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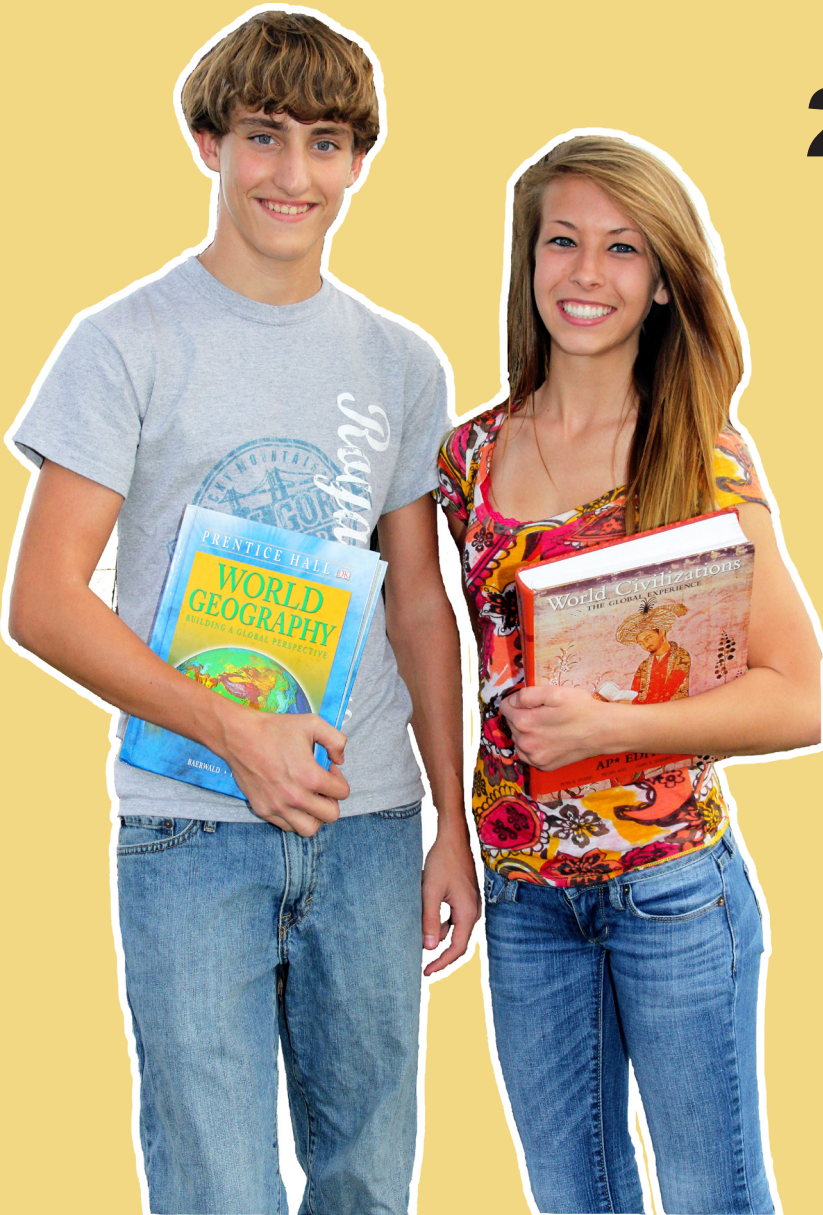
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# HAYSVILLE USD 261



## 2010 - 2011 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

*Our Mission:*

*To Advance Learning For All Through  
The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence*

*Our Vision:*

*To Equip Learners With 21st Century  
Skills To Achieve Excellence In  
A Continually-Changing World*

**1745 WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS**

# USD 261 Year In Review

## MCELROY AND DRAVIS WIN KAKE GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Freeman Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten teacher Jennifer McElroy and Haysville West Middle School Sixth Grade Social Studies teacher Jonathan Dravis won KAKE Golden Apple Awards. Thirteen Haysville USD 261 teachers have received Golden Apples since the program began in October 2003.

The Golden Apple program recognizes Wichita-area teachers who inspire and motivate students to great heights in education.



Haysville USD 261 Board of Education President Susan Walston presented Oatville Elementary School Principal Pat Yorgensen with the Governor's Achievement Award at the Board's December 2010 meeting. Oatville Elementary was one of only 41 elementary schools in the state to receive the award.

## THE LEARNING CENTER SERVED DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

The District's Learning Center continued to grow in 2010-2011 in number of participants attending workshops and outside rentals.

