a Champion
- Staff Appreciation held on March 6th
- P/T Conferences – March 9 and 10th
- Advisory Committee to meet 5:30 @ BOE for Counseling Grant on March 23rd
- Clinic Concert at HA for grades 6-8 & High School on March 31st @ 7:00
- Spring Break – March 16 – 20
- March 23rd Track Practice begins
- FAST (Families and Schools Together) held once a week (Monday) from 5:30 – 8:00 (Part of the KS Reading Roadmap After School Grant)
- AGS PTO to host SKATE NIGHT @ Silver Wheels in Parsons on March 26
- Completion of Life Skill Van classes by March 5th

Glenda Aikins

AGS EAGLE NEWS

March 2015

Yearbook Sale Ends March 5

The cost is \$13 per book. Checks may be made out to Altamont Yearbook. All yearbooks must be reserved and paid for by March 5th! Extras are NOT being ordered!

Future Eagle Alert!

If you know of a child who may be eligible for the 2015-2016 AGS Preschool, please have the parent contact the school at 784-5511. The child must be 3 years old on or before August 31 and meet certain criteria.

Also, if you know of a child who will be 5 years old on or before August 31st, please have the parent call the school at 784-5511 to schedule an appointment for the kindergarten clinic. This year's clinic is scheduled for March 25th from 8:15 – 3:00.

March Events

<i>March 3</i>	<i>8TH Grade Parent Night @ LCHS for 2015-2016 Enrollment @ 6:00</i>
<i>March 6</i>	<i>NO SCHOOL – 9 weeks end</i>
<i>March 9</i>	<i>P/T Conferences 3:30 – 7:30</i>
<i>March 10</i>	<i>P/T Conferences 3:30 – 7:00</i>
<i>March 16 - 20</i>	<i>NO SCHOOL for SPRING BREAK</i>
<i>March 23</i>	<i>Track Practice Begins 3:15 – 4:30</i>
<i>March 25</i>	<i>Kdg. Clinic for 2015-2016 (Call for an appointment)</i>
<i>March 26</i>	<i>AGS SKATE NIGHT @ Silver Wheels, Parsons</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>USD 506 Clinic Band Concert 7:00 @ HA</i>

Pennies for Patients Service Project

The Altamont Grade School students raised \$853.95 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Pennies for Patients Program. Thank you to all the students who worked to support this worthy cause. The PTO and I are thrilled with the student's willingness to help others. The 4th grade students were treated to an ice cream party for raising the most money. They collected \$199.58!

Band Concert

This year's Clinic Band Concert is set for Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:00 pm in the Harrison Auditorium. The (6-8) grade district bands will perform as a group and with the high school band during the concert.

Please send your Box Tops for Education to school!

The PTO is sponsoring a monthly contest to see which class can collect the most Box Tops. Each month the winning class gets a popcorn party with drink.

USD 506 MEAL APPLICATIONS

School meal applications may be filled out at any time during the school year. If your income has changed or your family size has increased, a new application may be submitted to see if you qualify for free or reduced meals. Call the Board of Education at 784-5326 if you have questions or would like an application mailed to you. Meal applications are also available in each school office.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

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Complaints in regard to Discrimination

Discrimination against any student or employee on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion in the admission or access to or treatment in the districts programs or activities is prohibited. The Superintendent of Schools, PO Box 189, Altamont, Kansas 67330-0188, 620-784-5326, has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Americans with Disability Act of 1990. Superintendent of Schools, 401 S High School Street, PO Box 189, Altamont, KS 67330, 620-784-5326, 620-724-6280 (telecommunications device for the deaf), 620-328-3121 (speech impaired), jwyrick@usd506.org.

