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2009 - 2010
ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY

USD 261 HAYSVILLE

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HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
JACKIE WATERS SELECTED AS PTA PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR KANSAS

Jackie Waters, Nelson Elementary School Secretary, was selected as the President-Elect of the Kansas PTA.

Waters will serve a one year term as President-Elect. On July 1, 2011, she will take office as President of the Kansas PTA.

CHS MANE STAGE TROUPE WINS FOURTH GOLD HONOR AWARD

The Campus High School Mane Stage Thespian Troupe #573 attended the State Thespian Conference in Wichita January 7 - 9.

The troupe was one of 11 schools in the state to be recognized with a GOLD Honor Award at the conference.

This recognition is judged on the troupe’s five play production season, new innovated ideas in the promotion of Theatre, community service and social/educational theatre arts work within the Haysville community.

This is the fourth consecutive year Campus High School has been recognized as a Gold Honor Thespian Troupe.

CHS AVID STUDENTS OFFERED $295,136 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

At Campus High School’s 2010 graduation, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) graduates walked across the stage knowing they had been offered $295,136 in scholarships to 15 different colleges and universities.

The AVID program is in its fifth year at Campus High School with 85 students enrolled in the program.

BOE RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEES

The Star Polisher Award is an opportunity for staff, parents, students, and others to recognize staff members and school volunteers who go above and beyond normal job responsibilities and expectations. The first award was given in Spring 2006.

Star Polisher award winners for Fall 2009 were: Kim Blagg - Freeman Elementary School; Sandy Dennison - Oatville Elementary School; Neena Graham – Transportation; David Herbert - Information Services; Ginger Howes - Nelson Elementary School; Rebecca Ladd - Haysville Middle School; Linda Patnaude – Transportation; Freddy Robinson - Service Center; Teresa Tosh - Learning Services; Marnie Trotter - Prairie Elementary School; and Terri Zehr - Prairie Elementary.

Star Polisher recognized for Spring 2010 were: Angie Baird - Oatville Elementary School; Roxanne Brotsky - Parents As Teachers; Danny Driskill - Haysville Middle School; Tammy Fleming - Prairie Elementary School; Gina Keirns - Tri-City Day School; Victoria Lamkey - Alternative High School; Sherry Morris - Campus High School; Brenda Roth - Rex Elementary School; and Jim Tucker – Freeman Elementary.

DISTRICT HOLDS CEREMONIES FOR 323 GRADUATING SENIORS

Haysville USD 261 issued 323 diplomas to graduating seniors - 256 at Campus High School and 67 at Haysville Alternative High School. At CHS, Matt Robertson was named Valedictorian and Rachel Hovey as Salutatorian. At HAHS, Sierra Newport was Valedictorian and Sarah Schmidt was Salutatorian.
WOELK PICKED AS AMBASSADOR FOR LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

Campus High School student Emry Woelk was selected to represent CHS as the Hugh O’Brian Ambassador for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) was founded in 1958. HOBY’s mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY programs are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students.

Campus High School student Brandon Cline scrapes old paint off the bleachers at the Haysville soccer fields during Community Service Week (March 29 - April 3) organized by the CHS Student Council. Thirty-five students and 16 teacher volunteers logged more than 250 hours on the project along with City of Haysville employees.

Joshua Kelly  Jarrod Craig

TWO DISTRICT TEACHERS RECEIVE THE KANSAS HORIZON AWARD

Two Haysville USD 261 teachers were among 31 beginning educators from around the state named 2010 Kansas Horizon Award recipients. The Kansas Horizon Awards are sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Jarrod Craig, Nelson Elementary School, and Joshua Kelly, Tri-City Day School, were recognized as exemplary first-year educators.

The Horizon Award program, currently in its eighth year, allows all school districts in the state an opportunity to nominate one elementary and one secondary teacher for the award. To be eligible for a Horizon Award, teachers must have successfully completed their first year of teaching and have performed in such a way as to distinguish themselves as outstanding.

REX STUDENT TAKES 2ND PLACE

Rex Elementary School 4th grade student Samantha Jimenez took 2nd place in the DUI Victim Center of Kansas Poster Billboard Contest.

As winner, she was awarded $150 and her poster was displayed at the Botanica Gardens in April. Samantha had some tough competition with more than a thousand 4th grade students participating in this contest.

