



USD 251 NORTH LYON COUNTY PATRON NEWSLETTER JULY 2011

Comments from the Superintendent

Welcome Back! As temperatures continue to hit the century mark, it hardly seems right that we are nearing the beginning of another school year. However, there are unmistakable signs that the time is near. As I write this, the cheerleaders are practicing in the park, new and returning teachers are showing up in the buildings, and our custodial crews are entering the late summer panic stage – definitely signs that August has arrived! All of our schools will be ready for the first day of school on August 26th, including Reading Elementary which, as you know, is undergoing repairs from the May 21st tornado. The gymnasium and playground will not be available right away, but we are working hard to get those available as soon as possible.

We are very excited about several new improvements to your school district. Both elementary schools will be offering after school programs, the junior high will be implementing a one-to-one laptop program, and all parents will have the opportunity to participate in a no cost notification system called School Reach. Information about all of these programs will be available at enrollment on August 4th and 5th.

All of us at North Lyon County Schools are looking forward to helping you and your children have an enjoyable and rewarding learning experience in this great school district. Have a great year!

Mike Nulton
Superintendent

Building Information

The District Administrators will report for duty on August 1st, so if you have any questions or need any assistance with school related issues they will be glad to help you. The administrator's names and school phone numbers are as follows:

**Mr. Mike Nulton, Superintendent of Schools
620-443-5116**

**Mr. Aron Dody, Americus Elementary/North Lyon County Middle School
620-443-5165**

**Mrs. Peggy Fort, Reading Elementary
620-699-3827**

**Mr. Doug Boline, Northern Heights High School
620-528-3521 or 1-800-279-6527**

Enrollment Dates and Times

- 8-4-11 Elementary/Middle School Enrollment**
1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
NHHS Enrollment
Seniors 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Juniors 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 8-5-11 Elementary/Middle School Enrollment**
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
NHHS Enrollment
Sophomores 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Freshman 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Textbook Fees

Kindergarten—Grade 12—\$40.00
Art (per class) - \$10.00
FACS fee (per consumable class) - \$10.00
Drivers Education fee \$75.00

School Hours

NHHS-7:55 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
Elementary and Middle School -
8:20 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Bus Routes

Parents will be notified of bus route time as soon as possible following enrollment. Please make sure your correct address and phone number are listed on the enrollment form.

Athletic Practices

Athletic Practices will start on August 15, 2011. All students who plan to participate in these activities must have a physical signed by a licensed physician and parent/guardian) on file at the school before they may practice.

Senior Citizen Passes

Just a reminder, if you are a senior citizen and a resident of USD #251 and do not have a senior citizens pass, please call 620-443-5116 and we will see that you get one!

FOOD SERVICE NOTE TO PARENTS

We are pleased to once again announce that the offer vs. serve meal pattern will be followed again this year in the district schools.

For those children who have small appetites, the offer vs. serve is wonderful. A school lunch consists of five different food items from four food component groups. When a lunch program offers only the serve form of meals, students must take all items to meet the meal requirements.

Under the offer vs. serve method, the following conditions must be met: a) all five food items must be offered to all students; b) the serving sizes must equal the minimum required quantities; c) the lunch must be priced as a unit and students may take 3,4, or all 5 items for the same price; d) students have the option of which item(s) to decline. If you wish to have your child take all items on the menu, please encourage your child to do so.

Those involved in the lunch program work hard to serve well balanced and well received meals knowing in advance that not all meals will meet the approval of everyone.

Please plan for your children to eat breakfast and lunch with us at school. Our cooks do an excellent job in preparing and serving meals. We appreciate your interest in the program and hope that each of you will continue in your support.

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST COSTS

Breakfast

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| Grades K-5 | \$1.35 |
| Grades 6-8 | \$1.35 |
| Grades 9-12 | \$1.50 |

Lunch

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| Grades K-5 | \$2.00 |
| Grades 6-8 | \$2.15 |
| Grades 9-12 | \$2.30 |
| Extra Milk | .40 per carton |

Reduced-Breakfast \$.30, Lunch \$.40, Milk \$.40

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

The Board of Education has approved the use of Emergency Substitute Certificates for this school year. If you possess either a Kansas Teaching Certificate or an Emergency Substitute Certificate and would like to substitute in our district, please contact the office at 620-443-5116.

DRUG FREE SCHOOL AND WORKPLACE

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students or school employees on school premises or as a part of any school activity is prohibited. This policy, and any curriculum used in conjunction with it, shall be evaluated at least every-other year using criteria developed by the superintendent and approved by the board. The board shall receive a report after each of these reviews in conducted. This policy is required by the 1989 amendments to the Drug Free School and Communities Act. P.L. 102-226. Compliance with the policy is mandatory.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

All children enrolling in any school in the district shall provide the building principal or his designated representative with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements. A copy of this policy shall accompany applicable state law, which shall be distributed, to all students at the beginning of the school year. The superintendent shall annually issue a news release regarding this requirement of state law.

