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SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

When students return from spring break, the end of school always seems to come along very quickly. Spring is a busy time with state assessments, field trips, award ceremonies, graduations and other school activities. It is a fun time of the year in our schools.

The beginning of spring is also a time when the state legislature is finalizing the year's legislation. As I write this article, they are working to find agreement on several bills related to education. I know that there will be a lot of things settled in the few days after I complete this column.

One piece of legislation that has gotten a lot of attention is the "parents bill of rights" in education. This has been a hot topic around the country. I don't want to wade too deep into the politics of these bills, but I do think it's appropriate to address the topic.

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Use your smartphone camera.



UPCOMING EVENTS



2022 Nerd Brigade

REGIONAL MUSIC

April 2nd

TRACK MEET @ ELLINWOOD

April 7th

PTO CARNIVAL

April 9th

EGG YOUR YARD - ORDERS DUE

April 13th

Please turn in money at the front office.

TRACK MEET CANCELLED

April 15th

NO SCHOOL / GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR UPDATES

April 22 - 24th

Library will open again on April 25th.

JUNIOR - SENIOR PLAY - CLUE

April 23rd - 24th

For Pre-K through 6th grade only.

BINGO FUNDRAISER @ LIBRARY

April 24th

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

April 23rd

TECH CLUB FUNDRAISER BORROW AN EXPERT

April 27th

Nerd Brigade is hosting a Technology Community Day for at-will donations at the Public Library.

TRACK MEET

April 28th

JOIN US

SENIOR PORTFOLIO PRESENTATIONS
APRIL 27TH & APRIL 28TH
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 7PM - 9PM

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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Regardless of how these bills shake out here in Kansas, our school district will always be open to allowing parents to inspect curricular materials and file complaints about anything that is questionable. I'm fairly certain that is the case for all school districts in our state. One of the bills has cumbersome requirements for posting lesson plans and learning materials online. For me, that is very concerning due to the amount of work and effort that would be needlessly placed on teachers and other school staff. Again, no matter what bills, if any, are passed, parents should know that we are always open to discuss with parents what is being taught to their children. Most educators believe that parents being engaged with their child's education is a good thing.

Last month I reported on the board's strategic planning process. Staff, parents, and community members at the recent planning meetings developed a few specific areas of focus for the long-term improvement plan. First among those is related to facilities.

Like many small, rural school districts, we have older school buildings. The main building was built in 1939. There have been additions to the main building over the years. The largest of those additions was the main gym, classrooms, and offices in 1963. The last major improvement project was completed in 2014 to remodel restrooms, combine offices, and replace HVAC in the library.

Making any long-term plans requires considering the state of our existing facilities. Updating buildings and infrastructure is very expensive. However, it is important to keep things updated and ensure that students have a safe and efficient place in which to learn.

The second area of focus identified is for communication and parent/community engagement. No matter what we do or how hard we try, communication with all school district stakeholders could always be improved.

Lastly, the group felt that while we have a pretty good group of people on staff, it is important to keep employee recruitment and retention as a priority goal. The current level of teachers entering the profession is very low right now. This makes it difficult to fill any open positions. It is also tough to find people to fill non-teaching positions. This makes it even more important that we work to keep great people on staff and work hard to recruit new employees as needed.

Over the coming months, the board and staff will be working to develop this long-term improvement plan for the district. The goal of the plan is to address these focus areas along with other identified areas of needed improvement.

