



# **USD 251 NORTH LYON COUNTY PATRON NEWSLETTER JULY 2010**

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## Comments from the Superintendent

Wow – to say that this summer has been like no other would be an understatement! It began by relocating people and equipment throughout the district, which put our summer crew behind by several weeks. We could not have accomplished everything that needed to be done without the hard work and time put in by our principals, teachers, custodians, and our Kansas Works student employees.

Once the moving process was complete, those teachers that were moved began the process of unpacking and setting up their classrooms. Many people can't really appreciate how stressful this process can be. Most teachers spend more waking hours in their classrooms than they do at home, so a change of classroom is a lot like moving into a new house. I'm proud to say that our staff has dealt with this anxiety like the professional and experienced educators they are and have put in the time and effort to insure a smooth transition to our new organizational structure.

The difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions that had to be made are in the past. Through that process, our district has evolved to meet our financial challenges while maintaining and improving the quality of education for our children. We have never lost sight of that goal and it remains the driving force that guides our instructional decisions. As John F. Kennedy said "A child mis-educated is a child lost." Through your continued support of USD #251, we can make sure that no child is lost.

Welcome back to the new North Lyon County and I wish you and your children a successful and rewarding school year.

Mike Nulton  
Superintendent

## **Building Information**

The District Administrators will report for duty on August 2nd, 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**

- 8-5-10 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.**
  
- 8-6-10 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**

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| <b>KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5</b>          | <b>\$26.00</b> |
| <b>GRADES 6-12</b>                   | <b>\$28.00</b> |
| <b>All fees include consumables</b>  |                |
| <b>Drivers Education fee \$50.00</b> |                |

**School Hours**

**NHHS-7:55 a.m. - 3:35 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. 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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| <b>Grades K-6</b>  | <b>\$1.00</b> |
| <b>Grades 7-8</b>  | <b>\$1.00</b> |
| <b>Grades 9-12</b> | <b>\$1.15</b> |

**Lunch**

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| <b>Grades K-6</b>  | <b>\$1.65</b>         |
| <b>Grades 7-8</b>  | <b>\$1.80</b>         |
| <b>Grades 9-12</b> | <b>\$1.95</b>         |
| <b>Extra Milk</b>  | <b>.35 per carton</b> |

**Reduced-Breakfast \$.30, Lunch \$.40, Milk \$.35**

## 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 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2010-2011 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](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](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 2010 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 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Topeka, KS 66612 (Telephone 785-296-3202), or Region 7 Office of Civil Rights, 10220 N. Executive Hills Blvd., 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Kristi Karr teaches at Northern Heights High School and has coached track and cross-country. Her parents are Bob and Elaine Karr who operate The Orchard fruit farm north of Emporia.**

**Kristi was diagnosed with a fast growing lung cancer while visiting relatives in Finland last month. Her health insurance did not cover overseas treatment forcing the payment of over \$20,000 to get her emergency treatment and back to the states. She is currently undergoing treatment at KU Med Center.**

**Several benefits have been planned to help with her medical expenses.**

***Kristi Karr-Morgan***  
**Benefit Spaghetti Feed**  
**August 1, Noon - 2pm**

**Sunday, August 1, from Noon to 2 pm, a Spaghetti Feed will be held in the Reading Elementary lunchroom to help defray costs. Spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and brownie or cake ala mode will be served for a donation. Questions can be answered by Barbara Schlobohm, 620-699-3371.**

**Kristi Karr-Morgan Medical Fund**  
**Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction**  
**August 14, 2010**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**Americus School Cafeteria**

**Lasagna - Salad - Dessert**  
**\$5.00 Donation Suggested**

**Please contact Brenda at 342-0406 to donate items for the silent auction. Silent auction items are to be paid in full and picked up by 7pm that day.**

*This event is sponsored by Americus Presbyterian Church and  
NLC Teachers/Friends of Kristi.*



# **5K FOR KRISTI**

***5K FUN RUN/WALK***

***Benefitting Coach Kristi Karr***

***The Orchard at 99 Highway and Allen  
Road***

***August 11th, 2010 at 7:00pm***

***(Registration at 6:00pm)***

**5K Run/Walk**

**Adults - \$10.00/Students - \$5.00**

**1.5 Honor Walk - Donation**

***Further details and registration forms  
are available at***

***[www.usd251.org](http://www.usd251.org)***