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Our mission is to ensure that students will find their purpose and become successful, lifelong learners and positive contributors in a changing world.

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USD 350 St. John-Hudson Newsletter

February 2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

Another Mid-Winter Classic basketball tournament has come and gone. This is a great community event put on by our local Lions Club. It is a long-running tournament with this being the 49th year. This tournament brings a lot of people into our school and is a good fundraiser for the Lion's Club. It takes a lot of community volunteers to make it work and they deserve appreciation. I'd like to express thanks to Rick Hunley and all of the Lions Club volunteers for their efforts to put together such a great event. Even though the Tigers did not win the championship, the tournament was a success.

This will be the third year in a row that my February article has contained information about a struggling state budget and the efforts to fix education funding in Kansas. Three years in a row and there does not appear to be an end in sight.

As legislators look to fill a \$350 million budget hole, a bill was just introduced to fix it with across the board spending cuts for all state funded programs. Estimates put USD 350's share of these cuts at \$200,000. A cut this deep would be devastating to our schools.

I do not anticipate a cut that large, however cuts are a real possibility. Any cuts will be difficult to manage since we are now more than half the way through the year and much of the budget has already been spent.

The block grant formula for funding education is set to expire at the end of this year. Legislators must draft a new school funding formula before July 1. This will be difficult to accomplish this since little work has been done on this to date. There is a real possibility that the block grants will remain in place with flat funding for another year. The state Supreme Court has yet to rule on the school finance case. This ruling will have a significant effect on what legislators choose to do this session.

Think about grade cards and what it means when a 3rd grader has a "C" in math class? Consider two example students who both earn a C in math. Perhaps Student 1 does not quite grasp all of the math concepts, but works hard and turns in all of the work. Maybe Student 2 has a firm understanding of the math, but does not complete all assignments and misbehaves now and again. In this example, Student 1 and Student 2 earned the same grade, but they are obviously performing at different levels. The grade we see on the report card might be based on a combination of the students' knowledge gained, work ethic, behavior, and other factors.

In the elementary grades, we are working to be more specific with reporting what students know and are able to do. Standards-based grading is a way to do this. Staff is working toward implementing standards-based grade cards in the lower elementary grades next year. This is something that has been done for years in our Kindergarten classes. More information will be coming to parents about this in the coming months.

Good attendance in school is one of the most important factors in student success. Here are a few facts about school attendance from the national group Attendance Works. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 17 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That is about two days a month and is known as chronic absence. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating. It is critically important for parents to help us ensure that students get to school every day, ready to learn.

As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with Purpose, Passion, and Pride.

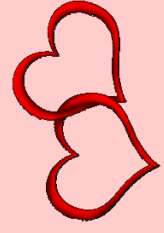
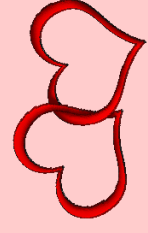
-Josh Meyer – USD 350 Superintendent



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12		<p>13 6:30pm Kay Mother/Son Banquet 6:00pm BOE Meeting TBD-Play Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 9:30am Class Leadership @ Lyons 4:00pm HS BB @ Coldwater S. Central</p>	<p>15 FCCLA Heart Cookie Sale</p>	<p>16 9:30am Class Leadership @ Skyline 6:30pm Kay/Mother/Daughter Banquet TBD-Play Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 NO SCHOOL 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Macksville Senior Night</p>																																									
19		<p>20 NO SCHOOL Staff Development 7:00pm Pre-Festival Solo & Small Ensembles Concert (Auditorium) TBD-Play Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 4:00pm HS BB @ Otis-Bison</p>	<p>22 Freshmen to HCC</p>	<p>23 4:45pm HS BB @ Cimarron</p>	<p>24 TBD-Play Rehearsal</p>																																									
26	<p>2:00pm NHS Induction</p>	<p>27 TBD-HS BB Sub State 4:00pm JH Scholar's Bowl (H)</p>	<p>28 TBD-HS BB Sub State</p>	<p>29 Kayette Heart Sister Week</p>	<p>30 KMEA Conference - Wichita</p>	<p>31 KMEA Conference - Wichita</p>																																									

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	2 BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	3 BREAKFAST Banana Bread Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
		LUNCH Cooks Choice Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sliced Pears Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Corn Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk
6 BREAKFAST Breakfast Bites Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	7 BREAKFAST Pop Tart Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	8 BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	9 BREAKFAST French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	10 BREAKFAST Breakfast Bar Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH Corn Dog Tater Wedges Broccoli Applesauce Cookie Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garden Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Peas Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	LUNCH Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk
13 BREAKFAST Pancake on A Stick Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	14 BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	15 BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	16 BREAKFAST Banana Bread Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	17 BREAKFAST NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH Italian Pasta Bake Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	LUNCH Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	LUNCH Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Pepperoni Pizza Baby Carrots Corn Applesauce Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	LUNCH NO SCHOOL!!!
20 BREAKFAST This Institution is an equal opportunity provider	21 BREAKFAST Breakfast Bites Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk	22 BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	23 BREAKFAST French Toast Sticks Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	24 BREAKFAST Muffin Mixed Fruit Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH NO SCHOOL!!!	LUNCH Turkey & Cheese Sand Lettuce Salad Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chili Relish Plate Sliced Pears Cinnamon Roll Crackers Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Hamburger/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk
27 BREAKFAST Pancake on A Stick Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	28 BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk			
LUNCH Chicken Tetrizzini Garden Salad Baby Carrots Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	LUNCH Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun Tater Wedges Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk			



FCCLA ANNUAL

HEART COOKIE SALE

Delivery/Pick-up - FEB 14th



**Cookies \$1 each or
\$11.00 a dozen**



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thru Mrs. Patterson**



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2. Sign in OR Create an account Click on "Enroll Now"
3. Enter the 5-digit NPO **67034** and search
4. Select your Organization and click on "Enroll"

Shooting for Shields

@ St. John Vs. Central Plains Basketball Game

February 3rd

\$1 chance to shoot a free throw at halftime,
if you make it, you win a soda.

You may also,
purchase a red ribbon to wear - \$1 donation

**In Memory Of
Emerson Henry Shields
September 18, 1924 -
January 6, 2017**



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♥ *Happy* ♥
Valentines Day

