



McLouth USD 342

# Bulldog Bulletin

APRIL 2012



The McLouth High School Jazz and Concert Band performed March 14th. Music such as latin jazz, swing, bossa nova and rock filled the gym from the jazz band and the concert band. They finished up the evening with some standard marches including music by Sousa. Thanks to all who attended.

## USD 342 Mission Statement

Together, we learn in a community that promotes academic excellence, respect, lifelong learning, and responsible citizenship.

## Superintendents Comments from Steve Splichal

It is hard to believe that it is already April. Many of you have already started up the mowers and started planting flowers. Spring is here.

We will be introducing a new math course for students at McLouth High School next year. The year long course will be divided between two areas of concentration. The first will be a pre-engineering algebra course. Students must complete the pre-requisite courses of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. The course will focus on hands-on, higher level mathematics. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities designed to replicate real-world engineering experiences. The second half of the course will be

a financial algebra course. Students will learn about financial management, investments and financial literacy. Students in both courses will be challenged with hands-on activities that get them out of the traditional textbook and paper/pencil activities and assignments. We are looking at other courses that we might be able to put into our course offerings to enrich and challenge students at McLouth High School.

In their March meeting, the Board of Education approved a change to the school calendar for this year. The last day of school will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. School will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. The relatively mild winter meant that the district did not use all of the snow days. The staff will use the last

two days for staff development activities before adjourning for the summer on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please mark your calendar for the Kindergarten and VIP Preschool round-ups. The Kindergarten round-up will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for those students who plan to enroll in the fall. For those wishing to enroll their child in the preschool program, their round-up will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The round-up activities are an excellent way for the parents and their child to visit the building and see what the programs are all about. For more information, please contact Mr. Dodge, McLouth Elementary Principal at 913-796-6152 or visit the district website [www.mclouth.org](http://www.mclouth.org).

### 2011-2012 Board of Education

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**Board of Education  
February 13, 2012  
Meeting will be  
held at  
7:00 pm  
in the School Library**

## March BOE Unofficial Minutes

### March 2, 2012 Unofficial BOE Minutes

Mr. Splichal and Mrs. Patterson presented information to the board.

The board reviewed the facility tour and concerns were discussed.

Review and possible consideration of Three Year Capital Improvements Plan was discussed.

Cooperative Agreement with Oskaloosa for Wrestling and Cross Country was approved.

Mr. Troy Keiswetter was hired with a one year contract as secondary principal.

Mr. Splichal discussed board

goals and school finance updates.

### March 12, Unofficial BOE Minutes

Ms. Wooge and a student talked about the "Bulldog Bakery".

Resignations of Katherine Eck as Kindergarten Teacher, Gina Durkes as Girls Basketball Coach and Erin Shimanek as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach were accepted.

The stone memorial sign to be donated by the students and Johnstons was approved as presented.

Pre-Engineering/Financial Algebra Course for McLouth High

School was approved as presented.

The board approved to accept out of district students into the pre-school program if room is available after in-district qualifiers and non-qualifiers are accepted.

Board Goals for 2012 were approved.

Withdrawal from the DVL for the purpose of entering into a new league with the idea we would remain in the DVL if formation of the new league fails to occur was approved

The board approved to put out bids for window replacements for 3 classrooms and the grade school office.

# Elementary News from Mr. Dodge, Principal

It is hard to believe we are rounding out the 2011-12 school year. Soon we will begin a new academic year, which will be just as exciting. As we complete this school year, there are two important events we will be conducting to prepare youngest Bullpups for next fall.

Getting ready for Kindergarten is an exciting time. On April 11 and 12, we will conduct our Kindergarten Round-Up, in which our students will meet with Kindergarten

teachers to get to know each other and allow for proper classroom placement. If you have a student ready for Kindergarten, or you think he/she may be ready, please call our Elementary Office at 913-796-6152 to schedule an appointment. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Friday, April 13, 2012, our VIP program will conduct our annual screening process. If you have a child, or know of a family with a child, who might qualify for the

program, please call the office to set up an appointment. During this 30 minute appointment, our preschool staff will work with the child and his/her parent/guardian to determine a qualification status. Even if you don't believe the child will be a qualifier, please plan to attend. Please be on the lookout for more information on our VIP Screening Day. Our office number is 913-796-6152.