Yearly statistics for The Learning Center are: Number of workshops - 110; Hours of training - 696; Number of out-of-district participants - 292; Number of participants - 1,863; Student activity hours - 44; and Facility rental, community events - 390.



## DISTRICT RECEIVED BUS GRANT TO IMPROVE FUEL EFFICIENCY

Haysville USD 261 received a grant to improve the efficiency of its school bus fleet.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Funding to Kansas for the National Clean Diesel Grant Program, Haysville USD 261 was awarded a contract totaling \$95,360.

The contract was used to purchase and install the Webasto 45000 BTU School Bus Heater in 40 of the District's big buses. These heaters are engineered specifically for school buses to reduce idling and save fuel.

## AREA COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES GIVE AWARDS TO USD 261 STAFF

Campus High School teacher Bruce Lolling was the recipient of the prestigious 2010 Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellow Award from his alma mater McPherson College. Lolling graduated from McPherson College in 1995 with a Bachelor's degree in history.



Newman University inducted two former players into their Athletics Hall of Fame. USD 261 teachers Jeromy Swearingen and Jeremy Willig were inducted as part of the 1996 Men's Soccer team.

## FCCLA GARNERS KANSAS HONOR CHAPTER FOR THE SECOND TIME

Campus High School's Family Career and Community Leaders of America Chapter (FCCLA) was recognized as a Kansas Honor Chapter by the Kansas FCCLA.

The award was presented to Campus Chapter Officer Kathryn Ragan in November 2010 during the Fall Leadership Conference in El Dorado by FCCLA State President Joey Alligier, a junior at Campus High School.

The award in November marked the second time Campus High School has received this recognition.

The Honor Chapter recognition is a state award presented to chapters who exemplify outstanding leadership skills, perform strong community service projects, and show high levels of participation in FCCLA activities on all levels.

## GUERRA NAMED AMBASSADOR

CHS student Victoria Guerra was selected to represent Campus High School as the Hugh O'Brian Ambassador for the 2010 - 2011 school year. She is the daughter of Sherri and John Guerra of Haysville.



HOBY programs are held throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) was founded in 1958. HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service to others, and innovation.

Sophomores participated in seminars designed to provide networking and leadership skills that focus on the importance of community service.



# USD 261 Year In Review



Laura Rowley



Kelly Draut

Haysville USD 261 nominees for the Kansas State Department of Education's 2012 Kansas Teacher of the Year Program were Freeman Elementary School's Laura Rowley and Haysville Middle School's Kelly Draut. On September 17, 2011 Rowley was selected as one of three semifinalists for Region 4 at a recognition banquet in Wichita.



Mike Mitchener & Jackie Waters

## MITCHENER PRESENTED AWARD & WATERS INSTALLED IN OFFICE

Nelson Elementary School Principal Mike Mitchener was presented with the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award on April 30, 2011 at the Kansas State PTA Convention in Lawrence. The Nelson staff believes he is a principal who cares about each and every student.

On May 1 at the convention, Jackie Waters, Nelson Elementary secretary, was installed as the Kansas State PTA President for a 2-year term.

## CAMPUS SENIORS GIVEN AWARD OF KANSAS HONOR SCHOLARS

Thirty students from Campus High School received recognition from the Kansas Honors Program at a ceremony and reception hosted by the University of Kansas on September 20, 2010.

The program conducted by KU's Alumni Association recognized the Top 10 percent of high school seniors in Kansas.

Students honored were: Megan Babick; Gabrielle Butts; Nicole Camp; Shaunda Cielo; Katie Denning; Kayla Dye; Amber Friess; William Green; Robin Greenup; Jessica Hertel; Trung Ho; Steven Howerton; Dwight Johnson; Amanda Jones; LeRoy Jones; Quang Nguyen; Tyler Pennick; Adam Pinkston; Shawn Ribaud; Shane Rogers; Brandon Runa; Jonathan Segovia; Jon Shaver; Jeremy Shear; Micol Stanley; Tessa Stowe; Dylan Talbert; Shelby Welch; Kimberly Winans; and Cleo-Anne Worthan.



CHS students participating in the Tiger Net Challenge were: Corey Reed (seated) and (back row) Joseph Wilson, Vlad Holovan, and Ben Nye. Alec Cork was not present for the photo.

## CHS STUDENTS CAPTURE FIRST & THIRD PLACE IN CHALLENGE

In April 2011, five Campus High School students captured first and third places in the High School Division of the Tiger Net Challenge, a Cisco Networking competition hosted by Fort Hays State University. Tiger Net Challenge provided a venue for high schools and technical/community colleges to compete against one another using a variety of soft and technical skills. For CHS, Team Abacus (Ben Nye, JJ Wilson, and Corey Reed) finished in 1st place while Team Catalyst, (Alec Cork and Vlad Holovan) finished in 3rd place.

## FOUR STUDENTS GIVEN KHSSA CITIZENSHIP AWARD IN MAY

Each year at Middle School Promotions Ceremonies held in May, Haysville West Middle School and Haysville Middle School recognizes two students, one male and one female, with the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KHSSA) Citizenship Award.

The winners were: (HWMS) Gabe Chavez and Kenzie Moore; and (HMS) Courtney Terrell and Dalton Bond.



The first Haysville USD 261 Spelling Bee was held in November 2010 with 34 contestants from grades 3-5. Spelling Bee judge Becky Cezar, Director of Special Education, presented the first place trophy to Prairie Elementary School student Elizabeth Baalman. Marcel Dao, a fifth grader from Oatville Elementary School, was the runner-up.

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(From left) Dallas Love, CHS teacher and State of Kansas VFW 5th District Commander, and VFW Post 6957 Vice President Clarence Deaver presented CHS Teacher Mardy Moree with her VFW awards. Below, Nelson Elementary School Principal Mike Mitchener was present when Nelson teacher Ramie Allison received her Teacher of the Year honor.



## HAYSVILLE VFW POST 6957 GIVES AWARDS TO STAFF & STUDENT

Haysville's Keever - Wire VFW Post 6957 Vice President Clarence Deaver honored USD 261 students and staff.

Nelson Elementary School teacher Ramie Allison received the VFW Post 6957 Teacher of the Year Award (Elementary School).

Campus High School senior Amanda Jones placed first in VFW Post 6957 Voice of Democracy Essay Contest and third in District competition.

Campus High School teacher Mardy Moree won two awards - the VFW Post 6957 and the Kansas VFW District 5 Teacher of the Year (High School) recognition.

## DISTRICT GIVEN 34 SOE AWARDS FOR 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) announced seven Haysville USD 261 schools were awarded 34 Standards of Excellence (SOE) recognitions for test results during state assessments for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

The District received 27 Standards of Excellence for the 2009 - 2010 school year and 23 awards for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

As a result of the outstanding Assessment scores, USD 261 is off of Improvement Status in Reading for the 2011 - 2012 school year.

USD 261 schools receiving Standard of Excellence awards were:

- Campus High School:** Reading - Building-wide

- Haysville West Middle School:** Reading - 7th Grade; Reading - 8th Grade; Reading - Building-wide

- Freeman Elementary School:** Reading - 4th Grade; Math - 4th Grade

- Nelson Elementary School:** Reading - 3rd Grade; Reading - 5th Grade; Reading - Building-wide; Math - 3rd Grade; Math - 5th Grade; Math - Building-wide

- Oatville Elementary School:** Reading - 3rd Grade; Reading - 4th Grade; Reading - 5th Grade; Reading - Building-wide; Math - 3rd Grade; Math - 4th Grade; Math - 5th Grade; Math - Building-wide

- Rex Elementary School:** Reading - 4th Grade; Reading - 5th Grade; Reading - Building-wide; Math - 3rd Grade; Math - 4th Grade; Math - Building-wide

- Ruth Clark Elementary School:** Reading - 3rd Grade; Reading - 4th Grade; Reading - 5th Grade; Reading - Building-wide; Math - 3rd Grade; Math - 4th Grade; Math - 5th Grade; Math - Building-wide



Haysville Middle School Science teacher Steve Murphy talked with seventh grader Dionne Timken and eighth grader Samantha Harding about the importance of the Space Shuttle program after the tile was unveiled at a HMS school assembly.

## HMS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A NASA SPACE SHUTTLE TILE

As the Space Shuttle Program neared retirement, NASA was looking for ways to preserve the program's history and inspire the next generation of space explorers, scientists and engineers.

In December 2010, NASA offered 7,000 shuttle heat shield tiles to schools and universities across the country that wanted to share technology and a piece of space history with their students. Haysville Middle School was the lucky recipient of one of the 6-inch by 6-inch tiles, which protected the shuttle from extreme temperatures when the orbiters re-entered the Earth's atmosphere.

## NFHS & KHSSA HONORS WARDEN

Campus High School teacher Perry Warden received the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) and Kansas State High School Activities Association (KHSSA) Basketball Official of the Year for 2011 Award. Warden has been a referee in Kansas for 21 years.