USD 261 STAFF WINS AWARDS IN STATE PUBLICATION CONTEST

USD 261 staff members captured the district’s first KASB & KanSPRA Publication Sweepstakes Award for publications produced during the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Award of Excellence
• Web Site - Kim Forgy
• School Calendar – Liz Hames
• Building Level Newsletter – Haysville West Middle School - Ildo Martins, Tammy Boes & Misty Long
• Building Level Newsletter – Haysville Middle School - Dr. Mike Maurer & Tammy Schlereth
• Building Level Newsletter - Campus High School - Myron Regier & Cindy Patry
• Special Events Publication – Liz Hames
• PR Video, Video News Release or Video PSA- Lisa Cundiff & Liz Hames
• Annual Report - Liz Hames
• District Report Card – Liz Hames
• Booklets – Liz Hames
• Photo/Photo Series – Liz Hames

Award of Merit -
• Handbook – CHS Student Handbook - Glenda Cowell & Cindy Patry
• District Newsletter – Liz Hames
• Brochures & Pamphlets – Liz Hames
• Strategic PR Program – Recruiting Tools, Brochure, Video and Audio Files - Liz Hames & Lisa Cundiff
• Staff Newsletter - Liz Hames

AWARD WINNING

The Spring Retirement Ceremony Booklet won an Award of Excellence. Haysville staff topped six other schools in our enrollment category to win the district’s first Publication Sweepstakes Award.

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Being named Kansas Honor Scholars were: Stephanie Aipperspach; Jessee Alarcon; Katrina Beck; Taylor Bettes; Dana Brecheisen; Emily Capoun; Andrea Casper; Cooper Clark; Kayla Corby; Sarah Evans; Jaylenee Garrett; Anastasia Hertter; Rachel Hovey; Jordan Kuehler; Sonya Luu; Alexander Marsh; Lani Martin; Amber Mayer; Daniel Moore; Cassandra Oliver; Jordan Reece; Nicholas Reynolds; Matthew Robertson; Nathan Sullivan; Kyle Sykes; Julie Vo; Laticia Warren; and Sarah Wilson.

Learning by Design Social Studies teacher Angela Quiram was notified in Spring 2010 she was the recipient of the Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, she would be attending the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminars for Teachers, and she had been invited to serve as an Advanced Placement Reader in June in Louisville, Kentucky by the College Board’s Advanced Placement Program (AP).

In Summer 2010, Quiram participated in a Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, Teaching History: The Life and Times of Abraham Lincoln at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) in Springfield, Illinois.

Quiram traveled to Stanford University in Palo Alto, California for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminars for Teachers. The seminar focused on The Gilded Age: 1865 – 1896.

Quiram’s qualifications enabled her to be an Advanced Placement reader which evaluates and scores the free-response sections of the AP Exams to ensure that students receive grades that accurately reflect college-level achievement.

“Attending the AP reading and scoring essays allowed me to stay in touch with how to best guide AP students through an AP course,” Quiram explained.

On May 17, Haysville USD 261 Board of Education honored retirees with a plaque and a reception to celebrate their years of service to the district.

(Certified Staff)
Katrina Anderson - 18 years, Marsha Archer - 26 years, Victoria Lamkey - 11 years, Suzan Lightbody - 12 years, Jane Moon - 2 years, Trudy Rollow - 26 years, Brenda Roth - 29 years, Anna Russell - 3 years, Linda Ruzich - 20 years

(Classified Staff)
Joen Breth - 13 years, Paula Hying - 9 years, Sherryl Kinder - 27 years, Debbie Opheim - 29 years, Bonnie Shelnberger - 25 years, Marlene Vierthaler - 22 years

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CHS RECEIVES GOLDEN SEAL
Campus High School’s Student Council was one of two high schools in Kansas to be named a 2010 National Gold Council of Excellence Award winner by the National Association of Student Councils.

More than 150 high schools were named National Councils of Excellence, but Campus High School was one of 131 schools nationwide to receive the highly-esteemed honor of being named a National Gold Council of Excellence.

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Prairie Elementary teacher Meghan Hummer holds the newest addition to the Prairie family. Gigi is a labradoodle and she lives and comes to school everyday with Terri Zehr. Although Gigi is based in the Life Skills room, she is ready and willing to help any student or staff member in need. Therapy dogs provide a valuable service for district students and staff.