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

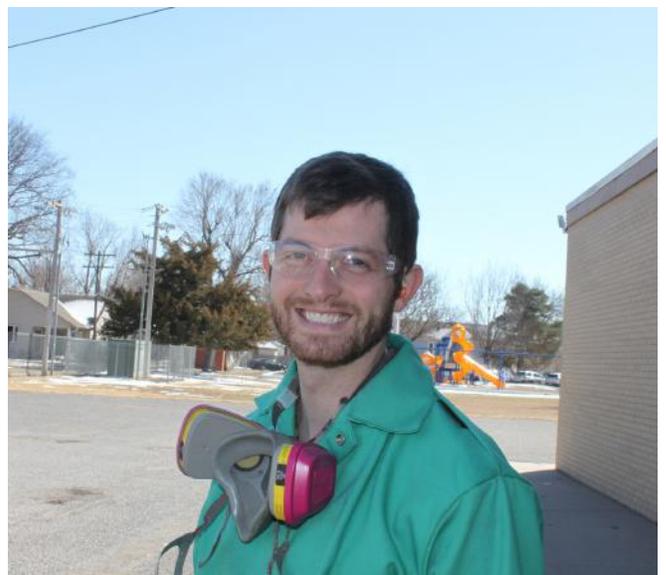
WOOD BURNING

by Mr. Moritz

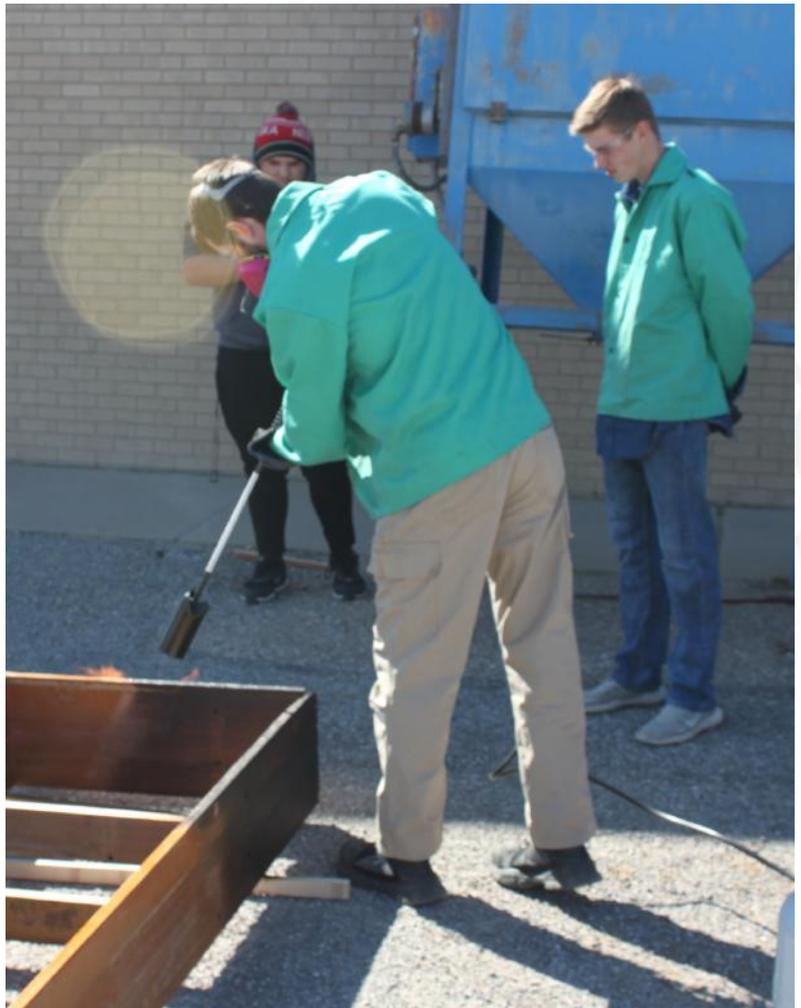
Students were burning wood with a blow torch for the greenhouse planter boxes. Burning the wood is an old technique used to preserve wood by making it more water resistant and rot resistant. It derives from Japanese culture and it is called Shou Sugi Ban which roughly translates to "charred cedar board".



