



Tiger Talk

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Holiday Family Read Night



The Elementary school was filled with over 150 students and parents for the second annual Holiday Family Read Night Dec. 16.

The evening was filled with various activities that included arts and crafts. The library was open for reading and the new computer lab allowed students to take Accelerated Reader tests. The gymnasium offered guest readers sharing their favorite Christmas stories.

Families enjoyed snacks of cookies and hot chocolate in the lunch room. The library committee would like to thank everyone that donated cookies and their time to make this another successful reading night at the elementary school.

The overwhelming support and contributions are greatly appreciated.





JW Schools Raise Money for Charity with Pennies

In 2009, \$19 million was raised by school students throughout the country who participated in School & Youth Programs like Pennies For Patients. Funds raised through these schools sup-

As a citizenship project they raised money in their advisory for Pennies for Patients. With the \$1026.83 that the middle school raised, they have helped 10 patients in the state of Kansas

tough times. Thank you to all who helped in the effort!

JWHS FCCLA encouraged students to participate by having a drawing at the end of each week for the students in the top fundraising class for that week. At the end of the campaign, all the students in the three top fundraising classes had a chance to win a donated basket containing pop, candy, \$25 gas card, & 2 movie passes. Ty Buschbom was the winner of the basket.

With the help of the Elementary School, Jeff West High School raised \$1,000 during the three-week campaign.

A special thank you to The Pad, Sonic, and North Topeka Golf Center for donating items to give away to students who participated in donating.



Madison Fangman and Kailee Gibson, both members of JWHS FCCLA, were in charge of leading the campaign for Pennies for Patients

port Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Thanks to the fantastic efforts from last year, 285 Kansas schools raised over \$185,000.

During the month of November, students at the middle school studied Citizenship in advisory.

receive care for a year!

The students did a great job of raising money for the cause. Mr. Sturgeon's advisor base would stand in the hall ringing a bell to encourage their class to donate, and it worked. Mr. Sturgeon's advisor base raised \$324.32, they will receive a pizza party for their efforts. All advisor bases did a wonderful job of giving to those who are experiencing

USD 340 Phone Numbers

Keep this handy reference guide handy. It lists important numbers you should know and have on hand. The numbers for USD 340 attendance centers, Central Office, and Kansas School Safety Hotline are listed.

Elementary School785-484-2455

FAX785-484-3340

Toll Free877-854-4409

Middle School785-484-2900

FAX785-484-2904

Toll Free877-854-4579

High School.....785-484-3331

FAX785-484-2021

Toll Free877-854-4410

Central Office785-484-3444

FAX785-484-3148

Kansas School..... 1-877-626-8203
Safety Hotline



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Tiger Talk is brought to you by Unified School District #340. If you have suggestions or questions, please contact the central office staff at 601 Wyandotte, Meriden, Kansas, or call (785) 484-3444.

The persons listed below will serve you in any way they can.

Dr. Scott Myers

Superintendent

Amy Adams-Mitchell

Board Clerk/Secretary

Marcia Ricklefs

Accounts/Treasurer

Dayna Heineken

Secretary/Student Data Collections



Photo by Custom Photos by Molly Bostwick
<https://sites.google.com/site/customphotosbymolly>

Center front: King Noah Livingston and Queen Danielle Steffey. Attendants from left to right are Savanna Bradley, Tanner Clark (escort), Riley Ferrant (escort) and Cece Liby.

Royalty Crowned at Winter Formal

by Leslie Abbott

The Jefferson West High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America recently sponsored a Winter Formal dance on Dec. 4, 2010 in Meriden, Kansas. The theme was "An Evening of Elegance" with music provided by Jay Diamond.

During the dance the FCCLA recognized those senior chapter members for their community service work over the past four years by selecting a royalty based on those hours they have contributed towards their school and community.