# USD 261 Year In Review



Zane Storlie



Jonathan Fleming

## TWO HAYSVILLE 7TH GRADERS SHINE WITH THEIR ACT SCORES

The Duke University Talent Identification Program's (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search honored Haysville Middle School seventh grade student Zane Storlie and Haysville West Middle School seventh grade student Jonathan Fleming.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program's 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students in sixteen states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test.

As part of the program, these academically talented students take above-level college-entrance exams (SAT or ACT) to learn more about their abilities.

## CHS STUCO WINS GOLD CHAPTER

Campus High School's outstanding Student Council was one of two high schools in Kansas and one of 159 high schools nationally to be named a 2011 National Gold Council of Excellence Award winner by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

CHS also received the highly-esteemed honor of being named a National Gold Council of Excellence in 2010.

CHS teachers Mardy Moree and Gayle Nelson serve as advisers for the 110-member CHS Student Council.



Students in the District's Gifted Program Emily Powers (left) and Shayla To (right) used colored markers to design a chocolate bar wrapper. A Chocolate Factory activity was held at The Learning Center after students completed a unit on chocolate.

## GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM INCREASED NUMBERS SERVED

The USD 261 Gifted Education Program has continued to grow with teachers assisting gifted students by meeting their social/emotional, organizational academic, and motivational needs.

The number of students served district-wide has increased from 112 for the 2007 - 2008 school year to 171 for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

The Gifted Teachers Education Team recognizes the importance of involving the parents of gifted students. The USD 261 Special Education Department sponsors quarterly Parent Nights with guest speakers and informational presentations to educate the staff and our parents.

Gifted student and family activities have included a visit to Cow Town, Exploration Place, Corn Maze, Ropes Course and Cosmosphere.

The Gifted Teachers are very involved in the District's general education programs as well as the Battle of the Books, Scholar Bowl, Math Competition, Odyssey of the Mind, ACT test preparation and school and district Spelling Bees.

## IN THE NEWS

- Campus High School's stellar Theatre program won two Jester Awards in May 2010. The Jester Awards are given by the Musical Theatre of Wichita to bring positive attention to area high schools for the excellence of the musical shows being produced on their campuses. The winners were: Outstanding Lobby Display (coordinated by Zach Bush) and Outstanding Scenic Design (Greg McGlynn). This was the fifth year Campus High School has won in this category.

- Prairie Elementary School received its second Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant for \$25,864 from the USDA and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) which allowed the school to provide free fresh fruit and vegetables to students during the 2010 - 2011 school year.

- Three members of the Haysville USD 261 family have National Board Certification as issued by The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: HMS teacher Marilyn Shaw - Math; Campus High School teacher Vickie Wilcox - Adolescent and Young Adult English Language Arts; and Board of Education member Regina Schutt - Early/Middle Adolescent Literacy.

- Ruth Clark Elementary School Teacher Amy Driskill ran in the Boston Marathon for the second time. She also qualified in 2009.

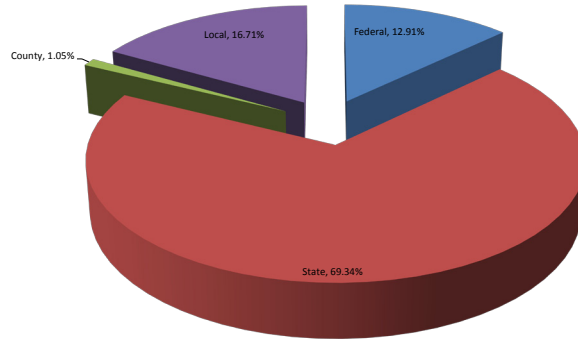
- HMS student Andrew Marsh was the recipient of the Ron Reynolds Award of Achievement given to an 8th grade student who represents traits valued by Reynolds: honesty, integrity, motivation, and excellence in mind, body, and spirit.

# USD 261 By The Numbers

## Funding

USD 261 funds and re-sources are allocated to support student learning. District budgetary decisions are made to give students the best educational experience and opportunities.