STUDENT MOMENTS



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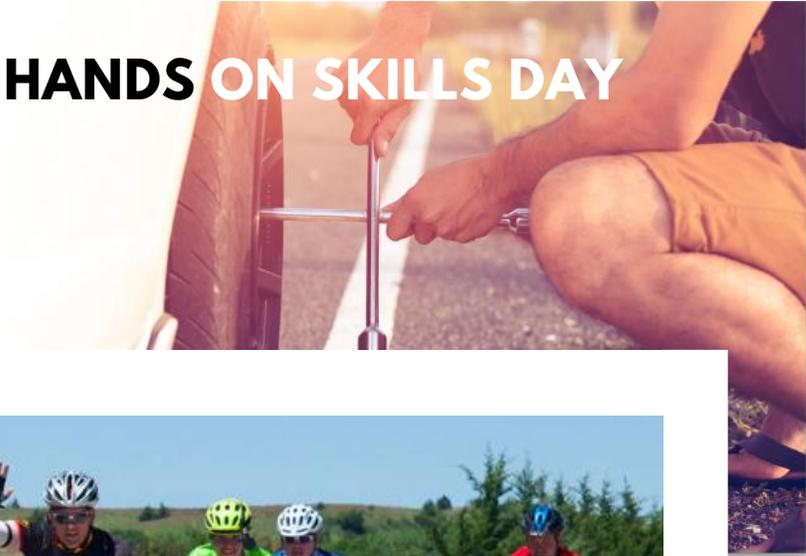
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APRIL 23 - 24



HANDS ON SKILLS DAY

MAY 6TH



BIKE ACROSS KANSAS



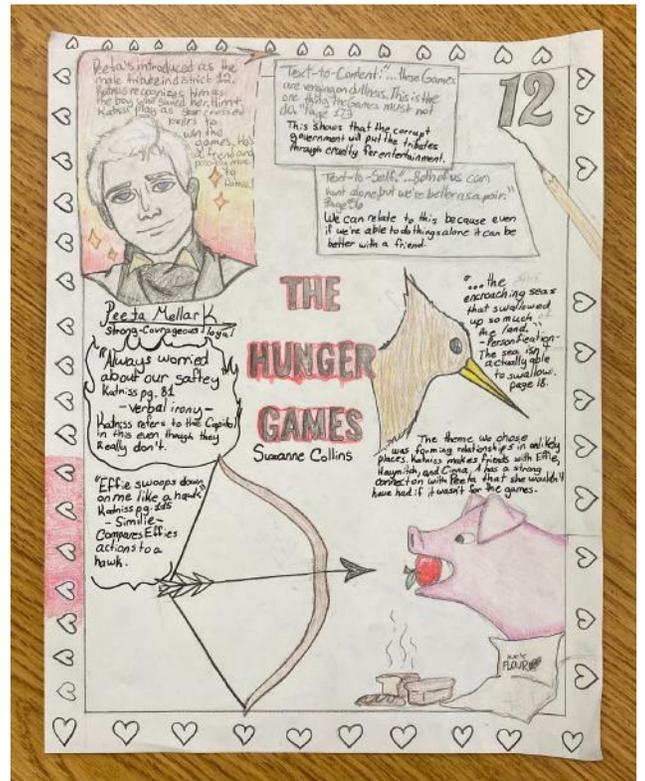
JUNE 13TH

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

HUNGER GAME ONE PAGE WRAPUP

by Mrs. Bunker

Freshman working on their One Pager assignment to wrap up The Hunger Game. This assignment was a creative way to demonstrate their knowledge of key language standards.



STAFFORD COUNTY YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE

by Isac Mata

Stafford County YEC (Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge) was held Wednesday, March 23rd, at 11:00 AM at the Stafford County Annex. Teams of Stafford County youth entrepreneurs presented four-minute presentations and answered questions posed by a panel of three judges. A business plan executive summary was sent in prior to the competition and scored.

The event was made possible by NetWork Kansas and Stafford County Economics Development.

Awards were presented after lunch. Tiger Coffee took first place and will be awarded \$750. Cantrell Auto Detailing took second place and will be awarded \$500. iTable Menu took third place and will be awarded \$250. Buck-in Leather took fourth place and will be awarded \$100.

"I'm appreciative of all the work the teachers did to prepare the students. All of the teams did an amazing job. The students spent a lot of time developing and crafting their businesses. It's not easy to get up in front of a room full of people and present your idea, especially when there is a panel of judges following up with questions," says Kathleen Norman, Stafford County Economic Development Executive Director. "It was a great learning experience, and many are already starting to think about next year's competition!"