USD 261 OFFERS ONLINE ENERGY TRACKING TOOL FOR DISTRICT

Haysville USD 261 has had energy conservation savings from May 2002 to August 2010 of $2,658,121.

To assist our area residents with their own energy savings plan, USD 261 has made a free online energy tracking tool available to residents for more than a year.

The free web site, GreenQuest, is a personal energy dashboard that enables individuals to track and analyze their energy use and may be utilized for both home or place of business.

“We are serious about energy conservation and cost containment in our district facilities,” said Clint Schutte, USD 261 Energy Manager. “We utilize an energy management software program to monitor our energy usage each fiscal year.”

In making GreenQuest available to area residents, Schutte was pleased the web site was safe and secure with no confidential account numbers needed to track personal energy accounts.

The website is available at www.mygreenquest.com/haysville261ks, so district staff and patrons can track their energy use and cost, compare their building with its peers, evaluate energy saving projects, track their carbon footprint, and analyze energy use with AccuWeather weather data.

For more information about the school district’s conservation program or GreenQuest, please contact Clint Schutte by email at cshuttle@usd261.com or call 554-2213.

IN THE NEWS

• Prairie Elementary teacher Michele Rice won a Golden Apple.
• Three members of the 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.
• Four teachers received checks from the Credit Union of America’s (TGIF) Program. Receiving checks were: Victoria Lamkey (HAHS), Bill Shaw (HMS), Janet Tibbets (HMS), and Kelly Draut (HMS).
• Shari Burke was the recipient of the “Outstanding Graduate Student Award” from Emporia State University’s Teachers College in the area of Special Education-Gifted.
• Two Campus High School students, Quang Nguyen and Kayla Claphan, were winners at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference held on February 18-19 in Wichita. Nguyen placed first in Fundamentals of Web Design and Claphan took top ten in Insurance Concepts. They competed in national competition in May in Anaheim, California.
• Nelson Elementary School’s Parent Resource Room was recognized in the Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) publication “Creating Family, School & Community Partnerships” which featured Successful Parent Involvement Practices in Kansas Schools.
**USD 261 Enrollment**
- USD 261 is the 18th largest school district in Kansas
- Students enrolled - 5,048. Males - 50.7% (2,557) and Females - 49.3% (2,491)
- Demographics - Whites - 3,906, Hispanics - 476, African-Americans - 52, American Indian or Alaska Native - 104, Asian - 209, Multi-Ethnic - 301
- USD 261 students economically disadvantaged - 48.1%
- Special Education Students - 722 (pre-school through 12th grade)
- Student attendance rate 93.83% - Males - 94.11% and Females - 93.51%
- Highest attendance rate - Asian Females - 95.97%
- Student to teacher ratio - 17.1
- Graduation rate - 92.3% (2010)
- Number of Standards of Excellence from the Kansas State Department of Education - 27 (Haysville West - 3, Campus High School - 1, Nelson Elementary - 3, Oatville Elementary - 9, Rex Elementary - 6, and Ruth Clark Elementary - 5)

**Physical Plant**
- USD 261 Haysville has more than 200 acres of property
- Custodians in the Haysville Public Schools clean more than one million (1,034,568) square feet of building space daily
- Maintenance staff completed 3,505 work orders last school year and summer
- District energy savings for the 2009-2010 school year - $544,935
- Energy savings in district from May 2002 to August 2010 - $2,658,121

**Food Service**
- The number of meals sites - 11
- Lunches served each day - 3,245
- Students receiving Free & reduced lunches served - 2,657
- Breakfast served each day - 893
- Breakfast and lunches served during the summer per day - breakfast - 115, Lunch - 239

**Service Programs**
- Students served through Youth-Friends Mentoring and the Boys and Girls Club - 542

**USD 261 Grant Funding**
- USD 261 resources from grant funding - $218,436

**The Learning Center**
- The Learning Center - 119 workshops, 783 hours of workshops, 1,750 in-district participants, 37 student activity hours, 124 out-of-district participants, and 386 facility rentals and community events

**Technology**
- Ratio of computers to students - 1.979 (National ratio is 3.1)
- Number of feet of cable at Prairie Elementary School for internet, cable television and phone - 33,000
- Number of cable television sets in district - 275
USD 261 By The Numbers

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

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

General Fund Expenditures
Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010

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School Data
• Freeman Elementary School
  Enrollment: 232
  Males: 50.4% and Females: 49.6%
  Attendance: 94.3%