Students who fail to provide said documentation as required by law may be excluded from school by the superintendent or his designated representative until statutory requirements are satisfied. Notice of exclusion shall be given to the parents/guardians as prescribed by law.

The appropriate principal shall forward evidence of compliance with health tests and the inoculation law to other schools when requested by such schools or a child's parents/guardian.

Mr. Nulton has been directed by the Board of Education to take action to insure this policy is followed.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or early childhood programs operated by a school.

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KS_Imm_Regs_for_School_and_Childcare.pdf

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. Booster dose of **Tdap** required at 7th grade if more than 2 years since previous dose of Td.

Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses required. Three doses acceptable if dose 3 given on or after the 4th birthday.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella: two doses required.

Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 10.

Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for Kindergarten and grade 1; one dose required grades 2-10 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are currently *recommended* by the ACIP for all ages.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib): three doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the type of vaccine and the age of the child when doses given.

Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7): four doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs. Total doses needed dependent on the age of the child when doses given.

Hepatitis A: two doses required for children less than 5 yrs of age in early childhood programs.

Detailed school immunization requirements by age group are listed on the 2-1-10 version of the Kansas Certificate of Immunization (KCI). http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/download/KCI_Form.pdf

In addition to the immunizations required for school entry listed above, the 2010 ACIP recommendations also include the following for school children:

Meningococcal (MCV4): one dose *recommended* at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV): three doses *recommended* for females and males at 11 years of age and provisionally recommended for males at 11 years of age; not required for school entry.

Influenza: yearly vaccination *recommended* for all ages > 6 months of age; not required for school entry.

The complete ACIP recommendations can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm>

Efforts by schools have been central to the success of public health efforts in eliminating vaccine preventable diseases. Thank you for this success.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

CURTIS STATE OFFICE BUILDING, 1000 SW JACKSON ST., STE. 10, TOPEKA, KS 66612-1274
2Voice 785-296-5591 Fax 785-296-6510

ASBESTOS

We are required by Federal Law to yearly notify patrons about the presence of asbestos in our buildings. In all of our schools, there is asbestos in some of the floor tile, and in Americus and Reading we have some steam pipes wrapped with material that contains asbestos. This asbestos is checked on a regular basis and was found to be in good condition in our 2011 inspection. We plan to maintain the floors and remove the pipe wrapping as the need arises. We possibly will remove asbestos from our buildings each summer until completed.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

In accordance with federal and state law, it is the policy of USD #251 that no student, applicant, employee, or other person will be discriminated against or harassed on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age or disability. This policy covers all aspects of admission, access, treatment and employment in all school district programs and activities. USD #251 has procedures regarding the referral, evaluation, and placement of individuals with disabilities who are eligible for services under federal law.

The person responsible for coordinating school compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title 9 of the Education Amendments of 1972 is:

Mike Nulton
P.O. Box 527
Americus, Kansas 66835
620-443-5116

Contact this person if you have questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination, or contact the Kansas State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612 (Telephone 785-296-3202), or Region 7 Office of Civil Rights, 10220 N. Executive Hills Blvd., 8th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 (Telephone 816-891-8026).

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

Under the Provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are afforded various rights with regard to educational records, which are kept and maintained by U.S.D. #251. In accordance with

Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) parents of students and eligible students (those who are 18 or older) are afforded various rights with regard to educational records, which are kept and maintained by U.S.D. #251. In accordance with FERPA, you are required to be notified of those rights, which include:

1. The right to review and inspect all of your educational records except those, which are specifically exempted.
2. The right to prevent disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in your educational records to other persons with certain limited exceptions. Disclosure of information from your educational records to other persons will occur only if:

- a. we have prior written consent for disclosure;
 - b. the information is considered "directory information" and you have not objected to the release of such information; or
 - c. disclosure without consent is permitted by law.
3. The right to request that your educational records be amended if you believe that the records are misleading, inaccurate, or otherwise in violation of your rights. This right includes the right to request a hearing at which you may present evidence to show why the record should be changed if your request for an amendment to records is denied in the first instance.
 4. The right to file a complaint with the Family Policy and Regulations Office at the U.S. Department of Education if you believe that U.S.D. #251 has failed to comply with FERPA's requirements.
 5. The right to obtain a copy of U.S.D. #251's policies for complying with FERPA. A copy may be obtained from: North Lyon County U.S.D. #251 Board of Education Office, 614 Main, Box 527, Americus, Kansas 66835.

For purposed of FERPA, U.S.D. #251 has designated certain information contained in educational records as directory information, which may be discussed for any purpose without your consent. The following information is considered directory information: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended by the student, class designation, major field of study and photographs.

You have a right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. If you refuse, you must file written notification to this effect with U.S.D. #251 at North Lyon County U.S.D. #251 Board of Education Office, 614 Main, Box 527, Americus, Kansas 66835 on or before October 1 of each school year. If a refusal is not filed, U.S.D. #251 assumes that there is no objection to the release of directory information designated.