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EAGLE PROFILE



GEOGRAPHY BEE

Cordell McIntosh, son of Charlie and Catherine McIntosh, was notified by the National Geographic Society that he was one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2009 Kansas Geographic Bee. This year's competition was held on Friday, April 3, at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library Museum in Abilene.

All school-level winners across the state took a qualifying test which was submitted to the National Geographic Society. The students with the top 100 scores were then eligible to compete at the state level. The state winner received \$100, the "National Geographic Collegiate Atlas of the World" and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Kansas in the National finals.

Thank you, Cordell for representing Ness City well at the State Geographic Bee!

MEAL ACCOUNTS

Parents are reminded that monies left in meal accounts at the end of the school year will carry over to next year. Those who prefer reimbursement should contact the Superintendent's Office to request a refund. The office is located at 414 East Chestnut and can also be reached by phone at 798-2210.



MONEY RAISER FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Recently the elementary students participated in "Jump Rope for Heart", a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Their goal for this year was to raise over \$4,300, which is a little more than what they raised last year. Last year's total was also the most ever raised by the students. Of course Mr. Younger, Physical Education instructor, enticed them pretty good saying they would get to shave his head if they reached their goal. That turned out to be a big success!

This year he encouraged them to meet the goal by allowing anyone raising at least \$50 to throw a pie in his face, as long as the school goal was reached. The students exceeded the goal and raised \$5,751.98! In other words, Mr. Younger will be getting plenty of pies the face. Thank you to everyone that donated to any of the students.

IMMUNIZATION NOTICE/HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

All students enrolling in any district school shall provide the building principal with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements. Booster shots required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment are also required.

A copy of this policy and the applicable state law shall be distributed to students or their parents on or before May 15th of each school year. The superintendent shall issue a news release each August explaining the required inoculations and booster shots. Parents may delegate in writing their authority to consent to immunizations. If the parent is not reasonably available, and the authority to consent has been denied as provided in law, individuals other than the parent may consent to the immunizations as provided for in current law.

2009 EAGLE YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Orders for the 2009 Eagle Yearbook may be placed at the elementary office or the high school office. Payment must accompany the order. The price per book is \$35.00, until May 22nd. After that date, the price will increase to \$40.00.

Students who fail to provide the documentation required by law may be excluded from school by the superintendent until statutory requirements are satisfied. Notice of exclusion shall be given to the parents/guardians as prescribed by law. Students who are not immunized against a particular disease(s) may be excluded from school during any outbreak.

Each principal shall forward evidence of compliance with the inoculation law to other schools or school districts when requested by the school or by the student's parent/guardians.

All students up to the age of nine are required to submit evidence that they have undergone a health assessment prior to entering kindergarten or before enrolling in the district for the first time.

All students engaged in activities covered by appropriate KSHSAA rules shall provide the building principal with proof of a physical examination.

Principals shall work cooperatively with local, county and state health to disseminate on or before May 15th of each year materials related to the availability of health assessments and inoculations.

Kansas Administrative Regulation 28-1-20 —

Immunizations required for (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 75-5209(b) and amendments thereto, each child or adolescent shall be required to receive the following vaccinations before enrolling in any Kansas school: Diphtheria; Hepatitis B; Measles (rubeola); Mumps; Pertussis (whooping cough); Poliomyelitis; Rubella (German measles);

Tetanus; and Varicella (chickenpox), unless proof of prior varicella disease is provided. The proof shall be verified by one of the following:

- The signed statement of a physician indicating the child's or adolescent's date of this illness;
- The signed statement of a parent indicating the child's or adolescent's date of this illness; or
- Laboratory evidence of varicella immunity.

(b) The immunization record of each pupil shall document that the pupil has received the vaccinations specified in subsection (a) from a licensed physician or local health department in accordance with the "recommended childhood and adolescent immunization schedule — United States 2003" approved by the advisory committee on immunization practices and hereby adopted by reference. (Authorized by K.S.A. 72-5211; implementing K.S.A. 75-5209; effective E-79-18, July 20, 1978; effective May 1, 1979; amended April 9, 2004.)

6TH GRADE STUDIES SOLAR SYSTEM

All aboard!!! The students of the sixth grade class have just begun their voyage to the solar system. Their first mission was to study the sun and the eight planets including the dwarf planet Pluto. They found some cool and interesting facts about each planet. For example, they studied the composition, atmosphere, mass, distance from the sun, and their moons. After researching their planets for several days, the sixth graders gathered their information and wrote a report. After writing their report, the students were able to present their report in the form of a power point. To conclude our study of the solar system, the students will be taking a field trip to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson on May 6th. We will be viewing an IMAX movie about the International Space Station. They will be learning about how it was built, what daily life is like on board, and how scientific study can address concerns for our environment. — Mrs. Schoenthaler, 6th Grade Teacher

Pictured below are the cast and crew of the recent stage production, *Acting Can Be Murder*. They along with their sponsor, Carlisle Eichenberger, are to be commended on a job well done. All in attendance truly enjoyed the performance.