Danielle Steffey and Noah Livingston were crowned Queen and King. Savanna Bradley and Cece Liby were the Queen's attendants. Tanner Clark and Ri-

ley Ferrant were their escorts. Former Queen and King of 2009, Kaitlyn Fangman and Steven Skaggs, crowned the 2010 Winter Formal Royalty.

MS Knowledge Bowl needs volunteers

The Jefferson West Middle School Knowledge Bowl meet will be held Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 beginning at 4 p.m.

We are in need of people to help as moderators and judges for that evening. If you would be willing to help, please contact Mary Naumann at mary.naumann@usd340.org or 785-484-2900.

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Rumor Watch Launched

In our continuing efforts to communicate with the greater educational community, there is yet one more option being presented to the public. Frequent visitors of the district web site, www.usd340.org, have probably already noticed an addition to the front page. In the lower right hand corner of that page, a new link has been established labeled "Rumor Watch."



Dr. Scott Myers

By selecting this link, a person is taken to a web page that contains the following message:

"Jefferson West, USD 340 is committed to open and honest communication with patrons, parents, students and staff. Truthful, reliable information is the foundation of this commitment.

"We take rumors seriously. They can be damaging, they can make people nervous, they can create feelings of fear and dread. At best they waste time and make us less productive; at worst, they damage morale and chip away at the level of

confidence that community members have in their public schools.

"Have you heard something that sounds too good to be true? Or does the word on the street make your blood boil? Send us what you've heard at rumorwatch@usd340.org . . . we'll track down the truth— good or bad — and post it on this page. (Keep in mind, submissions will be screened and/or edited prior to posting.)"

As is the case with any organization of any size, all sorts of "I heard's" can be found circulating at any given time. Well, school districts are certainly not immune to that phenomenon. While some of these rumors can be a bit amusing, minimally they can serve as a distraction, and sometimes they can actually be harmful, working against our efforts to provide for our students.

So, hopefully, people will take advantage of this resource and send in any questions that might be of interest. We will do our best to answer any questions as thoroughly as we can. That way if you ever hear the infamous "I heard" quote, you will be armed with a way to get to the bottom of the issue.

Kansas School Safety Hotline

1-877-626-8203



MS students learn about countries at Christmastime

If you walked through the halls of the middle school in December you probably saw doors decorated colorfully in a Holiday theme. In advisory students learned the traditions of Hanukah, Christmas, and Kwanza. In order to demonstrate what they had learned, advisories took part in a door decorating contest. The theme was Holidays Around the World.

Mr. Petesch's door displayed stockings with different countries

and a description of how each culture celebrated Christmas. Mrs. Naumann's door showed different symbols of the different holidays. At the end of the hall you saw a bright spectacular on Mr. Sidener's door with tons of lights and a lit up Snowman.

The grand prize winner went to Mrs. Sidener's classroom door with decorations on both sides of the door. One side had a big Christmas tree with ornaments symbolizing different coun-

tries, and the other side has a sleigh with reindeer draped with

wreathes from different countries.



Funds for Storehouse

Jefferson West FFA President Adam Becker is shown presenting a check to Jordan Bruner of Country Harvest to pay for approximately 60 hams going to God's Storehouse. The FFA Chapter raised donations for the hams and also took part in delivering the hams plus some additional items for God's Storehouse Community Christmas Dinner Delivery.

National Get Organized Month



“Fun Week” Kicks Off Campaign for God’s Storehouse

by Leslie Abbott

The Jefferson West Middle School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America recently sponsored a “fun week” of dress-up days to raise money for God’s Store House in Meriden which assists families throughout the year in Jefferson County.

During this week students

dressed up and donated money to participate. Monday was Camo day, Tuesday was College Day, Wednesday was Hat Day, Thursday was Twin Day and Friday was School Spirit Day.

The students donated 50 cents or more towards the cause and competed against each other for a bagel and juice breakfast. A

total of \$255.50 was raised and donated towards God’s Store House.

Mrs. Abbott’s class raised the most money with \$43.50 and was treated to the bagel and juice

breakfast. JWMS FCCLA will be holding a middle school dance on Jan. 28 with an admission price of \$3.00 or 3 canned goods for God’s Store House.