Tiger Coffee will have the opportunity to compete in the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge April 28th on the campus of Kansas State University.



CHEESECAKE WEEK

by Mrs. Patterson

S'more, chocolate chip cookie dough
Peanut butter chocolate, lemon
raspberry, Oreo cookie



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

by Arlena Miller

After the Prom the Rec hosted a Daddy Daughter dance on Sunday March 27th. Thank you Mrs. Fischer for the pictures.





SOPHOMORE CLASS

EGG YOUR YARD FUNDRAISER

edited by Jorja Blakeslee

The sophomore class would like to help out and egg your yard the night before! If you have any eggs we will take donations outside of the High School office.

Fill out the form below by scanning the QR code or using the URL below. Please have orders in by April 13th, money goes to High School office. If you have any questions please email ferilm@usd350.com



1 dozen \$10
2 dozen \$20
3 dozen \$30
4 dozen \$40
5 dozen \$50
6 dozen \$60

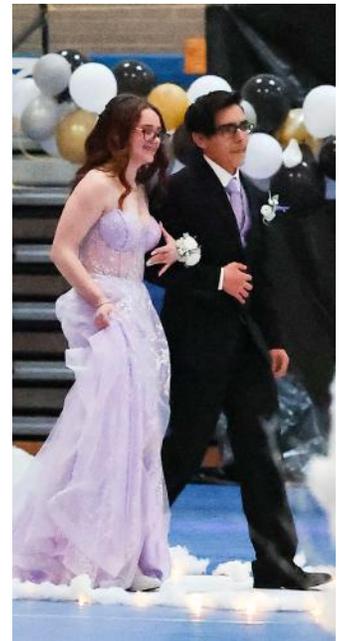
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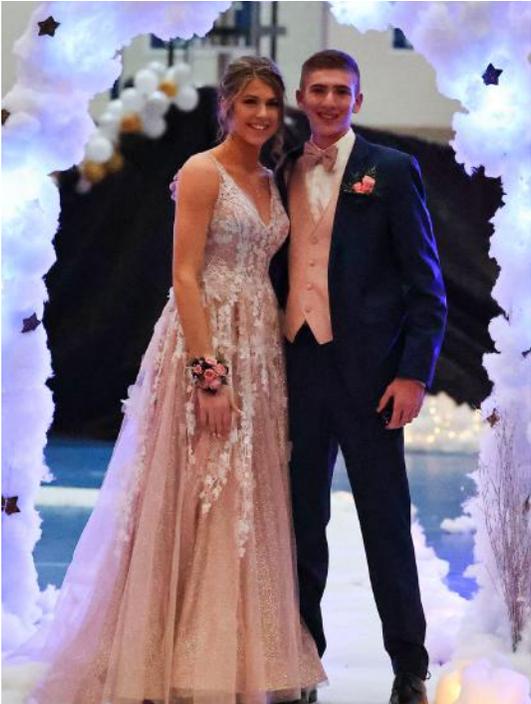
A NIGHT IN THE CLOUDS

