

USD #377 Weekly Update

Steve Wiseman, Superintendent

Monday, September 28, 2009

News from 4th Grade –

The Intermediate School 4th grade teachers conducted a water cycle poster contest. There were 2 students from each class chosen as winners. Here are the winners. Posters are displayed in the hallways.

Dobbs class-- Mamie West and Jenna Watkins

Schneider's class – Savannah Gann and Karlin Parnell

Preut's class – Casey Coder and Cole Montgomery

Fall Homecoming 2009 – Kudos to Mr. Preut, Mr. Flores and everyone who helped to make the homecoming parade and downtown pep rally a huge success. It was an awesome site to see all the students and staff marching down Main Street in their orange and black.

Congratulations to Mrs. Walters and STUCO for another great homecoming week; Mr. Worthington and the Band; Mrs. Hasse and the cheerleaders; Mrs. Speer and the dance team; and all the students and staff who showed off their school spirit during last week's homecoming festivities.

Notice of Changes in Reporting News and Events – This is the last week that I will be distributing and posting a weekly calendar of events and school news. By next Monday we will be fully migrated over to a new Google App calendar. I believe everyone will appreciate the new format and most of all our ability to keep it updated in real time.

Another change is that from this point on school news will be handled at the building level. While the district will continue to publish and post to the web a monthly district newsletter, I will not be posting weekly news and happenings. Information about what's going on at individual schools will be the responsibility of the building principal.

Solar Week Fall 2009, October 5-9

FACT OF THE WEEK: In 1859 a solar storm hit the earth (the largest in recorded history). It was caused by massive sunspots and solar flares. It was so intense that auroras were seen around the earth (even in the caribbean) and the ones over the Rocky Mountains were so bright that gold miners thought it was morning. It knocked out the telegraph systems of Europe and North America. If you wish to look it up for more information, it is called the "Solar storm of 1859" or "Carrington Event"
(source: listverse.com)

WORD OF THE WEEK: from ([The Free Dictionary](#)) pestiferous

Definition: (adjective) Likely to spread and cause an epidemic disease.

Synonyms: pestilent, plaguey

Usage: The city sprays pesticides throughout the summer, targeting the pestiferous mosquitoes that transmit the West Nile virus.

Weekly Events

Monday, September 28, 2009, This Day in History Flu epidemic hits Philadelphia - On this day in 1918, a Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia prompts a huge outbreak of the flu epidemic in the city. By the time the epidemic ended, an estimated 30 million people were dead worldwide.	
1 Day Event	Mrs. Dillon out of the district
6:30 AM	Mr. Wiseman – In Office
4:30 PM	FR/SO FB @ Jeff West – Mr. Flores
4:30 PM	JH VB @ Doniphan West – Mr. Worthington
5:30 PM	Dance Team Practice
6:00 PM	Play Practice
7:00 PM	Effingham Library Board Meeting – Mr. Wiseman
Tuesday, September 29, 2009, This Day in History 1913, Rudolf Diesel Commits Suicide - Rudolf Diesel is best known for the engine that bears his name, but few know that he was also a respected engineer, a linguist, a social theorist, and a connoisseur of the arts.	
All Day Event	Mrs. Dillon out of the district Mr. Preut & Mrs. Benson @ ACT Workshop in Olathe (AM) – Mr. Flores/Mr. Worthington covering
6:30 AM	Mr. Wiseman – In Office
3:30 PM	SH Cheer Practice
3:45 PM	Technology Committee Meeting, Central Office Board Room
5:00 PM	PAT Playgroup, Building A – Mr. Hinrichs
5:30 PM	JV/VR Volleyball @ Sabetha) w/Royal Valley, Sabetha) – Mr. Flores
5:30 PM	FR Volleyball @ Hiawatha (Hiawatha, Sabetha, MH-MA) – Mr. Wallisch/Mr. Preut
Wednesday, September 30, 2009, This Day in History 1962, Riots over desegregation of Ole Miss - In Oxford, Mississippi, James H. Meredith, an African American, is escorted onto the University of Mississippi campus by U.S. Marshals, setting off a deadly riot.	
6:30 AM	Mr. Wiseman – In Office
10:00 AM	Pre-School To Public Library - Effingham Community Library
2:00 PM	Pre-School To Public Library - Effingham Community Library
3:15 PM	JH Cheer Practice
3:30 PM	PDC Meeting – Central Office SH Cheer Practice
5:30 PM	Dance Team Practice
Thursday, October 1, 2009 – This Day in History 1890, Yosemite National Park established.	
All Day Event	Mrs. Enzbrenner out of district all day. MAP Testing PRINCIPAL'S BUILDING REPORT DUE TO CENTRAL OFFICE
7:00 AM	Mr. Wiseman – Departs for Topeka (Mr. Hinrichs to cover)
8:00 AM	5th Grade - Water Festival Field Trip - Perry Lake - Leopold Conservation Area Greenbush North Superintendents' Critical Issues, Forbes Field – Mr. Wiseman
9:00 AM	Greenbush North Superintendents' Forum, Forbes Field – Mr. Wiseman, agenda enclosed
4:30 PM	JH VB w/Wathena, Parents' Night – (Here, JH/SH Gym) – Mr. Worthington
4:30 PM	Cross Country @ Horton – Mr. Wiseman
6:30 PM	JH FB, Here against Wathena , Parent's Night, Tiger Field – Mr. Wetig
Friday, October 2, 2009, This Day in History 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson suffers massive stroke.	
All Day Event	Mrs. Enzbrenner out of district all day, MAP Testing
7:00 AM	Admin Meeting, Central Office
7:00 PM	VR FB @ Holton – Mr. Flores/Mr. Preut
Saturday October 3, 2009	
9:00 AM	VR Volleyball @ Wellsville Tournament, Wellsville – Mr. Flores
9:00 AM	JH DVL VB Tournament Here- JSH Gym and Intermediate Gym – Mr. Worthington
10:00 AM	FFA Horse Evaluation - Rocking V

Greenbush North Superintendent Forum
October 1, 2009, Forbes Field, Topeka, KS

Critical Issues (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Kansas Learning Network Cohort 3: What you need to know about being on improvement
Ray Daniels; Dean Katt, Superintendent, USD 290 Ottawa; Diane Miller, Superintendent, USD 417 Council Grove

Superintendents' Forum (9:00 a.m. – noon)

1. Superintendents Roundtable – Steve Adams, Forum Chair, Superintendent, USD 203 Piper
2. Professional Development Session – Walk-thru Program: Using handhelds for classroom walk-thru – Diane Miller
3. E-Rate – Denise Grasso
4. Bullying Consortium and Student Leadership Academy – Misty Burke
5. Employee Screening – Bart Swartz
6. School Improvement Services Restructuring & Services – Jim Rodman and Terri Kimball
7. KSDE Report – Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis