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Patterson Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

USD 261 Employee Honored By KASP For Work In Her Field

The Kansas Association of School Psychologists (KASP) recently presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Marie Patterson, psychologist at Ruth Clark Elementary, at the annual KASP Conference in Manhattan.

Patterson has been an adjunct faculty member at Wichita State since 1993, where she continues to share her vast knowledge and rich experience with future school psychologists. She often continues to mentor and encourage students long after they graduate from WSU.

She has also been at the forefront of introducing general education buildings to the Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) process and continues to be an MTSS leader in the Haysville School District.

“Dr. Patterson has been a friend, mentor, and colleague of mine for more than 20 years,” said Becky Cezar, Director of Special Education at USD 261. “Her dedication to the profession, compassion, extensive knowledge of human psychology sets her apart from her peers. We are indeed fortunate to have her in our district.”

Patterson has been in the field of education for more than 40 years, 30 of those as a practicing school psychologist. She has made numerous contributions to the field of school psychology throughout the years.

As a practitioner, she has developed and maintained a stellar reputation as a collaborator and a much sought-after consultant. Her role as a leading school psychologist has been exemplified by the numerous workshops she has conducted during the years on a variety of topics, including evaluating and intervening with students with Traumatic Brain Injuries and ADHD; assisting districts with implementing student intervention teams; and how to select and implement research-based intervention to address student needs.

Many who know Patterson comment on her professionalism and personal commitment to aspiring school psychologists. She spent several years as a school psychologist



coordinator, and has served as a practicum and internship supervisor to numerous school psychologists practicing in the field today.

Patterson has been a longtime member of KASP, served on the KASP Executive Board, is a member of the National Association of School Psychologists, and served on the Wichita State University Advisory Board.

Beyond her dedication to students, colleagues, graduate students, her profession and family, Patterson has found time to serve as a volunteer for several Wichita community organizations such as The Lord's Diner, agencies assisting DUI victims, and her local church as a Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher.

These are just a few of the many accomplishments of the 2011 Kansas Association of School Psychologists' Lifetime Achievement Award winner: teacher and counselor in Nebraska, 5 years; school psychologist in Missouri, 3 years; school psychologist and school psychologist coordinator at Sedgwick County Area Education Services, 26 years; and psychologist at Haysville USD 261, 3 years.

Ruth Clark Student Wins KPTS Contest

In December, Ruth Clark Elementary School third grader Tatum Laggart had two special visitors from KPTS to her classroom. KPTS representatives announced that she won first place for third graders in the KPTS Young Authors Contest: Be More With Words. The contest was open to area third - fifth graders. Helping Tatum (center) celebrate her award were: (front row) Ruth Clark Elementary School Principal Carla Wulf; and (back row) Sheila Shaw, KPTS Education Outreach Coordinator; Clifford The Big Red Dog; and Amy Davenport, Tatum's mother.



HMS Student Artwork on KDHE Calendar

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recently announced the winners for the 2012 "Kansas Don't Spoil It! Calendar Contest." Haysville Middle School eighth grade student Mary Miller was at the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka on December 14 to be recognized for her art work to be showcased in the September section of the calendar. (Photo) Participating in the recognition ceremony were: (from left) KDHE Secretary Robert Moser, MD; HMS art teacher Nicole Taylor; Mary Miller; and Governor Sam Brownback. (Kansas State Photo)



HAHS Student Voice Collects Food



It was the season for giving as the Haysville Alternative High School's Student Voice organization coordinated Operation Holiday, the school's annual holiday Food Drive. Food items and money equaling more than 2,000 canned goods were donated to the Haysville Community Outreach. Student Voice members showing off some of the items collected were: Matt Baer, Student Voice Vice President; Alyssa Waller, Student Voice President; MacKenzie Schremmer, Student Voice Member; and Kathy Rucker, Sponsor. Baer and Schremmer were Co-Coordinates of the project. HAHS teachers Kelly Shultz and Mike Hill are also Student Voice sponsors.

THE Club Members Host Shopping Spree For Nursing Home

Campus High School's Teens Helping Elders (THE Club) may be a new organization, but the students have wasted no time getting involved in the community.

"THE Club members started visiting the Haysville Healthcare Center (HHC) at the end of September by sending at least five students a day from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and logging 230 volunteer hours," said CHS teacher and sponsor Katie Smithhisler. "The purpose of this club is to empower passionate teen role models to provide a companionship to the elderly residents in local nursing homes."

THE Club has about 60 members with students organizing daily activities such as Ice Cream Socials, BINGO, Manicures, Board Games, and Group Circle. Another club goal is to help the residents become more involved with the Haysville community. THE Club decorated a float and gave several HHC residents a ride in the Fall Festival parade and the Campus Homecoming parade. THE Club students have also established a pen-pal system between the residents and several elementary students and have encouraged the students to bring their families to meet their pen-pal.

Before the holidays, THE Club members participated in a "shopping center" for the HHC residents. Members helped the residents select gifts (for free) for their loved ones of all ages, wrapped and delivered them. The Shopping Center event was suggested by the HHC activities director, planned by THE Club members, and supported by Farmers Insurance with their contributions. Local Farmer's Insurance agents so generously donated \$1,200 to THE Club!

(Top photo) THE Club member Katie Simons (left) assisted Alice Walsh in finding a special gift. (Middle photo) THE Club member Matt Brand (left) helped a resident shopper decide between screw drivers or pliers for a gift for a family member. (Bottom photo) Katie Smithisler, sponsor, talked with a resident about selecting a present.



ESOL Students Raise Money For Project

During the month of December, the USD 261 English For Speakers Of Other Languages (ESOL) students at Oatville and Ruth Clark Elementary Schools participated in a community service project which helped the Ronald McDonald House in Wichita with their caring work for critically ill children and their families.

The project assisted the Ronald McDonald House with children in critical medical situations. When the Ronald McDonald House staff deals with children in such need, they give them a stuffed animal to help the children gain a sense of security and hope. Many times the Ronald McDonald House runs low on the number of stuffed animals they have to give and rely on donations from the community.

To earn the money for the stuffed animals for the children, the students baked cookies, created advertisements and sold cookies! With all the hard work by ESOL students at Ruth Clark and Oatville, the cookie sale raised \$575 which was used to purchase 115 stuffed animals.



Oatville Elementary School student Jack Som pressed colored sprinkles in the top of his cookies to give them a festive look.

CHS Career Experience Needs Volunteers

Campus High School will hosts its annual Career Experience 2012 on March 14 - 15 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Career Experience is an activity specifically designed to assist Sophomores in career determination and planning.

Career Experience planners are looking for volunteers to visit with students about their career. Volunteers are not asked to give a presentation, just be willing to answer questions about their career. Please review the list of careers below and consider volunteering an hour of your time. Potential volunteers are encouraged to contact Todd Hook at Campus High School at 554-2240 or thook@usd261.com.

Volunteers needed for March 14 are: Attorney; Judge; Para Legal; Probation Officer; CSI; Police Officer; State Trooper; Police Detective; Fireman; Seismologist; Meteorologist; Engineer(any); Cosmetologist; Nail Tech; Anthropologist; Child Advocate; Social Worker; Minister; Youth Minister; Optometrist; Physical Therapist; Sonogram/Ultrasound Tech; Marital Therapist; Message Therapist; Phlebotomist; Physi-

cian; Radiography Tech; Nurse; Pharmacist; Anesthesiologist; Chiropractor; Pediatrician; Dental Hygienist; Nurses Aid; Personal Trainer; Surgical Tech; Physician's Assistant; Medication Aide; Dentist; Surgeon; Psychologist.