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 8 th Gr Orientation 6:00 @ LCHS;	3	4	5 9 wks. end	6 NO SCHOOL ½ Inservice/ ½ work day;	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 P/T Conference PK-12, 3:30 -7:30; BOE Mtg. 7:00;	10 P/T Conference Grades PK- 8, 3:30 - 7:00;	11	12 P/T Conference Gr. 9-12, 3:30 - 7:00;	13	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	17 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	18 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	19 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	20 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	21
22	23	24	25 AGS Kdg. Clinic <u>NO Kdg. Class</u>	26 AGS SKATE NIGHT @ Silver Skate - Parsons \$5 entry	27	28
29	30 AGS SIT Mtg. 8:30 - 3:00;	31 506 Band Clinic Concert 7:00 @ LCHS				

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Board Meeting Report for Bartlett and Edna
March 9, 2015

• **Educational Leadership**

1. Conducted Walk-Through Observations and completed my final three formal evaluations.
2. Discussed 2 new "Habits of the Mind" with students in both schools.
3. Attended our February district wide school safety meeting. This is our coalition team that addresses student/family concerns throughout our buildings/communities.
4. Held joint Site Council Meeting with the After School Parent Meeting on 2/10/15. Topic of discussion was the counseling/social workers grant and the progress we have made. Eighteen Site Council Members and/or guest were present.
5. Attended six IEP Meetings
6. Sent home positive notes to my February Students of the Month in both schools.
7. Finalized building testing schedules for this year's state assessment test in both buildings.
8. Meet with elementary principals to make amendments to next year's student handbook.

• **Building Management**

1. Bartlett/Edna Leadership Team attended the fourth KRR Meeting in Pittsburg to discuss the implementation of MTSS in our buildings.
2. Held our third SIT Meetings (Student Improvement Teams) of the year in both buildings. Parents were invited to attend. The team discussed ways to better meet the needs of our students.
3. Sent out newsletters for parents and students in both buildings.
4. Meet with students on behavior concerns. Gave disciplinary consequences.
5. Sent letters out to parents of students that is having absenteeism problems.
6. Continue to work on next year's COOP orders - Completed the Athletic and Building "First Aid" orders and the P.E. orders for both buildings, working on general supply order, printer/bottle order, copy paper order, and laminating film order.
7. Sent basketball officials contracts for next year's home dates for both schools.
8. Finalized the March Calendar before sending out to parents.
9. Finalized weekly schedules for each building before sending out to staff.
10. Picked up and delivered February's "Food for Kids" boxes to both schools.

• **Activities**

1. Held Valentine parties at both schools on 2/13/15.
2. The 8th grade students and parents attended LCHS Orientation meeting on 3/3/15.
3. Edna held its annual "Book Fair" the week of February 19th. This year's theme "Under The Sea". Monday February 23rd was our parent night where students and parents could come dressed in Ocean attire. We had a meal and students and family members could visit the book fair or have fun playing games in the gym. We were able to buy around \$1855 worth of new books for the library. Attached are a couple of pictures from the book fair.
4. Classes from both schools made trips to the Science Center in Greenbush.
5. Both schools had the "Life Education Van" from Greenbush visit us. (K-6) grades visited the van and were treated to a lesson over some health aspect that was modified for each grade level. The van was at each site for two days.
6. We are holding "FAST" sessions at Edna - we have had up to twelve families attending.
7. JAG students have made visits to ICC and Tank Connection.
8. Attached is our Site Council Minutes from February.

Edna/Bartlett Grade School
Site Council Meeting
February 10, 2015

The Edna Grade School Site Council meeting was held on February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The Bartlett Grade School Site Council joined us for a combined meeting.

Edna Members Present:

Therese Foster, Judy Taylor, Karen Smith, Alysia Weil, Nina Kinzle, Judy Smith, Ray & Heather Hill.

Bartlett members Present:

Tony Swanwick, Tonia Wilson, Leslie Shoulders, Kris Graves & Kelly Tun.

Guests:

Marlene Kelley, Stacy Ozier (506 Counselor), Katy Parker (506 Social Worker), & Misty Burk (Greenbush Rep)

Mr. Traxson welcomed all members and guests for the evening. Introductions were given on our speakers for the evening.

Misty Burk-Greenbush

She works at Greenbush and is responsible for the grant that we have received for our additional counselors, social workers. We were the only school in Kansas to receive this grant. It is in the amount of 1.2 million. She is involved in a district leadership program with 30 of our district 7th grade students. This program will prepare them for good communication and leadership skills. This program will follow them as they go into the high school level. Preparing them for the LC Ambassador Program.

