

USD 467 Community Newsletter

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Dear USD 467 Community,

Please take a few minutes to read our community newsletter. We hope the information is helpful and informative. Thank you for supporting your community schools and thank you to all who have contributed to this effort. Feel free to contact us with ideas and comments!

From the Superintendent-

*Dear Wichita County
Community,*

One of the benefits of being your community school superintendent is the opportunity to meet so many of the great people who believe in Wichita County. The citizenship attitude of “we are all in this together” and the strong sense of community are clearly evident. Watching the community come together for the county fair, businesses being spruced up, our city and county officials and employees providing the services we need, our awesome fire department and EMS, and citizens doing good deeds just because they need to be done all affirm that we care about the welfare of our community.

Parents: Keep in Touch With Your Teachers!

Parents and teachers working together is one of the most powerful efforts that can be made on behalf of a student. As a parent, staying close to your student’s teachers increases the chances of your student being successful because you know what is going on academically and can monitor their study habits. Regular communication is critical! Please feel free to make contact with your student’s teachers:

- E-mail-You can obtain all your student’s teachers e-mail addresses either by calling the school or e-mailing the secretaries. Grade School: Secretary Bev Higgins bhiggins@leoti.org Principal Dawn McKinney cynmckinney@leoti.org Junior-Senior High: Secretaries Esther Brandt ebbrandt@leoti.org, Kelly Matteson kmatteson@leoti.org Principal Keith Higgins khiggins@leoti.org. If you are not sure or have tried this process and have not received a reply, contact your student’s school to follow-up.
- Phone calls: The grade school phone number is 375-2314 and the junior-senior high is 375-2213. Teachers have plan periods that allow for opportunity to visit. You may call your student’s school to find out their teachers’ plan period time and set up a time to call.

Each of us has our roles in the welfare of the community and it is the responsibility of the school district to do our part. Of course, it is our main goal to give the students a quality education, but do not hesitate to call upon us if we can help contribute in other ways to continue to make Wichita County a great place to call home. As always, it is an honor to be your community school superintendent.

*Yours in Education,
Dr. Jim Hardy*

***!For Your Calendar!
October 20 and 22
Parent/Teacher
Conferences: 5:00-8:30***

Thank you!

- Leo Geyer, Leonard Mullen, Gary Kreutzer and Mark Heath for leading us in the flag ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance at our staff meeting in August.
- Thank you to the parents who are modeling use of the crosswalk when picking students up at RBSES. There is nothing more powerful than a good example!

Security State Bank

BBQ this Friday at the High School Football Game: Proceeds go to WCHS Activities

Don't forget to join the:

TRIBE Booster Club!

Look for the TRIBE table at the home games! TRIBE supports your WCHS student's activities including music, sports, speech contests, and scholar's bowl!

H1N1(Swine) Flu

H1N1 and Seasonal Flu. Although there is quite a bit of attention being directed at the concern of the H1N1 flu, the same practices that are used to limit the spread of regular seasonal flu apply. Please reinforce the following practices with your students:

- ✓ Wash their hands regularly
- ✓ Cough into their sleeve or tissue
- ✓ Keep their hands away from their face
- ✓ Bring a water bottle with a pop top lid to school and stay hydrated

As with any illness that easily spreads, if your student has flu like symptoms, it is best that they stay home from school not only for their own well being, but so they do not spread the illness to their peers. It is recommended that the ill student stay home for 24 hours after the flu like symptoms are gone and the student is not taking medication for temperature. Flu like symptoms include:

- ✓ Abrupt fever of 100 degrees or greater
- ✓ Cough, sore throat, aches, chills, fatigue
- ✓ Diarrhea, vomiting

If you have questions on these or any other topics do not hesitate to contact your student's principal or the superintendent. Thank you for your efforts toward helping us to have a healthy and successful school year.

WCHS News!

The past two weeks, the Junior English students have been busy researching into their own family. As part of learning about the foundations of America and its' immigrants, students are discovering their own roots for their Who I Am Papers. Students must research back to at least their great-grandparents, write a paper about their family and make a poster of their family tree for an oral presentation. They are also required to complete a genealogy sheet and interview at least three different people from their family. As part of the unit, students take a field trip to the Wichita Co. Genealogy Society where Karen Walk and other members help students research their ancestors. Toward the end of the project, students take another field trip, this time to tour the museum and learn about the history of Wichita County and its' founders.

RB Stewart Grade School News!

RBS Parent Site Council Members Needed

USD #467 needs parents and community member volunteers to serve on the district site councils. Site council meets three to four times per school year. The purpose of the school site council is to be a sounding board and to assist in a continuous school improvement process.

Please contact R.B. Stewart Elementary at 375-2314 or WCJSHS at 375-2213 if you have questions or are interested in serving on the site council.

Parents: Become a School Volunteer

Do you have the desire to make a difference? R.B.S.E.S. has the answer – become a volunteer! Volunteers are needed to listen to students read, help teachers with displaying of student work, make games, journals, and bulletin boards, and help serve healthy snacks.

Contact the office or your child's teacher at 375-2314 for more information.

United States Census 2010

www.census.gov

The United States Department of Commerce is asking schools to help inform their local communities of the upcoming 2010 census. USD 467 will share information with Wichita County Residents as it becomes available.

This project is a hard one for the students because it takes so much time, but it is one of the most rewarding assignments. At the end of the year, this project remains one of their favorites because it is about what's most important, family.

Julie Conard
Junior English teacher

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Show Your School Spirit.....

With Vera Bradley's Cardinal and Black Pirouette pattern **Giftologists** (Located inside the Wichita County Pharmacy) will be donating 10% of all black microfiber, black nylon, and pirouette sales to the TRIBE Booster Club during homecoming week. Register with purchase to win a monogrammed Wichita County Indian Vera Bradley purse.

Early Childhood Screenings

USD 467 and High Plains Educational Cooperative are offering free Early Childhood Screening for preschool ages 3-5 years.

The following areas will be screened:

- ❖ Vision/Hearing
- ❖ Speech/Language Development
- ❖ Cognitive/Educational Skills
- ❖ Social Development
- ❖ Adaptive/Self Help Skills
- ❖ Fine and Gross Motor Skills

To find out more about your child's development, schedule a screening with your local Early Childhood Specialist.

For more information and to schedule a screening contact Amy Spencer at RB Stewart Elementary at 375-2314.

***"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."
-Henry Ford***

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