

USD #377 Weekly Update

Steve Wiseman, Superintendent

Monday, December 15, 2008

Effingham Elementary Students of the Week: Pre-school –Cayden Hollands, Aidan Harris, Kindergarten – Hunter Grandpre, 1st Grade – Ian Postman, 2nd Grade – Sara Guzman, 3rd Grade– Allison Lowe, 4th Grade – Harleigh Latzke

Cummings Students of the Week: Kindergarten - Xhander Suhajda, 1st Grade – Trent Fowler, 2nd Grade – Ivan Smith, 3rd Grade – Bailey Ireland, 4th Grade – Luke Tull

Lancaster Students of the Week: Kindergarten - Chase VanVleck, 1st Grade – Graci Postma, 2nd Grade - Robert Blann, 3rd Grade - Tate Smith, 4th Grade - Bailey Buttron

Superintendent's Comments – Steve Wiseman

State Struggling to Make General State Aid Payments to Schools - On December 3rd we received notice from the state that due to state fiscal constraints, the December 1 general state aid payment would be distributed as follows.

- 75 percent deposited in local banks on December 5
- 25 percent deposited in local banks the week of December 8-12

On Friday we received more bad news in an email from the state finance department that stated: *“At this time, the state does not have adequate resources to pay the remaining 25 percent of the December 1 general state aid payment. The State Finance Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 16 to consider authorizing additional certificates of indebtedness. If approved, this will allow the state to borrow from itself in order to increase the cash flow into the State General Fund.”*

Extremely cold weather has arrived and could be here for the better part of the week. Forecasters are also predicting snow and possibly some ice mixed in at times. Throw in the fact that some of our buses have been breaking down here lately, this could be a very challenging week. Parents who have questions about a bus or a pickup point should contact the bus barn at 913-833-2035 or the central office at 913-833-5050. Keep up on the latest school news by going to our website, sign up for Tiger Text or you can also check for school closings on the following radio and TV stations:

Radio Stations

KAIR Radio - 93.7 FM,
KNZA Radio – 103.9 FM
WIBW Radio - 580 AM, 94 Country
KMBZ 980 - KXTR 1660 - WDAF 106.5
KY 99.7 - KUDL 98.1 - ROCK 98.9 - 610 Sports

TV Stations

KTKA - TV Topeka, Channel 49
WIBW - TV Topeka, Channel 13
KCTV Kansas City, Channel 5
KSNT - TV Topeka, Channel 27

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Up to date postings will be made on the front page of the USD 377 website. Please be sure to refresh your screen in order to get the latest postings.