USD 261 Funding Sources  
2010-2011



## School Data

### •Campus High School

Enrollment: 1,548  
Males: 50.8% & Females: 49.2%  
Attendance: 93.1%

### •Hayville Middle School

Enrollment: 564  
Males: 47.7% & Females: 52.3%  
Attendance: 93.7%

### •Hayville West Middle School

Enrollment: 681  
Males: 47.14% & Females: 52.86%  
Attendance: 94.2%

### •Freeman Elementary School

Enrollment: 241  
Males: 51.9% & Females: 48.1%  
Attendance: 93.8%

### •Nelson Elementary School

Enrollment: 438  
Males: 53.2% and Females: 46.8%  
Attendance: 94.7%

### •Oatville Elementary School

Enrollment: 391  
Males: 51.92% & Females: 48.08%  
Attendance: 96.2%

### •Prairie Elementary School

Enrollment: 440  
Males: 49% & Females: 51%  
Attendance: 94%

### •Rex Elementary School

Enrollment: 454  
Males: 50.5% & Females: 49.5%  
Attendance: 94.3%

### •Ruth Clark Elementary School

Enrollment: 370  
Males: 48.11% & Females: 51.89%  
Attendance: 95.3%

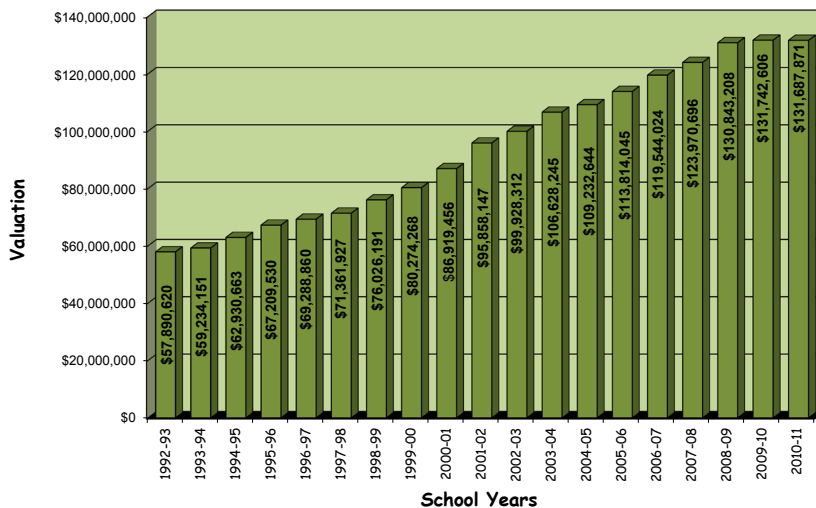
### •Hayville USD 261

Enrollment: 5,267  
Males: 50.50% & Females: 49.50%;  
Demographics: Whites - 4,041, Hispanics - 546, African-Americans - 56 and Others - 624 (11.85%)

## District Valuation

The local assessed valuation continues to increase with residential and commercial development within the District.

Haysville USD 261  
District Valuation  
1992-93 through 2010-11



## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Instruction                       | \$12,100,222        |
| Student and Instructional Support | \$3,142,680         |
| General Administration            | \$501,623           |
| School Administration             | \$2,311,825         |
| Operations and Maintenance        | \$2,656,636         |
| Other Costs                       | \$2,656,636         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$22,573,129</b> |



# Achievements 2010 - 2011



The CHS 2011 graduating class went down in the record books with the largest number of graduates, 262, and with the largest number of graduates with 4.0 or higher Grade Point Average at 25. CHS graduates marched across the stage and received their diplomas at Charles Koch Arena at Wichita State University on May 22, 2011 after hearing words of encouragement from CHS Co-Valedictorians Amanda Jones and Jon Segovia.

## Campus High School

- CHS received a Standard of Excellence for State Reading Assessments.
- The CHS 50th Anniversary was celebrated with activities for students, alumni, district staff and families, and the community.
- Student Council (STUCO) was one of two high schools in Kansas to be named a National Gold Council of Excellence.
- Mane Stage Theatre students production of "A Christmas Carol" was the featured production at the State Thespian Conference.
- Garrett Cantrell was the 6A State Track Champion in Javelin.
- Cody Beasley was state runner-up in Wrestling.
- CHS students had a success year placing in the following events:

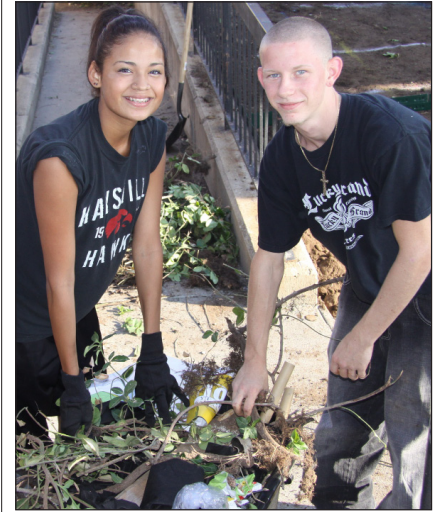
- Mark Davis (Track) captured 7th place in 400 Meter Dash.
- Aaron Hardyway (Track) took 6th place in High Hurdles and Triple Jump.
- Olivia Medaris (Tennis) won 8th place.
- Lizzie DeWitt (Swimming) finished in 4th place in Breaststroke.
- Baseball Team was a 6A State Tournament Qualifier.
- Boys Cross Country Team was a 6A State Meet Qualifier.
- Forensics Nationals – 2 teams qualified in National Forensic League (NFL) Public Forum, 1 Team in NFL Duo Interpretation and 1 individual in National Catholic Forensic League.



