

USD #377 Weekly Update

For Parents, Patrons and Staff

Steve Wiseman, Superintendent

Monday, November 17, 2008

Good Things are Happening at Atchison County Community Schools!

Mr. Wiseman, Superintendent – The USD 377 School Board will hold a special work session tonight (Monday), to develop goals and strategies that will address long range planning and budget concerns. The meeting is set to begin at 6:45 PM in the Board room of the Central Office.

KUDOS to Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Eckert and all the students involved in the fall musical production *Guys and Dolls*. Everyone performed magnificently at Saturday night's performance before a very large turnout of family, friends and patrons.

Winter sports will soon be in full swing with high school teams beginning practice today. The **middle school girls' basketball and wrestling teams are nearing** the half-way point of the season. **It's been fun watching the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams perform.** Both teams have some talent, are very scrappy and really like to get up and down the floor. I have not had the opportunity to watch our MS wrestlers yet, but hope to take in a few rounds tonight before the Board meeting.

At last Monday's Board meeting **Rikki Taliaferro, ACCHS FFA President, gave an excellent presentation on the FFA's trip to the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.** Rikki was organized, well-prepared, poised and demonstrated the type of self confidence that we would like all of our students to possess. Good job Rikki!

Jane Halling, Secretary Lancaster – Lancaster Students of the Week: **Kindergarten – Chase VanVleck, 1st Grade – Gabriel Livingston, 2nd Grade – Gwendolyn Crossland, 3rd Grade – Hailee Miller, 4th Grade - Tucker Vollmer**

Tina Wagner, Secretary Cummings - Cummings Star Students of the Week: Kindergarten – Trenton Long, Grade 1 – Garrett Miller, Grade 2 – Leah Robertson, Grade 3 – Krystal Lassen, and Grade 4 – Austin Bonnel

Deb Falk, Secretary Effingham ES – Effingham Elementary Students of the Week: Pre-school – Aleita Gray, ECH – Jenna Pitts, Kindergarten – Casey Fitzpatrick, 1st Grade – Jaden Paige, 2nd Grade – Jacey Holst, 3rd Grade – Cole Montgomery, 4th Grade – Emily Wood

Mrs. Wiseman, Technology Director – Staff members of the Atchison County Community Schools took part in the demonstration of a Promethean Interactive Whiteboard, Learner Response System and Interactive Tools at ACCHS library Thursday afternoon. The demo showed attendees the many ways a Promethean system can aide teachers and students in a 21 Century classroom. The Promethean system is web based and is as easy to use as writing on a whiteboard and using a laptop. The lessons that are made on the system can be saved in many different formats such as pdf and can be emailed to parents or saved on the computer to be shown at conference time. Teachers would also have access to thousands of lessons that meet state standards on the Promethean Planet website.

Board Agenda for Monday, November 17, 2008 (tonight) 6:45 PM, Central Office, Effingham –

- 1) Long Range Planning and Budget Work Session