

school NEWS

News and information from Unified School District #232.

STATE CHAMPIONS!

DE SOTO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS' BOWL TEAM HAS BEST SEASON IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The De Soto High School Scholars' Bowl team won the Kansas 4A State Championship in Wellington, Kansas on Saturday, February 12. Team members are Crystal Wolf, Parker Riley, Robby Satterwhite, Ryan Endres, Philip Kaul, and Ryan Scott.

The Wildcats swept their initial pool with an undefeated 5-0 record, taking down last year's defending state champion, Topeka-Hayden. DHS then

moved into the championship finals round robin and went 4 and 1 to claim the state title. The team, coached by Phil Hamilton, completed its best season in school history winning the league, regional, and state championships, as well as a total of ten overall varsity tournaments. "Special recognition goes to senior member and team captain Ryan Scott and senior members Ryan Endres and Crystal Wolf," said Coach Hamilton. "All of them

completed their fourth year of participation in Scholars' Bowl and completed their run with a State Championship. Special thanks also to all our teachers who do a wonderful job of preparing the students to meet any academic challenges they face." In Scholars' Bowl competition, teams must answer questions in math, science, language arts (English questions like grammar, spelling, literature etc.), foreign language (they have to translate a phrase that is given in French, German and Spanish to the English equivalent), social science, fine arts, and year in review.



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Find out everything you need to know at Kindergarten Round-Up. You will have the opportunity to start the paperwork necessary to enroll your child. Plus, you'll get to meet your principal and Kindergarten teachers. Mark your calendar!

To begin the enrollment process, parents are encouraged to bring the following information to Kindergarten Round-Up.

- Certified copy of child's birth certificate

- Copy of immunization records (from pediatrician)
- Current utility bill to verify residency

Parents will have the choice of paying enrollment fees at Kindergarten Round-Up. Plus, they will learn more about before/after school care and extended care for Kindergarten students.

Questions? Feel free to contact your child's school. They will be more than happy to assist you.



**2011
KINDERGARTEN
ROUND-UP
DATES AND TIMES**

April 13, 6:00 p.m.
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April 5, 6:00 p.m.
CLEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY
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913-422-8700 • www.usd232.org/cce

April 12, 6:00 p.m.
HORIZON ELEMENTARY
7210 Chouteau
Shawnee, KS 66227
913-667-3535 • www.usd232.org/he

April 6, 6:30 p.m.
MIZE ELEMENTARY
7301 Mize Road
Shawnee, KS 66227
913-441-0880 • www.usd232.org/me

April 21, 6:00 p.m.
RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY
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Shawnee, KS 66226
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April 5, 6:30 p.m.
STARSIDE ELEMENTARY
35400 West 91st Street
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April 14, 6:30 p.m.
BELMONT ELEMENTARY
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STARSLIDE ELEMENTARY TEACHER EARNS STATE ENDORSEMENT

Suzie Jacobsen was recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education in January for being one of 95 teachers in the state to receive a new Teacher Leader endorsement. Jacobsen attended a special ceremony at the Department of Education in Topeka representing region three in Kansas.

The Teacher Leader Endorsement was developed for career teachers with a Master's degree who have functioned as leaders among their colleagues. Jacobsen, a special education teacher at Starside Elementary, completed an evidence-centered assessment which was the pilot assessment for the Teacher Leader Endorsement in Kansas.

"It was very exciting and fun to be part of the group honored at the Department of Education," said Jacobsen. "Meeting our state school board members and talking with them about education was a wonderful experience."

The new assessment consisted of six tasks requiring the submission of several artifacts documenting the work completed for each task. The tasks focused on the following areas: Adult Learning, Observation and the Use of Assessment, Action Research, Professional Development, Collaboration and Advocacy, and Collaboration with Families and Stakeholders.



DISTRICT NAMES DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FORMER EMPLOYEE RETURNS TO USD 232

Lachelle L. Sigg was named director of human resources for USD 232 effective with the 2011-12 school year.

The Board of Education on Monday, February 14, accepted the district's recommendation to name Lachelle L. Sigg to serve as director of human resources effective with the 2011-12 school year.

Superintendent-Elect Doug Sumner, acting director of human resources, spent several weeks reviewing candidates who applied for the position. "Lachelle is an outstanding leader, a skilled recruiter and an exemplary communicator and problem solver," Sumner said. "I have every confidence in her abilities and know she will provide incredible support to our dedicated staff."

Ms. Sigg currently serves in the Gardner Edgerton School District as principal of Pioneer Ridge Middle School where she recently earned the 2010 Exemplary Principal Award from the Kansas Association of Middle School Principals. She also has administrative experience at the intermediate level and has been a lead recruiter at the elementary and middle school level for several years. "I am proud to be joining the leadership team in USD 232," Sigg said. "I look forward to recruiting the very best educators to further the already

outstanding achievements of the school district."

Ms. Sigg began her career in public education in the De Soto School District in 2001 as a school psychologist. She left in 2004 when she accepted a position as a guidance specialist in the Gardner Edgerton School District. Sigg quickly moved into other leadership positions serving as assistant principal and principal at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Early Childhood Education in 1997 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In 2001 she earned her Education Specialist degree followed by a Special Education Coordinator's certification in 2004 and her building level Leadership certification in 2006. Sigg is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Baker University. "Having started my career in the De Soto School District, I am honored to now have the opportunity to return," said Sigg. "My time in the district has given me firsthand experience and insight in to the already outstanding staff that exists and I am anxious to be a part of this continued success."

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING RECEIVES STATE AWARD



Kim Barney, associate director of teaching and learning, received a certificate of professional achievement from the Board of Education for being named the Kansas Outstanding Assessment Coordinator of the year. Pictured left to right: Superintendent Ron Wimmer, Kim Barney, and Superintendent-elect Doug Sumner.

Kim Barney, associate director of teaching and learning for Unified School District 232, was recently named the state's Outstanding Assessment Coordinator of the year. The honor is given annually by the Kansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development to an individual who displays outstanding leadership in the area of curriculum and assessments. Barney accepted the award at the Kansas Curriculum Leaders' meeting in Topeka on January 21.

In her role with the school district, Barney's primary responsibilities include developing and maintaining elementary curriculum and planning and implementing quality professional development to improve instructional practices. She also coordinates district and state assessments for grades K through 12.

"I am honored to be recognized with such a distinguished award," said Barney. "I would like to thank my colleagues for the nomination and support. I am so fortunate to work in an outstanding school district with a supportive community and excellent administrators, teachers, support staff, and students. I am proud to be part of this successful organization that continues to make student learning a priority."

Barney is in her 17th year with USD 232 and her sixth year in the Teaching and Learning Department. She attended Baker University and received her bachelor's degree in music education. Barney was hired as an elementary music teacher and spent time at De Soto Kindergarten Center, Monticello Kindergarten, Woodsonia Elementary, Clear Creek Elementary, and Riverview Elementary. She was later promoted to associate principal for three years at Riverview Elementary before taking the administrative position in Teaching and Learning.



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SAFETY AND SECURITY INITIATIVE

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As part of its continuing commitment to providing a safe school environment for all students and staff, the Board of Education approved a safety initiative involving video surveillance. Highlights of this initiative include the installation of a video surveillance system



throughout district schools. Cameras will monitor common areas, public access points, hallways, stairwells, student drop off and pick up areas, and portions of school parking lots. Video cameras will not be placed in classrooms, locker rooms or other areas of privacy.

Employing video surveillance not only provides another set of eyes to keep our schools safe, but also collects critical data if/when a response to incidents becomes necessary.

Primary benefits:

- Provides an awareness tool to support the district's safety and security initiative
- Protects the investment taxpayers have made in district facilities
- A deterrent to vandalism and/or theft of school district property
- A tool for administrators to resolve issues and conflict



Mill Valley High School Resource Officer John Midiros, Shawnee Police Department, can view camera feeds through a computer connection to the video system.

- School Resource Officers can be more effective and proactive
- Project Timeline: October 2010 through June 2011. The video surveillance project began in October 2010 at the high schools and will proceed to the middle and elementary schools, followed by other district facilities. Full implementation is expected by June 2011.

WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHING
TEACHERS, THIS PROGRAM IS
IN A CLASS BY ITSELF



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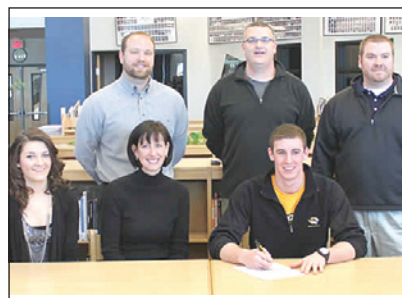
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COLLEGE SIGNING DAY



EMMA TINSLEY, De Soto High School senior, has been a standout on the Mill Valley-De Soto combined girls' golf team for the past three seasons. She recently signed a letter of intent to play golf at Baker University.
Photo by Lindsie Stenzel.



Mill Valley High School senior **MACAULEY GARTON** (seated on right) signed a letter of intent on Feb. 7 with the University of Missouri to throw the javelin. Garton, the 2010 5A State Champion in javelin, was surrounded by his family and coaches when he signed his letter.



Congratulations to Mill Valley senior **ALEX WILSON** for his recent signing with Coffeyville Community College to play baseball. Wilson made his decision official at special ceremony on Monday, Feb. 7, in the Mill Valley High School Media Center. Alex was surrounded by his family and baseball coach.



Congratulations to De Soto High School senior football player **ZACH STEVENS** on signing a letter of intent to play football at Highland Community College in Highland, KS. Stevens signed his letter on Friday, Feb. 11, surrounded by family and friends.



Four Mill Valley High School football players signed letters of intent to play the game at the next level. Players who signed are, from left, **JEREMY SPALDING** (Benedictine College), **LEO BECK** (Fort Scott Community College), **KYLE BRUNSON** (Fort Scott) and **JORDAN BATH** (Coffeyville).



De Soto High School's **LACEY ERICKSON** is headed to the University of Tulsa to run cross country. Erickson signed a letter of intent on Wed., Feb. 16, with her parents by her side. She holds 3 individual school records and is a member of the school record 4 x 800 team. The DHS track coach is Chris McAfee.