During Campus High School's Community Service Week students and staff worked on projects for the City of Haysville. Student Council Adviser Mardy Moree and CHS junior Mercedes Caldwell, Student Council Executive Secretary, worked on one of two sections of bleachers for the city ball parks.

## Haysville Alternative High School

- HAHS made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - 94% Proficient in Reading and 84% Proficient in Math (disaggregated from CHS).
- Standard of Excellence in Reading (2nd Year in a row; third time in last six years; included with CHS).
- Students provided more than 1,200 hours of Community Service which saved the City of Haysville \$20,000 in taxpayer money.
- Collected more than 2,000 canned good items for the Haysville Food Bank.



Haysville Alternative High School students helped the City of Haysville with landscaping projects after the renovation of the exterior of the City Building and the former Library Building. Isabel Scott and Brandon Scott removed some debris to allow for the planting of new shrubs.

- HAHS students and staff raised more than \$700 for the "A Gift From Gunner Foundation."
- HAHS hosted its annual Career Fair with more than 20 booths from local colleges, technical schools, labor unions, and businesses.



To aid in the fundraising project for the Gift from Gunner Foundation, HAHS Para James Brickman (seated) made a challenge involving shaving off his beard. HAHS teacher Kelly Shultz (Gunner's Mother), Allison Deane, and Briana Hamilton were hard at work with the entire school trying to meet the challenge.



# Achievements 2010 - 2011



Tri-City Day School's Michelle Kelly (left) was congratulated by USD 261 Board of Education President Susan Walston for winning the Star Polisher Award.

## Tri-City Day School

- Tri-City had two Campus High School graduates.
- Karon Waters was a Kansas Horizon Award nominee.
- Jacob Kelly, Behavior Technician, completed his degree in education and returned Tri-City as a teacher.



The USD 261 Parents As Teachers Program continued to grow every year. Roxie Brotsky, PAT Coordinator, posed with some of the toys used during learning sessions with participants.

## Parents As Teachers

- Parents As Teachers (PAT) Certified Staff attended 3-day training on new PAT Foundational Curriculum.
- Bridge to Bright Beginnings 3-year-old Preschool served more than 50 children and families.
- PAT staff completed a total of 1,248 home visits with 190 families.
- PAT had record numbers in attendance at parent/child group activities such as Move & Groove, Explorer Lab, Growing Cooks, Tool Time, Big Truck Night, etc.



Garin Williams and Erin Simpson stack two of the 11 "Sweets for Your Service" boxes their fourth grade classmates in Darlene Fussell's class at Freeman Elementary sent to military personnel at McConnell Air Force Bases and overseas in Germany, Turkey, Korea, and Afghanistan. The students collected sweets and wrote cards to the troops.

## Freeman Elementary School

- Freeman Elementary School students and staff continued to support charitable work for Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart, Relay for Life, and Pennies for Patients. Freeman students raised approximately \$3,000.
- The Freeman BIONIC students (Believe It Or Not I Care) used their leadership skills throughout the year to support the betterment of Freeman Elementary. These students have assisted in food drives and other community and school service projects.



Freeman Elementary School student Carlie Roberts was one of the many students that helped raise money for the Relay for Life.

- Freeman Elementary School Health Aide Laura Kristek was a recipient of a Star Polisher Award.
- Laura Rowley was a Kansas Teacher of the Year nominee for 2012.
- Freeman Elementary staff members continued to mentor students through their own HERO mentoring efforts (Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities).
- Freeman state assessment scores are on the rise. PreK-2 teachers have implemented Literacy First and grades 3-5 are looking forward to implementing Literacy First for the 2011 - 2012 school year.



Haysville Kever - Wire VFW Post 6957 Vice President Clarence Deaver (right) presented several awards at Haysville Middle School including an award to teacher Matt Trainer.