Other areas this grant will help in will be: Mental Health First Aid. There will be an in-service training for 506 staff on how to identify common signs of mental health issues.

The FAST Program is continuing to service our families in our schools. It is for families that have students in the K-3 grade levels. They meet once a week for an evening meal activities for parents/students. Susan Allison is heading up this program. A pilot program for students in 4th/5th Grade levels will be begun in the summer. Middle School level will begin in the fall of 2015.

We are in the need of three more elementary school counselors. In the fall of 2015 those positions should be filled.

Stacy Ozier-School Counselor

She is our new licensed school counselor. She serves three of our elementary schools. She is in the buildings 12 hours a week. Her referrals come from students, teachers, and parents. She has headed up the Rachel's Challenge, which has involved all of our students

in the building. The students have been challenged to show acts of kindness. Links are being made for a kindness chain that will be displayed at the LCHS BB Game on Feb. 20th.

She will be getting into the classroom for lessons on bullying, conflict resolutions and building friendships.

Katy Parker – Social Worker

Katy has been in Social work for the past 20 years. She will soon be certified as a therapist. She will be available to provide therapy services to our students here in our building. She works with the school counselor to connect families to resources for food, housing, mental supports and other needs that families may have. She meets once a month with other county agencies that are able to provide assistance to our students to provide quicker services.

Mr. Traxson reported that Mona Garrett continues to work with our 8th grade students on KS Career Pipeline to prepare them for high school transition and enrolling for their classes.

The next Site Council Meeting will be held at the district level on April 14.

Karen Smith
Secretary





Meadow View Board Report

April 9th

Building Management

*I did all of the usual building management procedures for the month; fire drills, transportation request, weekly staff calendar, etc.

*We are working on the final touches for our walk to intervention schedule next year. The teachers are excited to be able to offer some rich content and higher level thinking activities to our Tier 1 students.

We have schedule Kindergarten Round-up for March 26th and Pre-School screening for April 10th and April 17th. So far we have 41 students signed up for pre-school and 34 for Kindergarten.

Educational Leadership

*I have begun organization of our 4th – 8th grade summer school. Because of budget restraints we are only going to offer summer school for four weeks this summer.

*Our after school program is going strong, we have 50 students attending. Joyce and her team are doing a great job.

* We have 7 families signed up for (FAST).

*I met with staff and worked through the state assessment process. We are starting assessment the week of March 9th and will end the week of April 20th.

*I attended the MTSS training with my staff on Wed. March 4th. We have one more meeting after this one and we will have fulfilled our MTSS training commitment.

Noteworthy Items

*Our school raised over \$700. for the Parsons Area Numana project. This world wide feeding program donates meals to feed needy families both domestic and internationally. Our school raised enough money to sponsor 10 boxes. Each box holds 218 meals.

We are very excited to be able to offer Algebra I to our 8th graders. Over the years we get a few of our students picked off from Parsons because they are able to offer it at their Middle School.

Meadow View News

March 2015

Future Falcon Alert!

Our **Kindergarten Clinic** for 2015-2016 will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. We also have two Fridays set aside for our **Pre-School screenings**, April 10th and 17th. Parents will need to call the school office at 421-1857 to schedule a time slot. It will take about an hour for your child's screening, which includes vision and hearing test. Please bring your child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate, as these are required for enrollment. Pickup and drop-off points for the bus route will also be discussed.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 9th from 3:30 to 7:30 and March 10th from 3:30 to 7:00. Teachers will be sending home notes with your schedule.

Kansas State Assessments Are Back!

Over the next few weeks' students in grades 3-8 will be taking their state assessments. Parent support is vital to student success. Here are some ways you can support your test taker(s):

- *Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep.
- *Proper nourishment -offer healthy snacks.
- *Encourage your child to do their best.
- *Communicate with your child and their teacher about any concerns you may have.
- *Continue to give any medications that your student needs to concentrate and focus on the tests.

No After School or FAST

There will be **no After School program** on the 9th and 10th and **no FAST** on the 10th due to conferences.