Volunteers needed for March 15 are: Corporate Pilot; Airline Pilot; Military Pilot; Truck Driver; Air Traffic Controller; Locomotive Engineer; Collision Repair Specialist; Aircraft Mechanic; Diesel Mechanic; Certified Automotive Mechanic; Chef; Pastry Chef; Realtor; Public Relations Professional; Marketing Executive; Casino Dealer; Musician; Daycare Owner; Computer Technician; Software Designer; Web Designer; IT Professional; Financial Planner; Accountant; Tattoo Artist; Author.

**If you have a classmate that needs
HELP. . .
Call the USD 261 Help-A-Friend Line
at 316-207-0650**

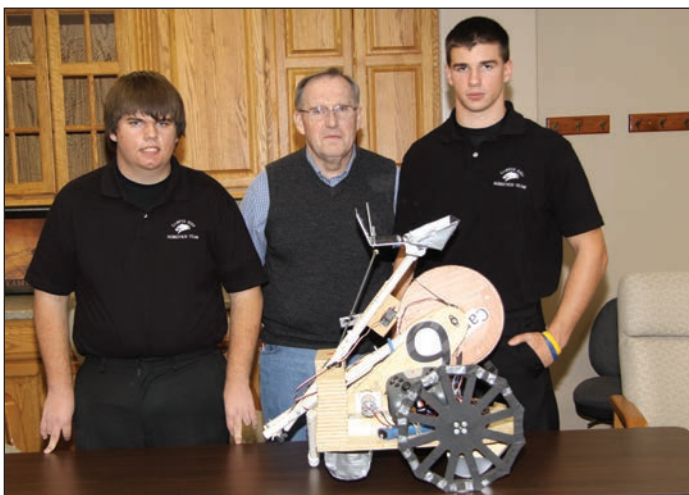
HWMS Colton Miller Is Standout Athlete

All American Games, Football University and Eastbay announced in December that Haysville West Middle School seventh grader Colton Miller had been selected to play at the 2012 Eastbay Youth All-American Bowl January 8 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The HWMS Gorillas Football team and Colton's parents Kelly and William (at right) were on hand to congratulate him on his selection to the team. Colton was also selected as the KAKE Student Athlete of the Week on December 21.



HMS Groups Collect Food

Haysville Middle School's National Junior Honor Society, 7th Grade Leadership Class, and Natural Helpers were busy in December collecting money and food for the annual Pioneer Food Drive. The Food Drive collected 1,137 canned goods and \$985.76 for a total points of 3,108. The food and money were donated to the Haysville Community Outreach. Members of the Natural Helpers participating in the Pioneer Food Drive were: (front row) Gregory Bentley; Hailey Keller; Mieesha Palmer; Shayla Nguyen; and (back row) Julie Dombo, Sponsor.



Members of the Campus High School's Robotics Club - Ben Nye, J.L. Walker (sponsor) and Mark Davis display the robot the club used to take third place in the Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology (B.E.S.T.) Competition at Koch Arena in November. The CHS Robotics Club has finished third for the last three years.

Haysville USD 261 Non-Discrimination Policy

The School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or military status, in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning Haysville Public School's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), may contact the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Dr. Michael Clagg, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, KS 67060, 316-554-2200.

CHS Students Make Casseroles For Hospice

Campus High School students enrolled in Nutrition and Wellness classes participated in a community service project to provide the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice with casseroles for the holidays.

Student cooks put a great deal of time into the project by designing the initial casserole and conducting taste/market testing in class. The student cooks adjusted their recipes, made the dish again, and took it out into the Commons where at least 16 students/staff tasted and evaluated it. After perfecting their recipes, students headed to the classroom kitchen and produced 48 casseroles for the Hospice.



(Above) Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Chief Quality Officer Anita Dorf (center) accepted casseroles from CHS students Madison Burkey and David Burger. Each casserole was put in a hand-made box that included a photo of the dish and a nutritional label containing information found on typical packages. (Left) Jenna Henry and JT (Justice) Harlmon put the date and name of casserole on the packaging before it was vacuumed sealed. (Bottom left) Kyle Trower measured the milk before adding it to his dry ingredients. (Below) Ally Gingraux, Kaitlin Warren, and Amanda Sleiter added canned chicken to their casserole.



