



USD 270 MARCH NEWSLETTER 2015

STATE WRESTLING

The Plainville Cardinal Wrestling Team had 2 wrestlers qualify for State Wrestling in Hays on February 27 and 28th.

Devon Mick 182

Trever Houser 152

Congratulations!

Good Luck at State!

Regional wrestling was February 20th & 21st in Norton. Those wrestlers participating were Nate Normandin, Kyke Eickelberry (Palco), Noah Hansen, Gunner Kerns, Trever Houser, Chase Werner, Gabe Wilkens, Devon Mick, and Braden Higdon. Congratulations to all the Cardinal Wrestlers on a good season.

KINDERGARTEN PRE-ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten pre-enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year has been scheduled for March 24, 2015. Pre-enrollment will be held in the Commons Area of the Cardinal Gym from 8 am to 11 am and then Noon to 3:30 pm. Please bring you child with you to pre-enrollment. It is required that the school has a copy of a state registered birth certificate. Along with the birth certificate, please bring the immunization record. Any child who is five years of age on or before August 31, 2015 shall be eligible to attend kindergarten.



Plainville High School 2015 Winter Glacade

Candidates: Valerie Cole, Kim Junkermeier, Mallory McQueen, Brenee Robinson, Madison Waggoner, Colton Bobek, Brent Gehring, James Gehring, Kolt Newell, Devon Mick.



**Winter Glacade 2015
Queen Valerie Cole
King Colton Bobek**



Cardinal Creations Ribbon Cutting Ceremony February 17th, 2015.

**PLAINVILLE JUNIOR HIGH
PRESENTS**



March 9 at 7:00, March 10 at 2:00 and 7:00

Adults \$3, HS/JH \$2, GS \$1, Under 5 Free

**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
OF THE MONTH**

Eowyn Hedding
Theoden Hedding
Riley Rogers
Peyton Krob
Miles Brown
Aaron Raat
Corbyn Marquess
Dakota Yost
Reagan Hageman
Gabe Kerns



DRIVER'S EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m.
If you have questions, call Mr. Dreiling
at the High School 785-434-4547.

Junior/Senior Students of the Month

Christian Ostrom
Justin Plante
Sarah Miller



Smith Center Recreation Commission
Sunflower Shootout

MCL Boys: Brent Gehring
Coach Chris Drees
MCL Girls: Mallory McQueen
Kim Junkermeier
Brianna Casey
Coach Ronnie Wolf



MCL ART EXHIBITION

By Jill Wells

The 38th Annual High School Art Exhibition was held Sunday February 8, at the Dane G Hansen Museum in Logan. The exhibition includes Hill City, Plainville, Norton, Phillipsburg, TMP, WaKeeney, Smith Center, Ellis, Oakley, Stockton, and Logan. Plainville High School students placing in the event were: MyKeltie Horting, 1st in Charcoal; Jed Werner, 2nd Charcoal; Kayla Garvert, 5th Charcoal, 1st Pastel, 2nd Pastel, 2nd Colored Pencil; Joelle Conway, 1st Pencil; Courtney Crawford, 6th Pastel; Dakkota Brown, 4th Ink; Vinicius Queiroz, 6th Charcoal, 3rd Mixed Media; Nolan Sinclair, 5th Mixed Media. The High School Exhibition will be on display at the Hansen Museum through March 7th and is open to the public.

**FORENSICS AT
PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Plainville High School now has a Forensics team. The team is doing very well as two members qualified for State competition, Ashton Royer and Megan Sherraden. Current members are: Shanaya Brumitt, Joelle Conway, Hailey Fisher, Elena Hageman, Nolan Jones, Makayla Loney, Claire McClellan, Sarah Miller, Ashton Royer, Jay Sandoval, Megan Sherraden, Paige Sherraden, Connor Sowles, Bailey Werner, and Brooke Werner.

USD #270 Funding By Gail Dunbar, Superintendent

On February 5, 2015, Governor Sam Brownback used his authority to reduce state funding for K12 by \$28.3 million in the current year to address a continuing shortfall in state revenue. I want to share how that impacts Plainville and our state.

The \$28.3 million equals a \$42 reduction in base state aid per pupil (weighted) or \$61 per un-weighted pupil (based on estimated enrollment of 463,500). All of the reduction will come from school district general operating funds, which include the general fund, special education state aid and local option budgets. For Plainville, that will be approximately \$25,000 from our general fund budget this year. In 2009, USD #270's general fund actual expenditures totaled \$3,218,490. In 2014, our general fund expenditures totaled \$2,889,970. With the reduction this year, I project our general fund expenditures will be \$2,874,000. That is a reduction of \$344,490 over the past five years. Much discussion is centered around the state aid for the supplemental general funds and capital outlay funds. The recent court case forced the legislature to put additional funds into those areas as well as into the retirement system which increased overall funding in education. That is where there is disagreement as to whether schools have received additional funding or not. USD #270 doesn't receive any state aid for supplemental or capital outlay funds so we did not receive any of the additional funds as a result of the court case. We actually saw a reduction of funds for at risk students as well as the current cut.