• Nelson Elementary School
  Enrollment: 399
  Males: 51.1% and Females: 48.9%
  Attendance: 94.7%

• Oatville Elementary School
  Enrollment: 379
  Males: 50.1% and Females: 49.9%
  Attendance: 96.1%

• Prairie Elementary School
  Enrollment: 465
  Males: 49.2% and Females: 50.8%
  Attendance: 94.5%

• Rex Elementary School
  Enrollment: 443
  Males: 49.9% and Females: 50.1%
  Attendance: 93.9%

• Ruth Clark Elementary School
  Enrollment: 363
  Males: 49.6% and Females: 50.4%
  Attendance: 95.3%

• Haysville Middle School
  Enrollment: 560
  Males: 51.9% and Females: 48.1%
  Attendance: 93.2%

• Haysville West Middle School
  Enrollment: 627
  Males: 51.5% and Females: 48.5%
  Attendance: 94.2%

• Campus High School
  Enrollment: 1,483
  Males: 51.0% Females: 48.0%
  Attendance: 92.6%
Campus High School
• Senior Laticia Warren was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.
• The Student Council was named National Gold Council of Excellence.
• Senior Alex Marsh was one of 17 students in Kansas to be awarded the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship.
• Boys Cross Country won their fourth consecutive league division championship in 2009.
• Wrestlers Cody Beasley and Dalton Miller won state championships in their weight class.

Haysville Alternative High School
• Graduation rate increased to 92 percent (with Campus High School).
• Standard of Excellence in Reading (with Campus High School). Students showed improvements in math and reading on assessment tests.
• More than 2,000 items collected for the Haysville Food Bank.

Haysville Middle School
• The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) reported that Haysville Middle School Math teacher Marilyn Shaw has successfully renewed her certificate for National Board Certification. The Certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete. National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills, and practices.
• The Duke University Talent Identi-
Achievements 2009 - 2010

**Haysville West Middle School**
- HWMS received a Standard of Excellence Reading 7 and 8th grades and Reading building-wide.
- Continued Professional Development: Science teacher Christy Vavra was chosen by Northrop Grumman to experience weightlessness in a program called Weightless Flights of Discovery.
- Facility Improvements: Press Box and Bleachers were completed. First home football games played at HWMS.
- Additional course offerings: Silver Back Singers, Teen Leadership II.

**Freeman Elementary School**
- Freeman Elementary students have raised funds for several community support projects - Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart, and Relay for Life. Students raised a total of $3,424.
- Freeman began its own HERO mentoring program; Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities. Freeman staff help mentor a variety of students giving them extra encouragement and support throughout their days.
- The Freeman BIONIC students help organize a food drive every school year. BIONIC students (Believe It Or Not I Care) use their leadership skills throughout the year to support the betterment of Freeman Elementary.
- Freeman Elementary School Kindergarten teacher Jennifer McElroy received the Golden Apple Award for her dedication to her Freeman students and their families. Kim Blagg and Jim Tucker received Star Polisher Awards.

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Olyvia Crum participated in the Duke University’s 7th Grade Talent Search Program.

Haysville West Middle School student Jenna Henry checks the exact measurements of the ingredients used in making her dog biscuits for the Kansas Humane Society while other students made cat toys and cat beds as part of their Leadership II class projects.

Freeman’s Travis Winkleman did some wrapping after his class raised money to buy holiday gifts for other children.
Oatville Elementary School
• Oatville students achieved Standard of Excellence on the Kansas State Assessments in Reading and Math grades 3, 4, and 5. The school also achieved the status of Building-wide Standard of Excellence in Reading, Math, and Science. Oatville Elementary state assessment scores continue to be above both the district and state averages.
• Oatville Elementary’s Odyssey of the Mind team placed first in regional competition and took 4th place at the state competition.
• Students participate in monthly community service projects and received community service awards from the United Way, Leukemia Society, and American Red Cross for participation in various events. Oatville was recognized by the American Red Cross as an honor school.
• Students participated in the Mileage Program to promote wellness and a healthy lifestyle. Mileage is recorded and prizes distributed for completing goals. During the past school year, students walked a total of 17,800 miles with over 60 students walking over 100 miles to earn a mileage bear.