Boys & Girls Club

International Travelers Club Takes Tour

The Haysville Boys & Girls Club's Family Night made the 60 people attending feel like they had been transported overseas for a visit to a foreign country. Four rooms at Haysville Middle School were transformed into France, China, Africa and Mexico and within each, a sampling of foods from each country was offered. While the travelers were eating, they participated in an activity or heard a historic lesson about the cultures of each area. Boys & Girls Club members of the International Travelers Club and the Talk Show Club planned the fun-filled evening with the help of IT Club sponsor Ashley Heskett.

The HMS Multipurpose room was used for families to view a video compiled by Talk Show Club sponsor Micah Friesen. Video footage was compiled over six weeks to showcase the hard work students demonstrated learning how to operate cameras and practice their interviewing and communication skills.



Boys and Girls Club member Sebastian Hickok prepares his powerpoint presentation to display French art and photos.



Missy Winters (Information Services Department) models the pink firefighter uniform when the Sedgwick County Fire Department brought the Pink Fire Truck to be signed by a member of the Freeman Elementary School staff. (Lisa Cundiff Photo)



Kaitlyn Keck

CHS Athlete Honored

Campus High School athlete Kaitlyn Keck, a senior, was recently named School Winner for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award. To be eligible for this award, students must exhibit excellence in academics, athletics and community/school leadership. Through the Wendy's High School Heisman Program, the company is honoring the achievements of exceptional students by providing a platform for continued growth and success. This scholar athlete program elevates students by making it possible for them to take advantage of new opportunities, ensuring they are recognized for a job well done, and inspiring them to continue achieving their best.



Students in Prairie Elementary School's third grade class met with their Preschool Pals for some Halloween Fun. The third grade students were partnered with preschoolers to play games that also had a learning goal. Students participated in activities such as finding (eating) candy corn on a grid--recognizing letters A-F and numbers 1-6, The Five Little Pumpkins Poem/Book, and a dot-to-dot Jack-o-lantern--numbers 1-10. Preschooler Ashton Crumpler (left) was all smiles when his third grade mentor Jessica Kopf gave him the okay to eat a piece of candy corn.



Prairie Elementary School hosted its annual Thanksgiving lunch. Prairie students feasted on a traditional Thanksgiving meal during an extended lunch time. Guest servers included Communities In Schools staff members and SRO officers. Lisa Nugen, vocal music teacher, played holiday and Disney music on the piano to entertain everyone. (Prairie Elementary Photo)

The Learning Center Workshops

The Learning Center offers a wide-range of professional development opportunities for USD 261 staff. For more information about classes, please call Hayley Hummel at 554-2331.

Calendar of Events and workshop brochures are available at the following link - www.usd261.com/learningcenter/Index.htm

- PRAXIS Exam Practice – January 11, 18, 25 (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)*
 - My Student Has Asperger's Syndrome: Now What Do I Do? – January 12*
 - Mimio Interactive Training – January 19*
 - Digital Photography For Educators Part II – January 25*
 - Reading & Math Common Core Standards – January 31*
 - A Key To Academic Success – Vocabulary and Word Work – February 1*
 - United Streaming – February 7*
 - Belonging: Including Support Staff In The General Education Classroom – February 8*
 - Leadership Coaching For High Performance – February 9, 10, 23, 24 *
 - Reading & Math Common Core Standards – February 15*
 - Internet Safety For Educators – February 22*
 - Student Data Centers – February 28*
 - Everyday Math Basics – February 29*
 - Blackboard For The Classroom Part II – March 1*
 - Being a Champion Teacher – March 7*
 - Supporting Academic Achievement In The Specials Block – March 14*
 - AIMSweb – March 28*
 - Dinah Zike Foldables – June 20*
- *College Credit Available!