NO Tobacco or Pets




USD 340 Board Policy
GAOC states:
The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in or on all district owned, leased or rented personal or real property. Exceptions may be allowed in parking lots, and then only if within an enclosed vehicle or out of the direct view of students attending school or activities.

Reminder:
Pets are not allowed at USD 340 events.



Rita Kennedy receives the check from Kaycee Mundhenke and Taylor Giltner who were in charge of the Fun Week campaign.



JW Receives OK for Wind Turbine

Victory! Mrs. Bruton's Calc 2 class has succeeded in their quest to earn a wind turbine for Jefferson West High School. The Wind for Schools Project was first presented to Mark Flood, Noah Livingston, and Laura Newberry (the three Calc 2 students) at the beginning of the year and through much perseverance, they were finally notified of their acceptance in November.

The students are now in the process of applying for grants and giving presentations in the effort to raise enough money to pay for the turbine. So far they have received both monetary and material donations from the Westar Green Team, the Glacial Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council, the Meadowlark Extension District, and the Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative.

They have also been communicating with various Wfs representatives in order to get the show on the road. Although the class is not sure precisely where the turbine will be placed, they have consulted Bill Smalley of Smalley Heating and Cooling. Smalley recommended placing it between the High School and Middle School near the JW circle not only because of the unobstructed wind flow, but because of its proximity to the electrical box



and visibility to patrons and visitors. K-State students working on the Wind for Schools project came to view the sites and agreed with Smalley's interpretation.

The students truly appreci-

ate all the support they have received from the community and administration. If all goes as planned, the turbine will be erected by graduation. As soon as it is functional, the school will not

only receive an energy benefit, but will also receive data from the turbine that can be incorporated into various educational curricula.

Turbine Photos from October Tiger Talk



In the photo above, Calculus II students are surveying high school property to find a suitable location for the proposed wind turbine.



Pictured above is the part of high school ground that has been found suitable by the Calculus II students to locate the proposed wind turbine.



Students are guided by Mrs. Bruton, pictured above, right.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 NO SCHOOL—½ Work Day, ½ Professional Development <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">NO SCHOOL OR WIT Christmas Break</div>	4 School Resumes for Jeff West Students	5 Booster Club Meeting at ES Library 6 pm	6 Variety Show Auditions at HS Music Dept. 3:30-6 JV/V WR Santa Fe Trail/Hia- watha/Perry-Lecompton/ Jeff West 5 pm (H) Sr. Parent Night WIT Resumes	7 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Nemaha Valley 4:30 pm (H) FCCLA Meal Feb ACT Registration Dead- line Last Day for Spring Schedule Changes	8 JV G/B BKB Jeff West Invite 9 am (H) V WR Herington Invite 8 am JV WR Piper JV Invite 9 am MS Boys' BKB St Marys Jamboree 7&8 9 am
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Variety Show Auditions at HS 3:30-6 pm</div>		
9	10 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Holton 4 pm Scholars' Bowl League Meet 4 pm (H) BOE Meeting 7 pm	11 Highland Dual Credit Enrollment HS Library 8 am FR/JV/V G/B BKB Santa Fe Trail 4:30 pm (H) FCCLA Meal	12 MS Winter Pictures Boys' BKB and Cheer at ES Scholars Bowl at Perry/Lecompton	13 V Scholars' Bowl at Pleasant Ridge 4 pm MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Hiawatha 4 pm (H)	14 V WR St Marys Invite 3 pm FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Sabetha 4:30 pm	15 Variety Show at HS 7 pm MS 7th Gr Boys' BKB Rock Creek/ Silver Lake/Jeff West at SL 9 am MS 8th Gr Boys' BKB Rock Creek/ Silver Lake/Jeff West at RC 9 am HS V Wrestling at St. Marys
16 Booster Club Skating Party for ES at Sk8way 5-7 pm	17 NO SCHOOL OR WIT Professional Development MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Perry- Lecompton at Perry 4 pm Scholars Bowl at Holton	18 FR/JV/V Girls' BKB ACCHS at Effingham 5 pm V Boys' BKB Tournament at McLouth 6 pm JV/V Wrestling at JW vs Wathena & Riley County	<div style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH</div>		20 JV WR at Holton JV Tourn- ament 3:30 pm MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Royal Valley 4 pm (H) V Boys' BKB Tournament at McLouth 6 pm	21 SAT Test Booster Club Bowling TBA JV WR at Sea- man 9 am V WR at Piper 9 am C-Team HS BKB JV Tourn 9 am (H) V Boys' BKB Tourn at McLouth 4 pm
23	24 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Santa Fe Trail 4 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">MS & HS FCCLA Week</div>	25 Highland Dual Credit Tuition Due 1st Grade Music Program at ES 7 pm	26 ES Country Store	27 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Sabetha 4 pm (H) FR G/B BKB Pleasant Ridge 5:30 pm (H)	28 MS FCCLA Dance 7 p.m. JV/V WR Sabetha/Hiawatha/ Jeff West at Hiawatha 5 pm V Girls' BKB Tournament at JCN 6 pm	29 V Girls' BKB Tournament at JCN Noon (12 pm) JV WR at Pleas- ant Ridge 9 am Speech Contest at Sabetha HS V Wr at Atchison 9 am
30	31 Family Fitness Night at MS 6:30 pm	 FR/JV/V Boys' BKB ACCHS 5 pm (H) Physics Meal V Girls' BKB Tournament at JCN 6 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">MS & HS FCCLA Week</div>			