by *Brandon Henkle*

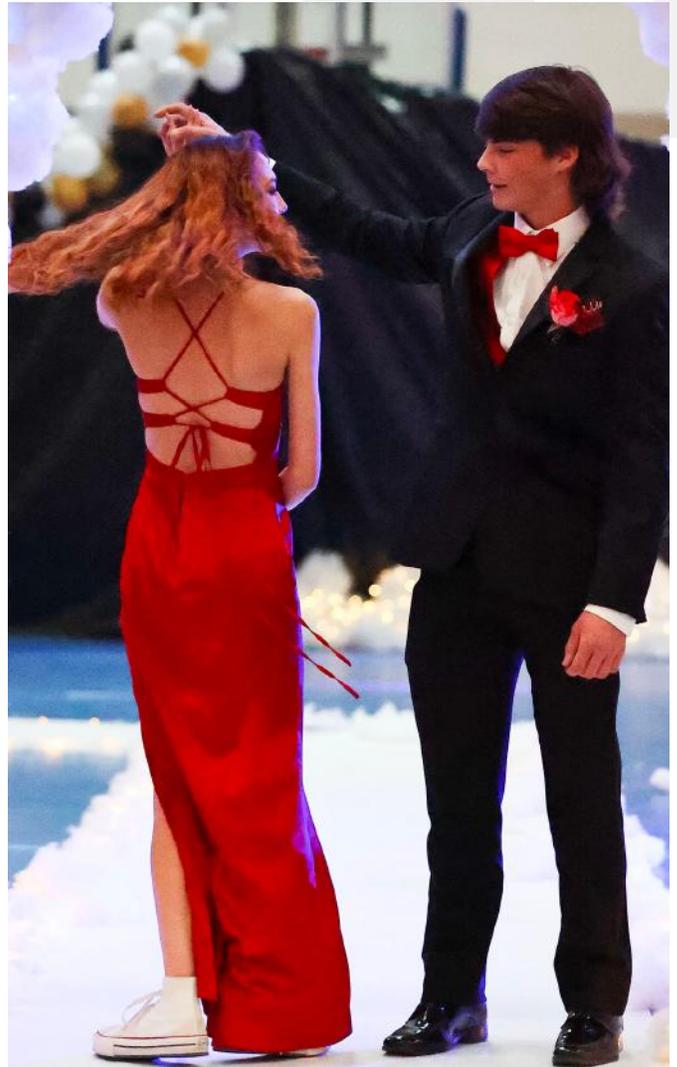
Juniors and Seniors celebrated a Night in the Clouds as they danced the night away. The school gym was filled with lights, music, balloons and 'clouds' as it greeted family and friends who watched each student walk down the aisle. A big thank you to Mrs. Mixon and Mrs. Jennifer Fischer for coordinating the event and to the Chaperones of the night. Photo credit to Mrs. Dick Smith. You can visit his FB page for more pictures.



PROM 2022



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AFTER PROM



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Elementary CARNIVAL

hosted by St. John PTO



Saturday, April 9th
3:00 pm — 5:00 pm
Main Gym & Commons Area

A vibrant collage of carnival activities set against a colorful diamond-patterned background. It features a yellow starburst for 'Games & Prizes', a yellow oval for 'Face Painting & Hoop Shoot', a blue arrow for '\$0.25 / ticket', a green banner for 'Inflatables', and a blue box for 'Concessions'. The background also includes illustrations of a game booth with a car and a Disney-themed inflatable.

**Games &
Prizes**

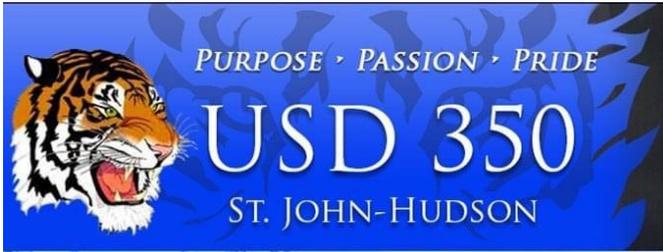
**Face Painting &
Hoop Shoot**

\$0.25 / ticket

Inflatables

Concessions

- | | |
|--------------|---------|
| Cotton Candy | Popcorn |
| Chips | Pop |
| Water | |



4-Man Scramble

**Saturday, April 23rd
10:00am**

Stafford County Country Club

**Benefit for the
St. John-Hudson USD 350
Education Foundation
& St. John-Hudson
Booster Club**

\$200 per team

Limited to 18 teams

Call/Text Danton 620-243-2997
or Josh 620-617-0524 to register

- **Lunch included**
- **Cash prizes in each flight**
- **Hole prizes**
- **Raffle prizes including rounds of golf, golf bag, putter, gift cards, and more**