This reduction comes after years of school funding that has fallen below inflation. As all of you know from your own personal budgets, our costs for food, transportation, utilities, equipment, and supplies have not decreased overall. We have seen a slight decrease in gas costs which has helped. USD #270 has seen an increase in our assessed valuation over the past few years, which has had a positive impact on our capital outlay funds. These funds can only be spent on facilities, buses, and some equipment and not teachers' salaries. A bill was passed last spring that gave us some additional authority in the capital outlay fund for maintenance salaries and software purchases. That has allowed us to move some of those expenses to the capital outlay fund from the general fund. Unfortunately, the oil price drop will certainly impact future capital outlay funds and will make it more difficult to continue to use those funds to make up for the loss in our general fund. In 2010, our total mill levy was 52.999 mills. In 2014, our total mill levy was 45.365 mills. We may be looking at an increase in our mills next year due to the loss of valuation.

The Governor notes that school districts have \$380 million in cash reserves "to help them offset the smaller than expected

increase in state funding." USD #270 has maintained some reserves to cover cash flow during the year and due to concerns about delays or reductions in state aid payments. USD #270's reserves have been sustained with local tax dollars, not state aid. Again, we didn't get that "smaller than expected increase". Some legislators and organizations have criticized districts for maintaining high balances. Yet we are being asked to use these reserves because the state has exhausted its own reserves. Because the amount of reserves varies from district to district, it is unclear how much help they will be to individual districts. If we spend reserve funds this year, they will not be available in the future; it is like taking money from a savings account for regular expenses. We still do not know how the Governor's proposed block grant program will impact our funding, or what funding reductions may be required in future years. As noted, total school funding since 2010 has been less than the rate of inflation. Kansas school funding is shrinking compared to the state. State general fund revenues, which averaged 5.1 percent of Kansas personal income since the current school finance system was adopted in 1992, have fallen to an estimated 4.5 percent this year and are projected to drop to 4.1 percent in 2017. Obviously with that major loss of revenue and without additional state or local revenue, school districts will face much deeper funding reductions over the next two years and beyond. At this time, most purchases for next year in USD #270 are on hold until we have some idea of what the funding will look like. We are still funding professional development, student activities and field trips for this year. We continue to look for funds through grants and outside sources to fund special projects.






School finance is complicated and difficult to discuss. I hope I have communicated the situation Plainville is in and please know USD #270 continues to look for ways to be more efficient with your tax dollars and still provide a comprehensive education for our children. We believe our children deserve the best education to help them be successful and we must continue to look for ways to provide that. I welcome questions, concerns and suggestions so feel free to contact me.





March 2015 Breakfast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2. Cereal Choices Pears Juice Milk	3. Oatmeal Breakfast Round Pineapple Milk	4. Biscuit Breakfast Sandwich Oranges Milk	5. Cereal Choices Graham Crackers Tropical Fruit Juice Milk	6. Yogurt Cinnamon Bread Stick Banana Milk
9. Cereal Bar String Cheese Juice Peaches Milk	10. Pancake on a Stick Applesauce Milk	11. Cook's Choice	12. No School Teacher Workday/ Collaboration	13. No School
16. No School Spring Break 	17. No School Spring Break 	18. No School Spring Break 	19. No School Spring Break 	20. No School Spring Break  1st Day of Spring
23. Biscuits n Gravy Tropical Fruit Milk	24. Banana Bread Slice Cereal Orange Milk	25. Cheese Omelet Toast Apple Milk	26. Yogurt Graham Cracker Pears Juice Milk	27. Cereal Choices Peaches Juice Milk
30. Breakfast Lasagna Tropical Fruit Milk	31. Pancakes Sausage Links Fruit Juice Mandarin Oranges Milk			

All Menu items are subject to change. Meals served with 1% White Milk or Skim Chocolate Milk.






All students will be served 1 cup fruit or 1/2 cup juice and 1/2 cup fruit.

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March 2015 Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2. Taco Soup WG Tortilla Chips Fresh Broccoli Pears Snickerdoodle (9-12) Milk	3. Corn Dog Romaine Salad Sweet Potato Puffs Apple Wedges Milk Option: Side Salad <i>One (6-12)</i>	4. Chicken n Noodles Mashed Potatoes Corn WW Roll Pineapple Chunks Milk	5. Beef Fajita Salad Refried Beans Oranges Cinnamon Bun Milk <i>NO Optional Salad</i>	6. Tuna Casserole Steamed Carrots WW Roll (6-12) Rosy Applesauce Milk
9. ½ Day of School NO LUNCH	10. Pork Rib on a Bun Lettuce/Tomato Tri-Tater Broccoli Pears Peach Crisp (6-12) Milk Option: Side Salad <i>One (6-12)</i>	11. Lasagna Romaine/Spinach Salad-Italian Cherry Tomatoes (9-12) Garlic Bread Stick Apples Milk	12. No School Teacher Workday/ Collaboration	13. No School
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23. Pig in a Blanket Potato Wedges Broccoli w/cheese Rosy Applesauce Milk	24. Chicken Wrap Romaine/Tomato Spanish Rice (6-12) Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit Milk Option: Side Salad <i>One (6-12)</i>	25. Skroodlegetti Salad Corn (9-12) French Bread (9-12) Peaches Milk	26. Taco Salad w/ WG Chips n Salsa Refried Beans Cinnamon Buns Pineapple Tidbits Milk <i>NO Optional Salad</i>	27. Cod Fillet Seasoned Potatoes Peas WW Roll (9-12) Mandarin Oranges Milk
30. Hamburger on a Bun Romaine/Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Oatmeal Cookie (6-12) Cinnamon Apples Milk	31. Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Broccoli WW Roll Rosy Applesauce Milk <i>Side Salad One (6-12)</i>			

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All students will have choices of fruit (K-12).

All breads made in the USD 270 Kitchen are whole grain.

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