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Royal Valley 4:30 pm 	2 FCCLA Dist. E-West Elections at Holton HS 8:30 am Booster Club at ES Library 6 pm	3 Scholars' Bowl Regional Meet TBA 4 pm MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Holton 4 pm (H)	4 FFA Meats Judging at Easton JV WR League Meet at Royal Valley 3:30 pm FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Hiawatha 4:30 pm	5 Regional Piano Festival at Baldwin Speech Contest at Nemaha Valley Booster Club Bowling
6 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Hiawatha 4 pm Progress Reports This Week FFA Speech/Winter Day at Marysville	7 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Perry-Lecompton 4:30 pm (H) Physics Meal	8 FCCLA Star Events at Rossville HS 8 am	9 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 Perry-Lecompton 4 pm (H)	10 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Holton 4:30 pm (H) FCCLA Meal Junior Cheerleaders Back-up date for FCCLA Star Events at Rossville HS 8 am	11 State Scholars' Bowl TBA 1 pm ACT Test HS 8 am V WR League at Hiawatha 9 am	
13 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Royal Valley 5:15 pm BOE Meeting-7 pm	14 FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Santa Fe Trail 4:30 pm	15 Speech Contest at Maur Hill/Mt Academy	16 MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Santa Fe Trail 4 pm MS Spring Pictures 2nd Grade Music Program at ES 7 pm	17 FR/JV/V G/B BKB at Nemaha Valley 4:30 pm ES Spring Pictures WR Regionals TBA	18 State Piano Festival at Wichita Speech Contest at Royal Valley	
20 Booster Club ES Skate Party at Sk8away 5-7 pm	21 NO SCHOOL OR WIT Parent-Teacher Conferences MS Boys' BKB 7&8 at Sabetha 4 pm	22 FR/JV/V G/B BKB Sabetha 4:30 pm (H) After Prom Meal Senior Parent Night MS 7&8 Boys' BKB Tournament at Holton 4 pm	23 ES Country Store	24 FR Parent Pre Enrollment Meeting 7 pm	25 MS Dance 7-10 pm WR State at Salina	26 Speech Contest ACCHS/Wellsville
27 Spring Sports Practice Begins for HS & MS V G/B BKB Sub-State TBA						

KMEA State Music Convention at Wichita

Library Lovers' Month