# Achievements 2010 - 2011

## Haysville Middle School

•Haysville Keever - Wire VFW Post 6957 Vice President Clarence Deaver honored two students and one teacher. HMS eighth grade student Olyvia Crum won first in the Post and District divisions in the Patriot Pen Competition receiving \$200 in savings bonds. HMS eighth grader Kyle Klingensmith, who is Deaver's grandson, received a savings bond for winning second place in the Post division in the Patriot's Pen competition. HMS teacher Matt Trainer was named the VFW Post 6957 Teacher of the Year (Middle School) and was a nominee for the VFW 5th District Teacher of the Year honor.

•Clint Shipley served on the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Teacher/Administrator evaluation committee.



HMS Band members performed at the Haysville Healthcare Center for Veteran's Day. (Above) Kyrsa Krier played the saxophone and (below) Jeremy Fortner, Kile Taylor, and Joshua Cravens used metal chairs as drums to lessen the loudness of the music.



Ruth Clark Elementary School Principal Missy Hollenbeck displayed one of the items available in her school's Accelerated Reader Store for students to purchase items with reading points.

## Ruth Clark Elementary School

•Ruth Clark Elementary School has consistently received Standard of Excellence awards for state assessments.



Ruth Clark Elementary School students meeting reading targets got to wear their SuperHero capes while bowling.

- Ruth Clark's fifth graders finished in first place in the Battle of the Books.
- The SuperHero basketball game with students playing against District personnel and Ruth Clark staff was a big hit with spectators and students.
- Ruth Clark students participated in Pennies for Patients and Jump Rope for Heart fund raisers.
- The lunchroom had a "fine dining experience" atmosphere with daily live music with guest musicians.
- The SuperHero theme (certificates, badges, masks, capes, and t-shirts) was a huge motivator to enrich reading.
- SuperHero bowling party was a celebration for students who made 100% of their reading goal early in the year.

## Boys & Girls Club

- Being a recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant helped enhance the Boys & Girls Club's after-school program in many ways. Funds from the grant were utilized to increase the availability of technology devices for everyday use by the members. An additional bonus to the program was 12 Apple iPad computers purchased along with Netbooks, Flip Video cameras, and Mimio Hardware including, Mimio pads, strips, and clickers. The summer program was highly successful as it has been in previous years. A major highlight was again participating in the Young Entrepreneurs of Kansas (YEK) economics enrichment classes through Koch Industries. The classes allowed members to create their own business plans, to learn the basics in economics, and to finish the week with a business etiquette luncheon at Corporate Caterers in Wichita. Members were dressed in business professional attire and served a three course meal with all the trimmings.

# Achievements 2010 - 2011

## Haysville West Middle School

- HWMS students made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on state assessments in both Reading and Math.
- Haysville West Middle School earned Kansas State Department of Education Standard of Excellence in Reading - 7th and 8th grades and Building-Wide.
- Sixth grade Social Studies teacher Jonathan Dravis was recognized as a Golden Apple Award winner.
- HWMS students were involved in Service Learning Projects.
- Teachers took advantage of the following Continued Professional Development activities: Shauna - Tinich Foldables Trainer and Christy Vavra - Mission to Planet Earth via NASA Consortium.



Haysville West Middle School Science teacher Christy Vavra participated in the ultimate science education adventure - the Northrup Grumman Foundation's Weightless Flights of Discovery.

## Oatville Elementary School

- Oatville Elementary School consistently receives Standard of Excellence awards for grades 3, 4, and 5 in both Reading and Math on Kansas State Assessments. NWEA Maps assessment scores for Oatville students are higher than the district average and



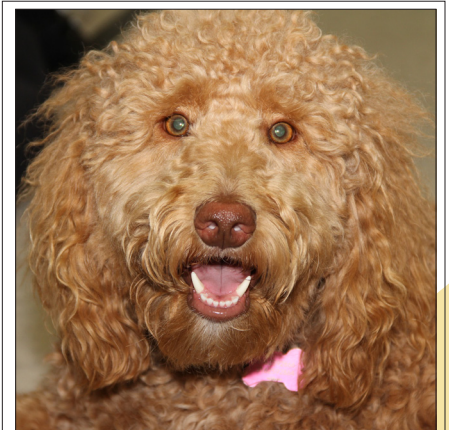
Oatville Elementary School hosted its biennial Pioneer Day in April 2011 celebrating Kansas' 150 years of statehood. Members of the Fort Riley Mounted Cavalry and more than 50 presenters turned the playground into a living history lesson for all students.

reflect their high scores on the state assessments.