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Parents as Teachers offers personal home visits with a certified parent educator to talk with parents about their child's development and address any questions or issues regarding their child. Once a year, each child will have a health, hearing, vision and developmental screening. If there are questions about a child's developmental progress and there seems to be a need for further follow up, a parent educator will assist parents with the next steps to consider.

Playgroups and family events are offered to families as a great way to interact with their child and obtain information on child development.



PAT also has an extensive library of parenting books and resources including children's books and toys that may be checked out.

For more information about USD 232 Parents as Teachers and how to enroll, visit our Web site at www.usd232.org/pat or contact Jamie Fink, Coordinator, at (e-mail) jfink@usd232.org or call 913-667-3512, ext. 5035.



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SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION...

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE FUNDING

No doubt you have seen construction crews at Mill Valley High School, De Soto High School, and Belmont Elementary during the last several months. And chances are you will see maintenance activities at other schools during the summer focusing on various projects from repairing sidewalks, replacing old carpet, roof repair, and other improvements.

What you may wonder is how the district pays for these projects at a time when school budgets have been reduced across the state of Kansas. The district uses two funds to help with these needs throughout the year -- Bond Funds for major construction and Capital Outlay Funds for smaller projects and the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities.

These funds are restricted by Kansas statute and cannot be used to pay for teachers, support staff, or regular classroom supplies.

The Capital Outlay Fund, for example, has a myriad of state guidelines and is only "for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing and equipping of buildings necessary for school district purposes...."

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- Architectural fee (incidental to construction), Athletic field expansion
- Boilers – replacement
- Building (Quonset) for athletic games, etc.
- School Buses
- Fire extinguishers
- File cabinets
- Furniture
- Globes
- Improvement to sites
- Lighting athletic fields and school grounds
- Mowers

IT CANNOT PAY FOR:

- Athletic "supplies" such as balls, bats, shoulder pads, uniforms, etc.
- Cleaning supplies
- Computer software, operating system upgrades (for existing computers)
- Contracted services – consultants
- Custodial salaries
- DVDs; instructional charts
- Insurance
- Filters (air, fuel)
- Fuel
- Maps
- Music
- Musical instruments
- Parking lots
- Projectors and screens
- Remodeling kitchens & eating facilities
- Cleaning and painting (attributable to new construction and remodeling)
- Science & laboratory equipment
- Score board
- Television equipment
- Tractors
- Publications
- Repairs to equipment
- Repairs to vehicles
- Supplies for professional services
- Taxes for paving and sewer
- Textbooks
- Tires
- Toiletries
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- Uniforms – Band, Pep Club, athletic, etc.
- Upkeep of grounds, streets



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INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON MONDAY, APRIL 25



As of February 3, the school district used six (6) inclement weather days during the current school year (January 10, 11, 20, Feb. 1, 2, and 3). We have exceeded the number of snow days (4) built into the calendar for this purpose.

One make-up day will be Monday, April 25, 2011, originally a scheduled day off for students. District officials will wait to see what the weather may hold in the coming weeks to determine the amount of time that will need to be made up and how that time will be scheduled. This information will be communicated when it becomes available.

The district plans each school year calendar to include four (4) inclement weather days, which has historically been sufficient. In contrast, the district did not use any snow days during the 2008-09 school year.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2011

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

MARCH 2011

10th	End of Third Quarter
11th	NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS – ½ Professional In-Service Day / ½ Teacher Workday
14th-18th	NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF – Buildings Closed – SPRING BREAK
21st	Start of Fourth Quarter

APRIL 2011

22nd	NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS – Professional In-Service Day
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MAY 2011

25th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN AND EARLY CHILDHOOD – Grades 1 – 12 in session
26th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1 – 12 – STUDENTS IN SESSION HALF-DAY ONLY / Half-Day Teacher Workday
26th	End of Fourth Quarter
30th	NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF – Buildings Closed – Holiday

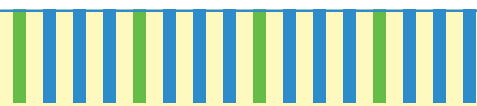
FIRST SEMESTER 1st Quarter Aug. 13 → Oct. 14

2nd Quarter Oct. 18 → Dec. 17

SECOND SEMESTER 3rd Quarter Jan. 5 → Mar. 10

4th Quarter Mar. 21 → May 26

- ↗ Beginning of Quarter
- ↘ End of Quarter
- ☐ Enrollment (See Schedule Left)
- △ New Teacher Academy-Tentative
- ☐ First/Last Day of class for Kindergarten (when different from grades 1-12)
- ☀ First Day of Class for grades 10-12
- ⊖ No School (Professional In-Service Day)
- ⓔ Professional In-Service Day for Elementary Teachers-No School K-5; 6-12 in session
- ⊖ No School (1/2 Professional / 1/2 Workday)
- ☐ No School (School/Offices Closed)
- ☺ Students Half Day (1/2 Student contact/1/2 Workday)
- Ⓚ Kindergarten Conferences
- ⬡ K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ⊖ No School for all students
- ▽ No School (Teacher Workday)



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