

USD #377 Weekly Update

For Parents, Patrons and Staff

Steve Wiseman, Superintendent

Monday, October 27, 2008

Good Things are Happening at Atchison County Community Schools!

Nate Smith, HS Math/Cross Country Coach - Two weekends ago the ACCHS Cross Country team visited Fort Hays State University. We had an opportunity to visit the Cross Country team's facilities, watch a race, visit with the athletes and the head coach, and tour the campus. The trip was very educational athletically, and helped to get many of the athletes focused on the possibilities after high school.

The head coach at FHSU is ACCHS alum and former state cross country runner Jason McCullough. Jason did a wonderful job hosting us and we, the athletes and myself, learned a lot of valuable information.

This Saturday was our Regional Cross Country meet. On the boys side, Kinson Billings posted an incredible 19:36, more than a minute better than his previous PR. Kinson narrowly missed qualifying for state, and will certainly be a state candidate next season, as he finished 11th among non-seniors. Next season, with Steven Rathert, Trevor Lutz, Tobin Warriner, Josh Keimig, Jake Howard, Austen Miller, Mitchel Kurtz, and Kinson coming back, along with new comers Eric Cummings, Steven Hotham, and Ricky Kearney, the boys harriers have a great opportunity to make their first team state appearance since 1995.

Hannah Boos and Gentry Linscott were the only girls running, although the team looks to have several new runners next season. Hannah ran a great time 20:11, considering the fact that most times were 40 seconds to a minute slower than usual due to conditions Hannah did very well. With hard work and dedication, she could be a dark horse for state next season.

Gentry has shown much improvement in her senior campaign. She continues to push herself hard and will make a trip to Wamego and the 2008 state championships this year. Gentry finished second behind Kaley Graves of Rossville and will be a major competitor for the state title this Saturday. Gentry looked strong and will certainly push Graves, along with fellow competitors from Belle Plaine and Riley County. She will run at 9 am in Wamego Saturday and I encourage anyone who is able to make the trip to support one of ACCHS's top female athletes in school history.

Susan Erickson, K-12 Librarian - Over 80 Effingham, Lancaster and Cummings students will be celebrating meeting their goals for Accelerated Reader for the first quarter. They will be participating in an apple relay, listening to the story of Johnny Appleseed and receiving an apple as a treat. With the start of the new quarter, all Grade 2-4 elementary students have reset their percentage and point goals to zero and are beginning again to strive to reach their goals for the second quarter party in January. Grade two must earn 2.5 points with an 80 percent average on all quizzes taken. Grades three and four must earn 5 points with an 80 percent average all all quizzes taken.

At ACCMS 51 students received popcorn and a pencil to celebrate reaching their first 25 Accelerated Reader points with an 80 percent average on all AR quizzes taken.

Distributions of free paperback books as part of Reading is Fundamental grant took place in each of the elementary centers this week. Students were able to select a book which they will be able to keep. Guest readers read a dinosaur book. Guest Readers were Julie Baker, Emma Lou Niemann, and Carolyn Taliaferro. Students also received a dinosaur bookmark. The second and final distribution of RIF books for this school year will be in held in February. Please note that Lancaster Kindergarten was absent for RIF distribution due to a field trip, but they will receive two books at the February distribution.



Mrs. Small and Mrs. Pieper - Mrs. Pieper's 1st grade class joined Mrs. Small's Second Grade Class on Oct. 21st to learn how to make contractions through Surgery. Mrs. Small and Mrs. Pieper demonstrated how contractions are made through a "surgery" procedure. First, the room was sterilized for this important procedure. Dr. Small put on her lab coat, rubber gloves, and surgery mask. Mrs. Pieper was the attending nurse. All surgery tools were laid out on the surgery tray. Scissors, paperclips, and clear tape. Mrs. Pieper, the "nurse" helped hand the tools to Mrs. Small, the "surgeon" and the procedure began. The patient was "I am" and the extra letters not needed were cut out. The letters we needed had to be stitched (paper clipped) back together. Then, clear tape was used as the bandage. After that, Mrs. Small removed her mask and gloves and both classes discussed how we shortened up the words to make a new word.



We told the students that when we took the stitches (paperclips) out it would leave a permanent scar. The permanent scar is called an apostrophe. The patient's name changed from "I am" to "I'm". It is called a contraction! The 2nd graders then got to do their own surgeries to make all kinds of new contractions! What a hoot! They won't ever forget the day we taught contractions!

Elementary Students of the Week – Lancaster: Kindergarten - Lucas Martin, 1st Grade - Kylia Henning, 2nd Grade - Gracie Goodman, 3rd Grade - Michael Baker, 4th Grade - SkyLeigh Stirton, Cummings: K – Alexis Hefner, G1 – Casey Ireland, G2 – Branson Brull, G3 – Katilyn Nitz, G4 – Cassy Schuetz

Terry Porter, HS/MS PE & Head HS Football - The ACCHS Football Team had four players make it to the Topeka Capital's High School Top Performers list. This list is made up from football players from across the state. They are:

Dereck Wallisch: for his 80 yard reception and 75 yard kick-off return.

Ben Hawk: for his 102 yards of rushing on 13 carries.

Alex Thompson: for his for 109 yards of rushing on 23 carries.

Austin Eckert: for 221 yards of passing—6 of 14 and 4 TD's with only 1 INT. (This was the second best performance in the state by a QB). Congratulations to these football players and to the rest of the team that made the 42-12 victory over Maur Hill possible.

Notice:

PowerSchool Migration Still Underway – PowerSchool migration has been completed, but we are experiencing difficulties getting the server to be accessible outside the school system. PowerSchool technicians are still working on the problem and hopefully it will be fixed sometime on Monday.



Itinerary for Kazakh Teacher Visit to ACCHS Tuesday October 28, 2008

8:00-8:55

Tour of HS, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, Student Reps.

8:55-9:49

College US Hist. class, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut,

9:53-10:43

Economics class, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, Ms. Hansen

10:47-11:35

School/Community Tour, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, Mr. Caplinger, USD 377 Admin

11:35-1:00

Lunch (ACCHS Library), Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, ACCHS Faculty, USD 377 Admin, Board

1:00-1:52 Down Time

1:52-2:42

World History class, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, Ms. Hansen

2:46-3:15

Meet with students (Library), Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, Teachers

3:15-3:45

Set-up for Round Table Discussion

3:45-5:00

Round Table Discussion, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Preut, District Faculty, Board Members



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