

# EAGLE PROFILE



## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Thanks to a lot of help from our friends, Ness City Elementary School Library Staff has met and surpassed our goal of One Thousand Tracings.

Author Lita Judge who wrote the children's book, One Thousand Tracings, inspired the contributors listed below to try and collect 1,000 tracings of footprints so that they could visualize how many shoes Ms. Judge's grandparents collected and sent to needy German families after World War II. In order to know what size of shoes to send, the families sent their footprints traced on old newspapers.

A BIG THANK YOU to all

those who participated in this activity!!!! Ness City Elementary School Faculty, Staff, Students, and Parents; Val Kepple and her Ness City Junior High History Students; Catherine McIntosh and her Ness City High School Art Students; Ness City United Methodist Church Congregation; Norman Cooper and the St. John Faculty, Staff, and Students; Kathy Whitley and the Ness City Sacred Heart Faculty, Staff, and Students; Carrie Beutler and the Western Plains Faculty, Staff and Students; Talicia Whitley Millard and the McKinley Elementary School Faculty, Staff, and Students at St. John; Sue Schmidt and the Faculty,

Staff, and Students at Brewster; Denise Liby and the Garfield Elementary School Faculty, Staff, and Students at Abilene; and Pat Schlegel, her son, Tim Bosco and the third grade class at PS199 in New York City plus his Sunday School Class at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

Our GRAND TOTAL is 1325 tracings and they are ALL on display in the hallway east of the Ness City Elementary School Library.

Imagine trying to find shoes for that many feet!!!!

-Mrs. Coline Marcus, USD 303 Librarian

## ARTICLES ON WEBSITE

The yearbook and publications classes have been writing articles for the school's website. Usually photos accompany the material of which can be "clicked" to view in full size. Some articles are featured on the home page; some are available through the index lists at the side and bottom of the website.

Teachers or patrons of the district who would like to have articles written for the website can contact Mrs. Petersilie so a student can gather the information to compose the story. The school's website site is: [www.nesscityschools.org](http://www.nesscityschools.org)

Drew Pfannenstiel, Yearbook Student



Pictured above left to right are: John Pfannenstiel, Payton Rice, and Darian McClure with their 1325 tracings!

## TEEN DRIVER SAFETY

The week of October 18-24 was National Teen Driver Safety Week. Here are some of the statistics that were shared with NCHS students during that week:

- Teen car crashes are the #1 cause of death among American teens.
- Teen driver crash rates rise when teen passengers are in the car, putting both driver and passengers at risk.
- Speeding is a major contributor to teen crash fatalities.
- Alcohol is involved in about 16% of fatal crashes involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers.
- The effects of fatigue on drivers are similar to the effects of drinking and driving.
- A driver who talks on the phone is four times more likely to get into a serious crash, regardless of whether the driver uses a hands-free device.
- Two-thirds of teen occupants killed in crashes were not wearing seat belts.
- Simple driver error is a factor in two-thirds of fatal teen crashes.

**Here are ten ways parents can help teens be safe drivers:**

1. Supervise driving practice on varying roads and in different weather conditions.
2. Gradually increase driving privileges during your teen's first year of licensure.
3. Insist on no driving while intoxicated or fatigued.
4. Make seat belts the rule for EVERYONE in the vehicle.
5. Be firm about no distractions (cell phones, texting, or talking) while driving.
6. For the first year, limit nighttime driving and driving in poor weather conditions.
7. In the first year of licensure, only allow one teen passenger at a time, unless an adult is present. The risk of a fatal crash goes up in direct proportion to how many teens are in the vehicle.
9. Insist that all traffic laws be obeyed, especially speed limits.
8. Get it in writing!! Write up an agreement you and your teen both sign, with clear rules for driving and consequences if the rules are broken.
10. Set a good example by always driving safely. Teens learn the most experience and observation!

Mrs. Tonya Fenley, School Counselor

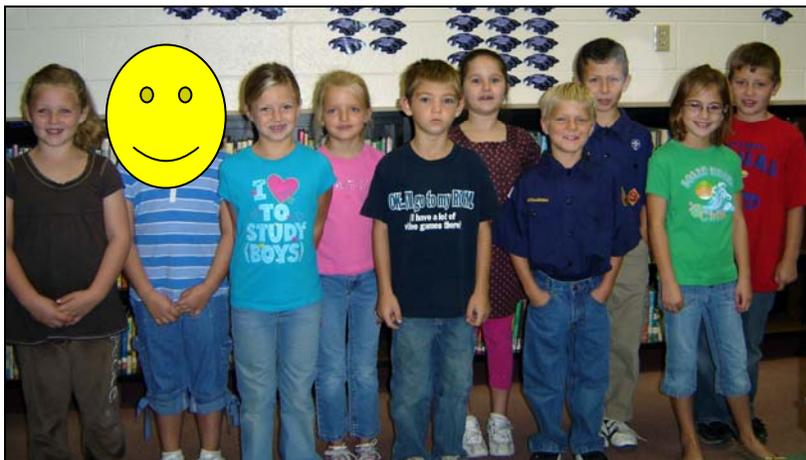
## UPCOMING FHSU MATH RELAYS

On Thursday, November 12, eleven NCHS students will travel to Hays and participate in the thirty-first Fort Hays State Math Relays which is sponsored by FHSU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The 20 minute relay events with both individual and team participation are Using Numbers Sense; Trigonometry (grades 11 & 12 only); Algebraic Manipulations; Informal Geometry Measurement; Applications for Algebra; and Calculations with Calculators. In an event a school may enter a maximum of five students competing as individuals and a maximum of two teams. Each team must compete in a different grade level and each participant must be entered in a minimum of four events. This year's participants are John Clarke, Joe Flax, Sarah Flax, Jonathan Henning, Gage Kepple, Ben King, Evan Lane, Clay McIntosh, Colton McNinch, Josh Snodgrass and Allison Young. In next month's district newsletter, the results of the competition will be announced.

Ms. Rosabel Flax, HS Math Instructor

## AR COMPETITION

Each month the Ness City Elementary students have a reading competition. Students in grades K thru 6th compete to see which class can score the highest percentage on the Accelerated Reading quizzes that they take. We would like to congratulate Mrs. Mellies and her second grade students for winning the award for the month of September. The second grade students scored an



Pictured above are the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade AR Champions – Summer Pfannenstiel, Haylee Winter, Ashley Foes, Caleb VanDegrift, Cassidy Bauer, Austin Snodgrass, Wyatt Rupp, Sophie Hahn, and Ryan Gabel.

impressive 94.3%. Good job Second Grade!

– Mrs. Jo Pfannenstiel,  
Elementary Library Aide

## ENRICHMENT CLASS STUDIES CAREERS

Since the beginning of school, Mrs. Goodman’s Enrichment class has had a unit on careers. We began by working on a budget. We learned about some of the bills we would have to pay once we became adults; for example, vehicle payments, electricity bills, house payments, and groceries. About half way through the unit, we started to have speakers come in.



Our speakers included a road grader, the county attorney, an oil gauger, a special education teacher, a physical therapist, a truck driver, a computer salesman, and a city worker. They all talked about what they do at their jobs and they all gave us advice. Each student had a question that they asked each speaker. We rotated cards and had a new question each time. A few questions were “Do you like your job?”, “Is your job stressful?”, and “Do you travel

for your job?”. Then, they were all asked to give us a piece of advice. One good piece of advice was to go to school and get your degree before you start a family.

Each speaker told us to get a good education and from there we can get a good job. Everybody learned a lot about each career and had fun doing it!

– Kaitlyn Dinges, Tristan McVicker,  
Dalton Snyder, and Mason Weber;  
Junior High Enrichment Students



Pictured are Computer Salesman, Wade Michaelis and his grandson Dalton Snyder.

## DISTRICT REPORT CARDS

The Kansas Report Card is a collection of data compiled annually to provide information on a building, district and statewide basis. The challenge of the No Child Left Behind legislation is the continuous raising of the achievement bar so that all students are proficient.

Information regarding our district is available by accessing the Kansas State Department of Education website:

[online.ksde.org/rcard/district.aspx?org\\_no=D0303](http://online.ksde.org/rcard/district.aspx?org_no=D0303)

Once there, you will be able to navigate to the different buildings and curriculum areas.

Over the past several years, schools have made significant progress in meeting the challenge of No Child Left Behind. The on-going work of USD 303 educators is reflected in the improvement of assessments!

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

October 20th, the kindergarten class took a field trip to the Cottage Lane Pumpkin Patch in Ellis. The weather was absolutely gorgeous!!! The students learned that pumpkins grow in different sizes, shapes, and colors. They saw many different unusual pumpkins that are grown at the pumpkin patch. They also saw baby goats, bunnies, and different breeds of chickens. They learned that some pumpkins are used for carving, some for baking, and some for just decorations. The students tasted apple cider. Most of the students really enjoyed this drink. After a hayrack ride to the pumpkin field, the students got to each select a pumpkin to take home. The pumpkins they chose were either "pie" pumpkins or ornamental pumpkins. They all had fun getting to choose their own pumpkins. They then rode back on the trailer to the playground area. There they went through a maze. You could hear lots of screaming (even the kids were screaming) and LOTS of laughter. They all found their way back. They climbed hay bales and slid down a slide, went through a "hay tunnel" and just had fun running around. A great time was enjoyed by all! They then went to the Dairy Queen and had

lunch and ice cream. They got to play on the indoor playground. We had lots of compliments on their good behavior. Happy Halloween from the Kindergarten class!