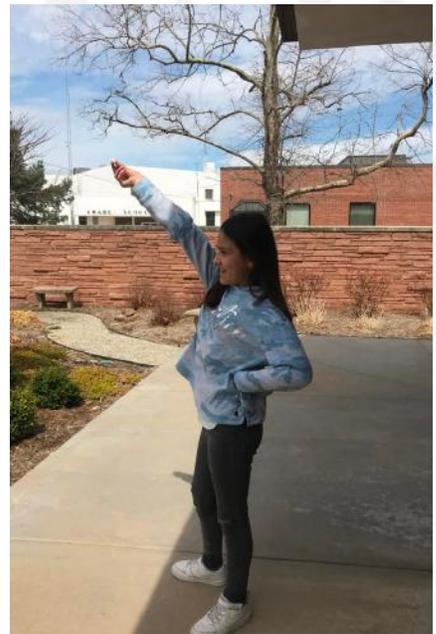
Limited carts available for rent

THE ELUSIVE LIRPALOOF BIRD!

APRIL FOOL

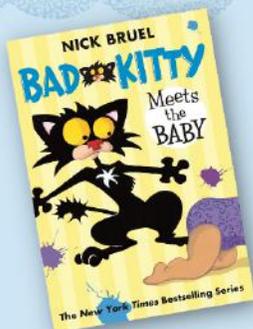
by Mrs. Laura Davis

It is migration season and the Lirpalooof bird has arrived in the library courtyard! Students have been calling "Lirpalooof" and offering up orange marshmallows (its favorite food) in an effort to lure the bird within viewing distance.



The Summer Library Program **IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**

For Kindergarten - 4th Grade



EARN BOOK BUCKS

Read to earn book bucks.
Buy prizes from our Treasure Store
with your Book Bucks !



REACH YOUR READING GOAL

TO WIN A GRAND PRIZE

Book autographed by the author!
(Limited Quantity)

COLLECT RAFFLE TICKETS

Get a chance to win surprise baskets! You will
receive a raffle ticket each day you join us!

Registration forms will be sent home in May...
get a raffle ticket when you register!



DESIGNED BY MRS. MIXON

#IDALONGGOODMANMEMORIALLIBRARY

SUMMER 2022 / OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTER BINGO IS BACK IN APRIL!

by Mrs. Laura Davis

This popular fundraiser for Friends of the Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library is back in April! Mark your calendars now to attend Quarter Bingo. Each game starts at a minimum of \$20 in cash prizes thanks to our local business sponsors. Games are 25¢ per card per game...so bring the piggy bank with those quarters.

Games start at 2 pm in the Community Room of the library on April 24th.



Friends of the Library
QUARTER
BINGO!

APRIL 24 TH, 2022

B I N G O

on Sunday *afternoon* **2 PM**

Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library
406 N. Monroe, St. John

Prize money starts at \$20+ each game

25¢ per card / per game



IDA LONG GOODMAN LIBRARY
~SOFTWARE UPGRADE~

THE LIBRARY WILL BE **CLOSED.**
ON

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

RE-OPEN

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 25



Thank You!!

FINISH THE RACE AND DON'T DROP THE BATON!

by Blain White, HS Principal

If you were to compare a school year to a race in track, I think it would be a 4X400 meter relay. As the first runner (1st quarter) begins the race there is a lot of excitement as the runners establish their positions and set the pace. 2nd and 3rd quarters are run at more of a steady pace but then when the fourth runner (quarter) takes the baton, the fans get on their feet, excitement is in the air, and everyone is excited as each runner finishes the race, exhausted from giving it everything they have. Every time I watch a 4X400 relay I feel like the final leg takes half the time as the other 3 legs and it is the same way with a school year. The goal is to get better each time we run the race.

We are quickly settling into the final leg of the relay and before you know it our Seniors will be crossing the stage and turning their tassels from the right side of the mortar board to the left. Just a week after that the halls will be empty for the summer. It happens faster than one might think.

As we take the baton for the final leg of the relay, it is important that we remember to run the full race. Never give up, never drop the baton. This goes for our students, faculty and community members. We have everything it takes to complete this race in record setting fashion; a great student body, outstanding staff and extremely supportive community.