Dates for March

- 3 T Group Pictures PreK-8**
- 3 T FAST 5:30**
- 3 T 8th grade parents night @ 6:30 @ LCHS**
- 4 W 7th grade Leadership Training**
- 4 W Band Clinic Practice**
- 5 Th End of 3 9-weeks**
- 6 F No School - Teacher Staff Dev. /Work day**
- 9 M Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30 to 7:30**
- 10 T Parent/ Teacher Conf. 3:30 to 7:00**
- 13 F No Pre-School**
- 16 - 20 M - F Spring Break**
- 23 M 7th & 8th Grade Track practice begins**
- 24 T Band Clinic Practice and Concert**
- 24 T FAST 5:30**
- 26 Th Kindergarten Round-up, 8:00 to 3:00 --No School for Kindergarten only.**

Change in Lunch Status?

School meal applications may be filled out at any time during the school year. If your income has changed, a new application may be submitted to see if you qualify for free or reduced meals. Call Alicia Hill at 784-5326 if you have questions or would like an application mailed to you. Meal applications are also available in each school office.

PTO News!

Meadow View PTO met February 10th. We talked about some major changes to our school carnival and way to get more families involved. Our Grandma Parker's fundraiser earned our district about \$9,000.. We want to thank you for all the support from PTO this year.

Stop Bullying Now!!

Bullying among children is aggressive behavior that is persistent, intentional, and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Children and youth who are bullied need clear messages of support from adults. Although we want children to be strong and assertive so that they can stand up to kids who bully, adults must realize that many children aren't ready to do this. Adults play critical roles in helping students who are bullied and in creating a healthy, safe climate in your school and community.

Site Council is busy!!!

Our site council members will attend a district wide site council meeting on Tuesday April. 14th. Thank you to all the Site Council members for your time and effort serving our school.

Habits of the Mind

As part of the Kansas Career and College Ready Standards we are implementing two "Habits of Mind" concepts every month. We believe by teaching these concepts that our students will have the 21st Century skills they will need to be successful.

March's "Habits of the Mind" are; **"Taking responsible risk."** and **"Finding humor."**

Thanks for your Help

We are still collecting BoxTops and Coke rewards. To give points for Coke rewards you need to go online with your Coke rewards codes

@mycokerewards.com/schools

You simply type in the code under the cap or on the label.

We got another check this month for our Community Care points for \$80.00. That totals over \$400.00 this year in Community Care point alone. We are also participating in the Apples for the Student program sponsored Country Mart. Just keep your register receipts and turn them into the school office.

**Mound Valley Grade School
Administrative Report
March 2015**

Building Management

- Will hold Fire Drill
- Send the weekly schedule to staff
- Tornado drill will be held
- Transportation for events scheduled
- Food Bank program report and scheduled
- Met with custodians

Educational Leadership

- Grade level meetings held every Tuesday and Thursday
- Walk-throughs are being held
- Held building staff meeting
- Will hold IEP meetings
- Held building Site Council meeting
- Scheduled and held the Sex Education classes
- Attended all Administration meetings
- Will schedule the district professional development for March 6th
- Will attend Greenbush Curriculum meeting
- Will attend School Safety meeting
- Teachers will attend the KRR MTSS training
- Trio continues with grades 6-8
- State Assessment will be held
- Will hold Parent Teacher conferences

Noteworthy Items

- 6th grade will participate in the Play Leadership Development
- Recognized students for the Golden Mustang Award
- Skating unit will be held in P.E.
- Family skate night will be held
- Book Fair will be held
- 7th grade students will attend the Student Leadership
- Jr. High band will attend the clinical practice
- 4th and 5th grade will attend PSU for a college visit
- Jr. High track practice will begin

Melissa Green

**Mound Valley Grade School
News and Notes
March 2015**

March Events

March 2-13	Skating Unit in PE
March 3	6:00 8 th Grade Parent Night @ LCHS
March 4	7 th Student Leadership at BGS
March 5	End of the 3 quarter
March 6	No School-end of 3 rd nine weeks
March 9	P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30, Book Fair
March 10	P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00, Family Skate night, Book Fair
March 16-20	No School for Spring Break
March 26	1 st and 2 nd go to Greenbush, 3:00 track meet at Southeast
March 31	6 th -8 th band clinic

(This calendar is subject to change. Please check the Mound Valley calendar on the district website for changes and updates at usd506.org Click on the Calendar button, then choose the Mound Valley calendar. You may have to choose the current month to update the calendar.)