-Mrs. Teresa Pfannenstiel, Kdg. Instructor

## STUDENTS ATTEND JACK KILBY SCIENCE DAY



On Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 a.m., thirty-one NCHS junior and senior students and their sponsors Mrs. Kim McNinch and Ms. Rosabel Flax boarded a district bus to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jack Kilby Science Day at Barton Community College. Former astronaut Steve Hawley, current professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Kansas delivered the keynote: Galileo, HST, and Beyond: How Telescopes Have Changed our Understanding of the Universe. Also, Dr. Hawley encouraged the students to challenge themselves and he encouraged the teachers to challenge the students. After the keynote, students attended

breakout sessions. Breakout sessions included: Crime Science Analysis, Decoding Starlight, Chemical Crime Fighting, Wind Farms, Disease Scene Investigations, Science Bowl and Math Bowl. BCC provided a lunch of pizza and drink for all. Students attending were Kyle Calvin, Ashlee Dinges, Erik Ellis, Joe Flax, Jonathan Henning, Ben

## EAGLES TAKE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> AT SCIENCE DAY

The academic Eagles, in their first appearance at the Jack Kilby Science Day at Barton Community College, soared to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes in the bowl activities. Joe Flax, Clay McIntosh, Colton McNinch and Gage Kepple finished 1st in the Science Bowl. 2nd place winners in the Science Bowl were Kyle Calvin, Erik Ellis, Ben King, and Jonathan Henning. In the Math Bowl, Gage Kepple, Clay McIntosh, and Colton McNinch received 3rd place. Joe Flax, Jonathan Henning, Ben King, Erik Ellis, Kyle Calvin and Ashlee Dinges also competed in the math bowl. Bowl competitions were double elimination tournaments. TMP, a traditional winner in math competitions, took 1st place.

- Ms. Rosabel Flax,  
HS Math & Physics Instructor

King, Gage Kepple, Clay McIntosh, Colton McNinch, John Clark, Taylor Dinges, Sarah Flax, Dustin Foster, Skyler Kraft, Evan Lane, Josh Snodgrass, Allison Young, Ernesto Flores, Becca Hawkinson, Kourtney Lovelady, Kendra Pfannenstiel, Ashlin Rogers, Veronqua Schaben, Marla Seib, Morgan Smith, Paige Stenzel, Marissa Stoecklein, Tim Schumacher, and Brooke Seib.

- Ms. Rosabel Flax,  
HS Math & Physics Instructor

Pictured are the winners in the Jack Kilby Science and Math Bowls. L to R - Ben King, Joe Flax, Jonathan Henning, Colton McNinch, Clay McIntosh, Gage Kepple, Kyle Calvin, Erik Ellis, and Ashlee Dinges.

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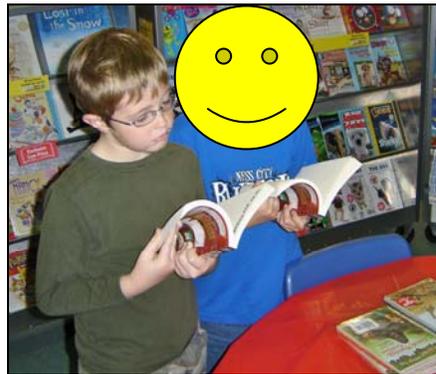
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### MUD ROUTES SCHOOL CLOSINGS

As winter weather approaches, all parents are reminded that school will be cancelled whenever the safety of students is threatened. Mud routes may be called as is determined to be necessary. The announcements will be made via the following television KSNC, KBSH, KAKE and radio stations KJLS, KVGB, KAYS, and KGNO. Mud routes and school closings will also be posted on the electronic bulletin board 798-2333 (Ness City), 398-2666 (Bazine), 848-2306 (Beeler), 481-2301 (Brownell), 731-2666 (Ransom), 391-2525 (Utica). Decisions made during the school day will also be sent via email to parents who have provided the building secretaries with a valid email address.

Students make their book selections during the recent Book Fair at the elementary library.



Left: Kaydan Smith  
Top: Christopher Grandstaff, and Taylor Armon.

The Pre-School students and their instructors, Brenda Horchem and Amy Hagans, constructed these adorable scarecrows. They can be seen each day on the lawn in front of the Pre-School building.

