

# USD 467 Community Newsletter

## October 15, 2010

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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,*

*Thank you to the heroes of Wichita County! Wichita County is that unique place where our citizens just seem to “step up” to fill a void, accomplish a task, and contribute for the betterment of all who live here. They do so through their unselfish attitude and sense of community. The list is endless from our volunteer fire department and EMS, the dedicated museum folks, individuals who serve on the hospital board, help with the amusement and fair association, city and county government, Economic Development, people who do community theater, or pursue ideas like the ‘Fall Cruisin Fest’ not to mention the 4-H and Scout leaders. These are*



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#### **CALENDAR ALERT!!**

**Parent/Teacher's Conferences: October 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**RBSES: 4:00-8:00pm**

**Junior-Senior High School: 4:30-8:30pm**

*the civic minded citizens who make “things happen” here and we are fortunate to have so many.*

*The same applies to our school system. For the school district it is parents who choose to get involved in their student’s education by helping as grade school class room parent helpers, going on field trips, and helping with special events. We also have community members who choose to serve on the Board of Education, coach our little league and junior and senior high sports, volunteers who help with Scholars’ Bowl and Forensics, annual junior high league music festival, and of course, the dedicated TRIBE Booster Club members who support WCHS. The list could go on and on.*

*You can tell a lot about a community by the people who call it home We are blessed to have folks who care ( our heroes) to make a difference in Wichita County for our community and our community schools—Thank you!*

*It is an honor to be your school superintendent.*

*Yours in Education,  
Dr. Jim Hardy*

## **Congrats to USD 467 Principals, Staff, and Students!!**

USD 467 met the state Standards of Excellence in several areas, grades and building wide. It is especially more impressive when one considers the challenge of meeting the increasing target scores. Not all grades are tested.

**R B Stewart Elementary:** Reading grade 3, Reading grade 4, Reading grade 6, Reading Bldg.-Wide, Math grade 4

**Wichita County Junior-Senior High School:** Reading 7, Reading 11, Reading Bldg.-Wide, Science 7, Science Bldg.-Wide

**GOOD JOB!!!**

### **! Calendar Updates!**

#### **Important dates:**

- **October 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** Parent/Teacher’s Conferences: RBSES: 4:00-8:00pm Junior-Senior High School: 4:30-8:30pm
- **October 22** NO SCHOOL
- **November 9<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math Night
- **November 12-13** High School Musical: 7:30pm

### **Construction News!**

There have been a lot of changes around the future *Wichita County Elementary School*. The brick work is completed and the new windows are installed. The next steps in the exterior work involve final door installment and dirt work. The effort of the interior work will now increase dramatically. Examples of inside work include new energy efficient heating/air conditioning, preparing the new Pre-K room, and moving some upstairs walls, painting, flooring, and a new elevator. The playground and landscaping plans are also being developed. The junior-senior high is still in the midst of receiving its new energy efficient heating/air conditioning as well as upgraded energy efficient lighting. Please feel free go by the construction site and take a look. If you would like a personal tour or have questions contact Dr. Hardy, school superintendent, at 375-4677.

## Thank you!

- Thank you to the Arts Alliance and teacher, Martha Myers, for providing an outstanding art program for the grade school students.
- Thank you to the AIM Committee for purchasing stability balls and Bal-A-Vis-X balance boards.

## Wi chi ta County Juni or-Seni or Hi gh News!

Principal: Mr. Keith Higgins



### WCHS Presents Bye Bye Birdie!

On November 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m., the WCHS Choral Department will present the hit musical Bye Bye Birdie! Come join the excitement as pop icon, Conrad Birdie, comes to Sweet Apple, Ohio to bestow his final kiss before going into the army!! With outrageous characters and toe tapping music, this is one show you don't want to miss!!

## RB Stewart Grade School News!



Principal: Mrs. Dawn McKinney

**WALK WEDNESDAY AT RBSES** Come join students and staff for morning exercise every Wednesday during October at 8:00 on the east RBSES playground.

**WE WANT YOU!** 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.

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.

## HOW TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES FROM YOUR SCHOOLS

TextCaster is a cell phone text messaging service sponsored by Western State Bank. The district utilizes this to inform parents, students and patrons about things that are happening in USD 467. It has been use for school closings due to weather, information about school activities, not only at the Junior Senior High, but also R. B. Stewart Elementary.

If you don't currently receive TextCaster messages or have recently switched phones or providers, go to the district internet home page at [leoti.org](http://leoti.org), scroll to the bottom until you see the Indian Alert link, click on the link and follow the instructions. Make sure you have your cell phone to complete the activation. Unless your service provider charges to receive text messages, there is no cost to you. Thanks again to Western State Bank for providing this service to the district and community!

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*“Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.”*

## TRIBE Booster Club

Meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month at the Fire Barn 2:00pm  
Parents of all our students who participate in school activities are invited to attend. ***NEXT MEETING: Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm***

### 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.

***Find out more about USD 467 by going to the school web page: [leoti.org](http://leoti.org)***

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