- Reading at Oatville Elementary was emphasized through the Accelerated Reader program. Students took more than 28,000 tests and earned more than 27,000 points during the school year. One student earned more than 1,000 points this school year. All students meeting their yearly goal received medals and a bowling trip.
- Students participated in a noon walking program for wellness and physical fitness logging more than 14,000 miles. One student logged 150 miles, 5 students more than 125 miles, and 8 students made the 100 mile mark.
- Oatville's Student Council organized monthly community service projects which included: Holiday food drives; Student United Way campaign raising more than \$800; Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society raising more than \$1,600; and Jump Rope for Heart raising more than \$1,000.
- Oatville PRIDE is demonstrated in all areas. Positive Behavior Supports Team distributed prizes to students on Fridays and at the end of each nine week period for showing Oatville PRIDE.

## Prairie Elementary School

- Students and staff participated in Social Responsibility activities:
  - Food Drive to benefit local food bank
  - Pennies for Patients for the Kansas Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
  - Jump Rope for Heart for The American Heart Association
  - Mathathon to benefit St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis
  - Book Drive sponsored by PTO for classroom libraries
  - Penny Drive to benefit Kansas Humane Society
- Prairie Elementary's School's Odyssey of the Mind team attended the state competition in Manhattan, KS. The team placed first in their division and went on to compete in the world competition in Maryland in May 2011.
- Prairie student, Elizabeth Baalman, won the District Spelling Bee and qualified to compete in the Sedgwick County Bee.



Prairie has a four-legged addition to its staff, Giji, a therapy dog, is a second generation Labradoodle. Her breed was developed to create a non-shedding, hypoallergenic service dog. She graduated from Puppy School, Intermediate Obedience School, and Advanced Obedience School to become a Certified Therapy Dog. She is a great listener and companion. She shows unconditional love.



# Achievements 2010 - 2011

## Rex Elementary School

- Rex made AYP in Reading and Math. Approximately 90% of Rex students in grades 3 - 5 passed the state assessments. Rex Elementary continued to meet the Standard of Excellence criteria in several areas.
- More than 10,000 Accelerated Reader (AR) tests were passed. AR tests children's comprehension after they have read a book.
- Rex students participated in Pennies for Patients raising more than \$2,500 for Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.
- The 4th grade team won the Battle of the Books competition.
- Community members volunteered more than 1,000 hours during the 2010 - 2011 school year.
- Rex Elementary established 79 community partnerships.
- Rex had an assortment of field trips, Fun Night, assemblies, and other activities that made the school an exciting place for kids!



Rex Elementary School morning Kindergarten students had a visit from their friend PFC Aaron McCosh (center of photo) home for a visit from Afghanistan. Students in Mickey Mackey's class sent cards and treats to Aaron, who is a 2009 graduate of Campus High School. All 29 kindergarten students helped with this project. Rex para Kim Garrett (back row, far left) and teacher Mickey Mackey (back row, center) had a hard time keeping the visit a secret.



Students participating in the Nelson Elementary School Walking Program logged 13,406 miles for the school year.



## Nelson Elementary School

- Nelson Elementary implemented a morning "Walking Program" before school with mileage logged daily. Students were recognized with tokens for their distance walked. Nelson teacher Ramie Allison received a "Healthy Habits for Life" grant for \$1,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield to help establish a personal fitness program.
- Nelson participated in yearly food and clothes drives with great success. The school raised \$1,154.62 for Pennies for Patients and \$1,906.19 in Jump Rope for Heart.
- Nelson teacher Kim Hall received a state OWLS grant for \$1,800 for the school's "NEST" outdoor trail and planting area.
- Nelson Elementary School has shown substantial growth in the area of assessments and student academic performance. The school was the recipient of a state "Challenge Award

Recognition" for uncommon accomplishment in closing the achievement gap in 5th Grade Reading. The award was based on outstanding achievement given the comparison of similar characteristics of other buildings such as sample size, ethnicity, and socio-economic status of the test takers.

- Nelson Elementary also received national recognition for participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) for the "Nations Report Card."
- The school continued to have a fantastic Recycling Program which was utilized predominately for "Going Green" activities on the exterior of the building. Aluminum cans were collected and saved by parents and businesses. Box Tops were collected as well as other wrappers offering a rebate. Funds from these activities helped purchase shrubs and trees.



USD 261 staff member Hayley Hummel (left) is a YouthFriends mentor to Chyann Sicard.

## YouthFriends

- YouthFriends has been able to maintain more than 20 matches for the last couple of years. YouthFriends volunteers make our program possible. The Boys & Girls Club TORCH Club members are a part of the student leadership group at Boys & Girls Club and serve as positive role models and a youth voice for YouthFriends.

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