Prairie Elementary School
• Prairie Elementary received its second Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant for $25,575 to provide a weekly fresh fruit/vegetable snack to each student. This is the only program of its kind in Sedgwick County.
• The Annual Veterans Day assembly attracted more than 60 Veterans representing all branches of service, for the November 2009 event.
• Prairie Elementary has a strong Vocal Music program. In October, Prairie students participated in the KMEA South Central District Elementary Honor Choir.
• A student-lead recycling program teaches students about the environment. Paper is collected in classrooms during the week and then picked up by fifth grade students. The building recycles approximately 50-75 pounds of paper each week. Aluminum cans are recycled and collected with funds going towards the Outdoor Classroom Project.
• More than 90 percent of Prairie families attended Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences.
Achievements 2009 - 2010

Rex Elementary School
• John Sandlin was winner of the Golden Apple Award.
• Rex Elementary students received 6 Standards of Excellence: Math 3rd and 4th grades, Math building-wide, Reading 4th and 5th grades, and Reading building-wide.

Rex Elementary implemented 10 community service projects: Prudential Dining-Beard, Realtors Pride Park; Thanksgiving Food Drive; Coats, Mittens, Shoes, and Hats Drive; CIS Tree of Giving, Holiday Assistance Donors; Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Department Food Delivery; Cheney High School Volunteer Day; Child Abuse Prevention Month; Distribution of Basic Needs; and Community Service Club.
• Rex Elementary received the Judy C. Frick Family Inspirational Award at the Communities in Schools Star Lunch.
• Three staff members received graduate degrees: Abby Thrash, Jenny Sowersby, and Heather Bristor.

USD 261 YouthFriends
• YouthFriends Corps program served 462 district students. YouthFriends is a collaborative effort with 21 Campus High School Juniors and Seniors. The students visited, mentored, and assisted with homework in various 4th and 5th grade classrooms.
• Adult volunteers were matched with 38 district students through the program to develop and enhance a one-to-one mentoring relationship. Volunteers read, ate lunch, enjoyed leisure activities, and assisted with homework with these students throughout the school year. Students and Mentors also were afforded special opportunities in the summer to continue their mentoring relationship.
• Five e-mentoring matches through YouthFriends Mentor Mail project allowed students to be connected virtually with business professionals to develop their mentoring relationship via email. Students were exposed to various types of careers and were encouraged to make informed decisions for post secondary education plans by exchanging emails with their mentors.

USD 261 Boys and Girls Club
• Boys and Girls Club served 37 middle school students, grades 6th through 8th, who participated in the after school program at Haysville Middle School. Students were provided a snack, homework assistance, arts and crafts opportunities, technology interaction, and recreational activities to allow them a safe and fun enjoyable experience during after school hours. Boys and Girls Club also served 52 students in the 6-week summer program.
• Partnerships helping both Boys and Girls Club and Youth Friends were:
  - Westar Energy donated $500 to support mentoring activities.
  - Haysville United Methodist Church donated several hundred dollars to support USD 261 students and families.
  - Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas shares countless donations from their many Wichita area business and individual partnerships.
  - Newman University partnership provides Work Study students who serve as classroom mentors.

Ruth Clark Elementary
• Ruth Clark’s 4th grade won first place and 5th grade won second place in the ‘Battle of the Books’ for the 2009 - 2010 school year.
• Ruth Clark received the following Standards of Excellence: Math 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, Math building-wide, and Reading 3rd grade.

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Tiffany Jones, USD 261 Mentor Coordinator, works with Boys and Girls Club member LaNay Houchin on a crafts project.

Ruth Clark’s Caleb McCaffree and the Ruth Clark jaguar got students excited for the spring assessment tests.
POSTAL PATRON

The Haysville School News is published five times a year by the Haysville USD 261 Community Relations Department for the patrons of the district. We realize with a saturation mailing, some people outside our district will receive this newsletter. We hope readers will enjoy reading about the exciting things happening in the Haysville public schools. All correspondence related to the newsletter should be forwarded to: Community Relations, 1745 West Grand, Haysville, KS 67060, (316) 554-2200, lhames@usd261.com. USD 261 is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Visit our website at www.usd261.com

USD 261 SnapShots

Above, USD 261 Boys and Girls Club members (from left) Sam Emerson, Katy Clare, and Andi Becker are pulling hard on the rope during a tug-of-war competition this summer during the Club's annual camp. At right, Jeff Taylor warms up on his tuba before a Colts home football game.