Nelson Elementary School first grader Kaylie Sullivan listens to Nelson Librarian Denise Bowen as she instructs her first grade class about their "Dreamsack" activity. The class read the book "Jack and the Dream-sack" by Laurence Anholt and Bowen gave the students brown paper bags and markers to bring the book to life. To illustrate their dreams about the future, the students drew pictures to represent what they will 'become' and what will they 'create' when they grow up.



Sandy Peer, math educator and Daniel Bergman, assistant professor of science education at WSU congratulated Mark Brewer, a senior at Campus High School, who was awarded a Klose scholarship. He plans to teach secondary science. (WSU Photo)

Klose Scholars Named By WSU College of Ed

Robert Schmeidler, Campus High School graduate, was named Klose Scholars in the second annual Klose Scholarship Competition held at Corbin Education Center on the Wichita State University campus.

High school seniors who apply to WSU and declare a math education or science education major in the College of Education, have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and a minimum ACT composite score of 24 competed to be named a Klose Scholar.

The Doris and Ralph Klose Scholarship pays the top three competitors' tuition, fees and books for their junior and senior years. Other scholarships and financial aid packages will pay those costs during their freshman and sophomore years.

Doris and Ralph Klose left their estate of \$7.5 million to the WSU Foundation to be used for math and science education scholarships in the College of Education. This is largest known gift of its kind in the nation to fund scholarships for future teachers in science and math.

CONGRATULATIONS

From August 22 to the end of December, Nelson Elementary students have walked a total of 7,784 miles!!



Haysville USD 261 elementary schools have various events through the school year to give parents, grandparents, guardians or role models to the students an opportunity to spend time at the schools. Muffins With Moms, Doughnuts With Dads and Pastries With Parents are just a few of the events schools schedule for a visit and a sweet treat. At Rex Elementary School, the Communities In Schools program organizes these activities and the school purchases the breakfast treats that are served. Rex student Jaden Shepard shared a doughnut with his dad Michael Salazar.

REX CIS Raised \$27,846

Rex Elementary School's Communities in Schools Coordinator Shaye Ferguson reported the following donations from August - December 2011: \$6,162.84: Other donations raised and \$21,684.09: Holiday Assistance donations raised = \$27,846.93: Total donations raised between August-December 2011.

Club Kicking off 2012

Campus High School's Warm Hearts Knitting Club is kicking off 2012 in style by announcing the club has made their second donation of the school year of 39 hats, scarves, and baby blankets to Park Elementary School in Wichita. Earlier this school year the club donated 18 purple baby hats to the Kansas Children's Service League for their Purple Hat Project. Come join us and learn how to knit or crochet and make more items for donation. The club meets every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. in Ms. Brohammer's room - H-04.



Sharpsteen Made A Difference

Even though Beth Sharpsteen had retired from Haysville Alternative High School at the end of the 2010 school year, she answered the call for assistance last September when several students needed help in finishing coursework to meet their 2011 graduation requirements.

She facilitated, she encouraged, she motivated, and she made sure these students finished by the deadline. For the District, having these students earn enough credits to graduate on time helps Haysville Public School's graduation rate.

"Beth Sharpsteen is a veteran teacher who truly knows how to connect with her students and motivate them," said Mark Foster, Assistant Principal. "She has been a great asset to our school district and continues to work to help students achieve, learn, and graduate from high school. Her personal touch and positive attitude have helped countless students over the years. She continues to be a very valuable asset for our school district."

Thanks Beth for guiding our students to the graduation finish line!!



Freeman Elementary School parent Randy Williams shared a doughnut with his daughters Sydni (left) and Courtni (right) during Freeman's Doughnuts With Dad event.

Now is the time to start thinking about the HWMS 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Registration for the trip is still open. For more information, please contact Don Gamble at dgamble@usd261.com or call 554-2251, ext. 1506.