PUBLIC USE OF TRACK FACILITIES

USD 303 patrons are encouraged to use the track located south of the high school, as an exercise facility. In an effort to continue to keep the track area open for public use, we would ask that these **minimum guidelines** be followed: 1) **NO** wheeled vehicles on the track surface including strollers, bicycles, wagons, etc. 2) Please use **ONLY** the outside three lanes. 3) Pets are **NOT** allowed.

ACCELERATED READING UPDATE

By using Accelerated Reading our goal is to develop lifelong learners who love to read. The program is based on the fundamental principle that practice improves reading. It combines the power of computer technology with a set of sound teaching strategies. The result is continuous growth of students' reading skills and, ultimately, the development of a community of active, fully functioning and highly motivated readers.

Our elementary students have

earned a total of 1238.7 Accelerated Reader points for the month of March. We would like to recognize the following students as the top readers in their class during the month of March.

1st Grade - Ryan Gabel 13.6 points, Summer Pfannenstiel 97.8%; **2nd Grade** - Tiana Epperson 21.9 points, Michael FitzPatrick 98.8%; **3rd Grade** - Kyla Stephen 26.5 points, Dennis Gallagher 100.0%; **4th Grade** - Payton Rice 36.2 points, Leviathan Kelley 100.0%; **5th Grade** - Addison Beutler 25.5 points, Chynelle Kraft 97.5%; and **6th Grade** - Mason Weber 34.0 points, Mason Weber 100.0%.

- Mrs. Jo Pfannenstiel, Library Aide

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The kindergartners are learning about plants! They looked inside a seed with a magnifying glass and learned about the life cycle of seeds. At Easter time they had fun dyeing eggs and hunting them -- even though it was VERY windy! They are going to learn about conservation.

- Mrs. Teresa Pfannenstiel, Kdg. Instructor

FHSU ART SHOW

On Wednesday, April 15th forty-five high school art students and their instructor traveled to Fort Hays State University to attend and compete in the Annual Student Art Exhibition. We arrived at the arena and spent time setting up our display of art work and enjoying time viewing art work from all the other schools in attendance. We then walked over to the University art department where sixteen of our art students participated in the Chalk-In where they were definitely challenged to come up with a work of art that included 4 of the 5 images; a squirrel, famous Kansas landmark, meat product, advertising mascot and an alternate form of energy. The rest of the morning was spent watching college art students in the different art departments creating works of art. Overall it was an educational and enjoyable day.

Ness City art students received a total of 23 achievement awards. Marla Seib - pencil and 4 in photography; John Clarke - pencil; Becca Hawkinson - 2 in pencil; Tyson Reinert - pencil and scratchboard; Drew Pfannenstiel - pencil; Ashlee Dinges - pencil; Kendra Pfannenstiel - colored pencil and sculpture; Allison Young - ceramics; Danielle Lee - pastel; Joe Flax - colored pencil; Clay McIntosh - acrylic painting; Cassie Chandler - acrylic painting; Morgan Smith - sculpture; Ronica Gabel - ceramics; Tyler Michaelis - sculpture; and Brett Seib - ceramics.

- Mrs. Catherine McIntosh, Art Instructor



Accelerated Readers pictured at left: back row - Mason Weber, Addie Beutler, Chynelle Kraft; middle row - Michael FitzPatrick, Tiana Epperson, Payton Rice, Dennis Gallagher; front row - Summer Pfannenstiel, Ryan Gabel. Not pictured: Leviathan Kelley and Kyla Stephen.

DID YOU KNOW?

More kids are overweight now than at any time in American history. In all, about one in three middle and high school students are considered obese or overweight. Reduce your children's risk by helping them get more exercise, eat sensible portions, and avoid high-fat and high-sugar foods.

Video game overload? Consider setting time limits. Together, schedule when they can play. Encourage your child to be active at least an hour a day.

Jump ropes aren't just for little kids! Suggest this quick routine. For one minute each: jump as fast as possible, jump side to side, jump forward across the room, jump backward, and alternate hopping on each foot. Repeat three times for a 15-minute workout.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					3:30 PM HS Track @ Trego	SAT Test Date
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		2:00 PM JH Track @ Scott City 10:00 AM HS Track @ Jetmore		6:00 PM HS Cheerleading Tryouts in HS Gym		
State FFA						
3	4	3:00 PM Golf @ Montezuma	5	6	7	8
10	11	1:00 PM JH CPL Track Hosted By Claflin @ Hoisington	12	13	14	15
17	18	7:00 PM K-12 Open House 7:00 PM K-6 Spring Concert	19	20	21	22
24	25	Teacher Workday	26	27	28	29
31						30