• **Book Fair Schedule**

March 9-3:30-7:30 pm during conference
March 10-3:30-7:00 pm during conference
March 11-7:30-8:00 am and 3:15-3:45 Donuts with Dads
March 12-7:30-8:00 am and 3:15-3:45 Muffins with Mom

• **Future Mustang Alert!**

If you know of a child who may be eligible for the 2015-2016 Mound Valley Pre-School, please have the parent contact the school at 328-3121. The child must be 3 years old on or before August 31st. May 1st is our PreSchool Screener day. Also, if you know of a child who will be 5 years old on or before August 31st, please have the parent call the school at 328-3121 to schedule an appointment for the kindergarten clinic. This year's clinic is scheduled for April 10th from 8:30 - 3:00.

• **Band Concert**

This year's Clinic Band Concert is set for Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:00 PM in the Harrison Auditorium. The 6th -8th district bands will perform as a group and with the high school band during the concert.

• **What's Cooking?**

Sugar: High-sugar foods provide extra calories and little nutrition. You can expect healthy cereals low in sugar in the school breakfast program.

Trans Fats: Trans fats are not good for your heart and raise cholesterol. The school breakfast program has worked hard to eliminate this & is trans fat free.

Condiments: Condiments like butter, jelly, and syrup are a common source of added fat, salt, and sugar at breakfast time. The School breakfast program will control portions & provide lower fat versions.

• **P.E. Skating Unit**

A two week skating unit will be taught in P.E. class for grades K-8. March 2nd-13th students will be roller skating during their P.E. class. Students should bring \$3.00 and wear comfortable clothes and socks. Also, we will have a Skate Night on March 10th.

- **State Assessment tips**

State Assessments are coming the last week of March. I am asked how parents can help prepare their children for these assessments. The number one thing that you can do is to encourage your child to do his or her best at school every day. The work that our staff has done throughout this school year will prepare our students academically. The best preparation that families can do is to encourage, provide space and a regular time to do homework, make sure your child gets plenty of rest every night and make sure that your child gets a nutritious breakfast in the morning before school so that your child has the energy needed to get through the day. Our families do a fantastic job supporting our students every day. As a staff, we are fortunate to be part of a great community that works so hard to make sure our kids have the best opportunities for success.

**Mound Valley Grade School
News from the Classrooms
February 2015**

Mrs. Revel's kindergarten-

The Kindergarten Smarties learned a lot in February! In Math we've been working on skip counting by 2s and 10s, and we've been working on tally marks. We celebrated three special days in February. Groundhog Day was a great way to end our study of weather. Then we were able to practice writing all of our friends' names on our Valentines! President's Day introduced us to two special presidents, and we did some other fun patriotic activities to show we are proud Americans. Also during February we learned all about staying Healthy. We know about healthy teeth, eating healthy foods and we met Harold in the Life Education Center from Greenbush!

Mrs. Brother's first grade-

The month of February was very busy for 1st Grade. We celebrated our 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. We learned about shadows and hibernating animals on Groundhog Day, and about healthy habits for taking care of our teeth during Dental Health Week. We read about some of our Presidents, about being kind and about making healthy choices. The Life Education Van was here. Harold and Miss Janice taught us about our heart, lungs, stomach, small intestine and large intestine. We also learned about making healthy choices when we eat. We are reading to find the main idea and details in our stories and to look for problems and solutions. In math we are showing ways to make ten. We are adding tens and adding ones to add 2 digit numbers. We are looking forward to a Greenbush field trip in March.

Mrs. Armbruster's second grade-

Second grade has been working on counting money and telling time. We will start measurement and data in March. We have learned about presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, in Reading. In Social Studies, we have learned about America's symbols. We have also learned about taking care of our teeth. We had a dental hygienist come to talk to us about how to take care of our teeth and what she does in her job. In writing we wrote about the career of a dental hygienist and all that they do to help people stay healthy. We are also working on verbs in grammar. We visited the Life Education Van and learned about healthy choices. Second grade will be going to Greenbush on March 26. Permission slips will be going home before spring break.