Spanish Scavenger Hunt

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Here are just a few points for all of us to keep in mind:

STUDENTS – Make every day count. There are only 33 days of school from April 1st until the end of the school year (28 for seniors). Don't let yourself get behind on your course work and if you do get behind, do whatever it takes to get caught back up. Good attendance is very important.

PARENTS – Students often don't show stress in ways that we typically recognize it. They are pretty good at playing things off but this time of year they are often stressed more than we know. Be supportive of your students and make sure they are staying on track in their classes. Check PowerSchool often.

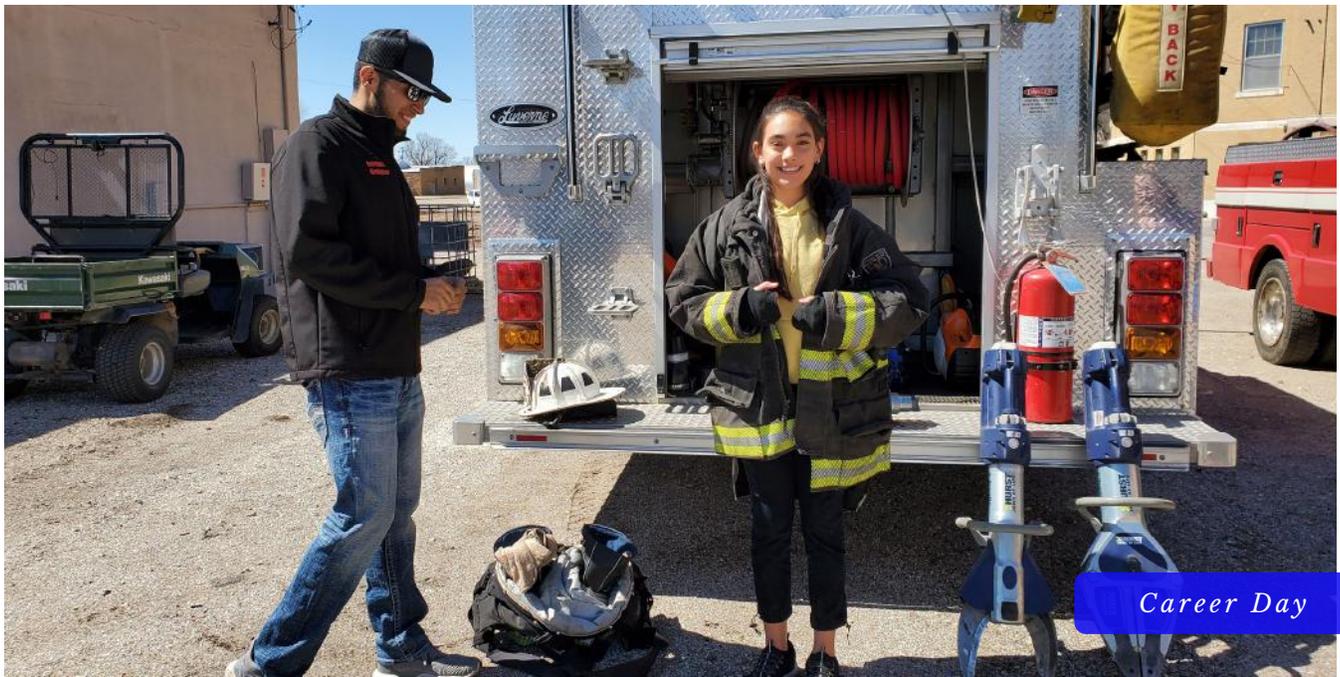
Now is the time - Finish the Race - Don't Drop the Baton!

It's a GREAT day to be a Tiger

- Blain White - HS Principal

FACULTY – Make every day count. There are only 33 days of school from April 1st until the end of the school year (28 for seniors). Always be there for students and families and work for the better of each student.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS – Continue to be supportive of our students, school and programs. We all appreciate you more than you know. Celebrate the successes of our students any way you can. Also, if you employ one or more of our students, please be mindful of the load they are carrying when you schedule. I think everyone does a good job of this but sometimes students don't want to speak up when work conflicts with school.



Career Day

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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.

Use your smartphone camera to scan.

