

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 – I will be giving a budget presentation at tonight's Facilities Committee meeting on the effects of a possible budget cut for this year and what we can expect for 2009-2010. The presentation should be relatively short with time allotted for questions.

I will also talk about the Board's directive to the administration to compile detailed information on all district programs, services, and staffing models in a effort to develop cost cutting measures. Everything is on the table for examination consistent with the district's philosophy of zero-based budgeting, which annually examines each budget item in terms of value, priority, and efficiency. The Board remains committed to placing the highest priority on programs and services that have a direct impact on instruction, which is consistent with the Board's top goal of academic excellence.

Items, which drew discussion at the November 17, 2008 special Board meeting included: administration, activity bus routes, extra-curricular programs, food service, school calendar options, special programs, grade level configurations and campus consolidation. The agenda for tonight's meeting is included on page 3.

Marci Feldkamp, HS Secretary - Good News at the High School! Our students collected 803 lbs of canned goods/non-perishable items for the Friends of Rachel Can The Principal Project! Thank you all so much for allowing your student to raid your pantry! Items are being delivered to the Atchison Salvation Army and the Meriden Food Pantry. Congratulations to all and a job well done!!!

Allen Reinke, IRC Teacher, Keystone Learning Services - On Monday, November 17, 2008, Mr. Reinke's class went to Atchison for community service and a career exploration projects. In the morning our class did a community service project at the Salvation Army. We assisted with the assembly and preparing of commodities packages. In the afternoon, we did a career exploration project at Walmart. The students were given a tour of Walmart. They also visited several departments and also chose other departments to visit. While visiting the departments they were able to watch store department managers and associates on the job. The students also were also able to talk with and ask questions about the jobs of the department managers and the associates in those departments.

Lori Boos, Parent – Mrs. Boos would like to acknowledge the Middle School cheerleaders for their continual support, spirit and enthusiasm they demonstrate at each and every home event – good job Middle School Cheerleaders!

Krist Wiseman, Technology Director - Fixed problem with Parents/Guardian Automatic Email Reports in PowerSchool.

**USD #377 FACILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING
TONIGHT 6:30 PM AT
LANCASTER
ELEMENTARY**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS
INVITED TO ATTEND**

**NO CLASSES ON
WEDNESDAY
THANKSGIVING BREAK
BEGINS**

**FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR
FOR SENIORS AND
PARENTS TONIGHT
(MONDAY) AT 7:00 PM IN
THE HS LIBRARY**

**EFFINGHAM COMMUNITY
BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, December 3
2:00 pm - 6:30 pm
ACCHS Commons Area
Sponsored by NHS
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Jane Halling, Secretary Lancaster – Lancaster Students of the Week: Kindergarten – Alicia Weaver, 1st Grade – Kathleen Pino, 2nd Grade – Austin Coder, 3rd Grade – Casey Stout, 4th Grade – Austin Gray

Tina Wagner, Secretary Cummings - Cummings Star Students of the Week: Kindergarten – Madilynn Brown, Grade 1 – Joseph Hefner, Grade 2 – Trevor Lindsay, Grade 3 – Ryan Hanshaw, and Grade 4 – Ashley Pieper