Mrs. Huckle's third grade -

February has come and gone. Hopefully spring is just around the corner. This is the last month for Book It. I have several students who have earned their pizza certificate every month. Reading a little in the evening is a really good habit to get in to. Make it a family event. We just finished reading a story about Benjamin Franklin. The students all learned amazing things about one of our founding fathers. I also read them a few stories about him as well. Ask your child some of the things they learning about this interesting fellow. We spent the month learning about simple machines in science and studying division facts in math. We still take multiplication or division timed tests everyday. Students are becoming quite fluent. Sometimes it helps to practice these at home. We are working on letters in English right now. We will be mailing our Stanleys to a relative or friend hopefully before spring break. You can help by making sure your child knows their address and the address of someone to mail Stanley too. Please enjoy your spring break.

Mrs. Hayward's fourth grade-

The Underground Railroad has been a focus in 4th grade this month. Students have read several stories, held class discussions, and were hands on with a "monkey wrench" freedom quilt handmade by Mrs. Brownell's mother, Connie George. In Math we are working with fractions. In Science we are studying the rock cycle. Students are also excited about the upcoming field trip to Pittsburg State University to see the raptor exhibit and view a college campus, the PSU Chemistry Club is also providing a magic show for the students. I hope to see everyone at Parent Teacher conferences!

Mrs. Shaw's 5th grade-

In math, we have finished our unit on fractions and started working on our last unit. Our last unit includes algebra patterns and graphing, converting units of measure, geometry, and volume. We will be spending a lot of time preparing for state assessments in both math and reading. On May 13th, 4th and 5th graders will visit Pittsburg State University. There we will tour the Nature Reach Center and learn about the importance of raptors. We will also have the Pittsburg State Chemistry Club perform a magic show for the kids. In science we are studying our solar system and we just started studying the Revolutionary time period in social studies.

Mrs. Cole's math-

We are gearing up for state assessments in junior high. They will be held mid-late April this year. When the final dates have been confirmed, that information will be sent home. The kids tend to do better on their assessments when they take them with their classmates, so it is helpful if appointments, etc. aren't scheduled during regular assessment time. We always test in the morning, so afternoon appointments are good. In the 6th grade, we just began a chapter over ratios and percents. In this chapter, one of the things we are talking about is unit rates and which item is the better buy, which is very real life problem solving. (Haven't we all stood at Wal-Mart, trying to figure out whether or not the bigger size of an item is cheaper?) In 7th grade, we finished up our chapter on equations and are working on inequalities. We just learned the rule for reversing the symbol if you are multiplying or dividing by a negative number to solve. The kids are doing a good job on this. In 8th grade, we are getting ready to test over slope. This has been a long process and I am very proud of the kids and how hard they have worked. We have also discussed how slope is used for such things in real life as the slope on a roof if they are thinking about doing construction or how to build a terrace if their interest is in agriculture.

Mrs. Manual's Social Studies-

Sixth and eighth graders have been working hard preparing to take the Social Studies state assessment March 9th through the 11th. The focus of their studies has been interpreting primary source documents, researching historical events, and writing essays. The seventh grade class has been studying Kansas statehood to the Civil War. They have researched a variety of events in our state's history and given presentations to the class.

Mrs. Terrell's Language Arts-

6th-8th grade language arts students have been experiencing the new cart of chromebooks that have arrived in the junior high. They are loving the new features and the lightweight feel of this awesome addition to our classroom. We are anxious to get to work with them more in the coming weeks. With 25 chromebooks in the cart, each student has been assigned one that they will be allowed to use while in language arts. This will help to hold them more accountable for anything that is done with their assigned machine. Technology is changing and I am honored to be a part of it at MVGS!

Mr. Powell's science-

The science room has been busy this month. 8th Grade has completed a unit on the Periodic Table of Elements. During this unit we made a large scale Periodic Table on the wall in the science room. The 7th grade is studying and preparing for the state assessments this year. 6th grade has been grouped in pairs and prepared/presented lessons for the class. We have been keeping busy and we are all ready for spring so we can get out and work in the garden.

Mound Valley Grade School

Site Council minutes

Monday, March 2, 2015

6:00 pm- Mound Valley conference room

Call Meeting to order- Melissa Green- Principal

Members present:

Alen Winters, Dena Terrell, Debbie Huckle, Jamie Boss, Jodee Burzinski, Melinda Taylor, Melissa Green and Kayla Gieger

Kayla Gieger discussed the counseling grant and its impact on Mound Valley and the district. USD 506 was the recent recipient of a 3 year US Dept. of Education grant that has allowed the district to enhance counseling and support services to students and families in our district. Key features of the grant include: addition of counseling staff, expansion of the Families and Schools Together (FAST) program for grades 4-8, introduction of Student leadership Academy and Implementation of Rachel's Challenge (K-8).

We discussed how the counselors and social workers will be a positive resources for our students and their families. Also, we discussed examples of resources the counselors and social worker will provide.

Other meeting dates:

Tues. April 14th - District Meeting – 6:00 at the LCHS cafeteria

February 2015 Board Update

Labette County High School

Management:

- Conducted Interviews for FACS and Cabinetmaking department.
- Met with Nancy Newby from LCC. Continuing to work on our Concurrent Courses for next year.
- Scott Allison will be teaching an Music History and Music Appreciation course as an LCC Concurrent course. This is a new offering.

Leadership:

- Met with Morten Thornberg Director of CTE and Linda Moley, President for Coffeyville Community College.
- In our PLC's, Faculty are observing their team mates teaching classes. They are providing feedback regarding Questioning, and Instructional strategies. All feedback has been extremely positive, and faculty believes it is a valuable Professional Development activity.
- Conducted 8th grade orientation on 3/2. We had a packed house in attendance. Very Positive.
- Met with my Building Leadership Team on 3/4 in order to start our assessment of PLC's and Grizzly Time.

Notable Items:

- Sheriff Simms and Kansas Bureau of Investigation.
 - Presented a Mental Health presentation with Matt Atteberry.
 - Discussion pertaining to healthy living and substance abuse.

District Goals Update

- **Goal 1-** To expand the influence and awareness of Labette County USD 506 accomplishments and activities. Commit to high expectations for teaching and student achievement in academics, college and career readiness, 21st Century Skills, and extracurricular activities.
 - **Objective 1-** Develop an action plan for communicating academic opportunities and student growth within all of our buildings
 - 1.1- All buildings will submit one newspaper article per month with the local newspapers. Stories will focus on academic, instructional, and/or curricular initiatives occurring within our district.
 - Evidence:
 - Waiting on 4 Articles to be published by the Sun.
 - 1.2- All buildings will submit one article per month to be posted on the district website.
 - Evidence:
 - 1.3- Each building will develop a newsletter to be sent home on a monthly basis (i.e., website, PowerSchool, email, backpacks, distributed to local businesses). Focus on student achievement, academic, curriculum, district happenings, and staff, partnerships).
 - Evidence:
 - What's going on at LCHS? February Edition
 - e mailed to all parents
 - Distributed in all local communities "Meeting Places"
 - E mailed to all staff
 - Posted on District Website
 - 1.4- All buildings will continually display samples of current student work throughout their respective hallways and in the classrooms.
 - Evidence:
 - Student Work posted in the hallways in the administration building.
 - Pictures posted on district website.
 - **Objective 2-** Continue to develop and implement i3 Goals and Objectives across the district.
 - 1.2.5-High School, CTE Students, will work with classroom instructors to arrange for internships/externships, job shadowing, and educational exposure trips in conjunction with i3.
 - Evidence:
 - Currently, Business, Gifted Ed., FACS, and Health Careers are utilizing Job Shadowing and Internships.
 - Communication with CTE Teachers and Elementary Teachers about the i3 program.
 - 1.2.6- Grades 6-12 will utilize the Kansas Career Pipeline Tool to identify interests, explore career pathways, and develop an individualized plan of study from current grade through grade 13. Plans will align with chosen career paths.
 - Evidence:
 - JAG
 - Auto Technology
 - Various Advisory Groups
 - 1.2.7- High School Seniors will be assessed by taking and completing the ACT WorkKeys Assessment (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum).
 - Evidence

- Testing Scheduled to occur in April.