## MMS/MHS News from Mr. Bogard, Principal

Hopefully everyone had a restful spring break. The end of the year will be here before we know it. This year's junior class has completed their math and reading state assessments and has done well. I anticipate McLouth High School to be 100% proficient in reading and 97% proficient in math for 2011-12

when the scores are analyzed this summer. The state assessments begin in earnest on April 2nd with the middle school students starting with their reading assessment. We end on May 10<sup>th</sup> with the 10th grade completing their math assessment. Spring brings a lot of weather related schedule changes.

Please check the district website [www.mclouth.org](http://www.mclouth.org) for any changes that should occur with activity schedules, and seniors and their parents are encouraged to check the school announcements posted on the site for end of the year updates.

## Notes from A.D., Jason Schroeder

Spring time in Kansas is a real adventure for the athletic directors trying to schedule and reschedule the sporting events that are affected by the weather. The student-athlete's safety is our highest concern when deciding whether to go ahead with an activity. Decisions made are not always popular with everyone but you can be assured that we are doing what we think is best for the student-athlete and the team.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving basketball awards: Gavin Swearngin for being

selected to the DVL All-League 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Carter Gish and Morgan Drinnon for receiving Honorable Mention recognition. **Great Job!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Summer Camps: The coaches will soon be sending out information on their team camps and also their youth camps. Please look for these flyers.

McLouth will be hosting their annual high school track meet on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and the middle school meet on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support our student athletes. The MS DVL track

meet will be held at Effingham on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. The HS DVL track meet will be held at McLouth on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 p.m. The regional track meet will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The site for this event has yet to be determined.

Our baseball/softball teams will be in action (weather permitting) throughout the months of April and May. Check the school calendar for their schedules. The baseball/softball regional tournaments will be held the week of May 14 – 18.

**MCLOUTH USD 342  
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

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Email: browns@mclouth.org  
Submission Deadline is the  
15th of each month.

**Kindergarten Round Up**

**April 11th and 12th**

For More Information

or Schedule an Appointment

Call the Elementary Office

at

913-796-6152



## April Home Events

April 2 - Softball and Baseball w/Pleasant Ridge - 4:30 pm

April 5 - HS Track at 3:30 pm

Softball and Baseball w/Oskaloosa - 4:30 pm

April 12 - Softball w/Riverside - 4:30 pm

JV Baseball w/Maur Hill Mt Academy - 4:30 pm

April 19 - Baseball w/Immaculata - 4:30 pm

April 21 - JV Softball w/Perry/Immaculata/Oskie 2:00 pm

April 26 - MS Track - 3:30

Softball w/Troy - 4:30 pm

Baseball w/Doniphan West - 4:30 pm

April 30 - Softball w/Holton - 4:30 pm



## Prom 2012

It is prom time again! It is hard to believe we are in the last quarter of the school year. Each year the junior class of McLouth High School hosts prom for the juniors and seniors. After prom on April 13, 2012, the juniors will provide a Safe Prom event at Jay Bowl in the KU Student Union in Lawrence. This event will run between the hours of midnight and 1:30 am.

The Safe Prom Committee would like to ask for your support of this activity. During the evening we would like to provide prizes every 15 minutes for McLouth juniors and seniors as well as making refreshments available for the students to enjoy.

We are in need of monetary donations, prizes or gift cards, and/or your time with supervision that evening. If you are able to help in any of the aforementioned ways, please contact Karen Bailey prior to April 10, 2012. Your donation can be sent with your student, dropped off at the high school office, be mailed to school or you can call the high school office at 913-796-6122 to volunteer for supervision.

Thank you in advance for your support of this "safe" activity for students of McLouth High School. This thank you is also extended to the students and their dates who pay \$35 to attend prom and \$10 per MHS student/\$7.00 per date to participate in the Safe Prom event.

## VIP Screening April 13th

The past 6 years, McLouth USD 342 has been awarded a grant from the Kansas Department of Education to fund the VIP Preschool Program. We will apply for the grant for the 2012-2013 school year. We will be holding an application screening on April 13th. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program please call the elementary office and set up a 30 minute time slot to bring your child in for the screening with the preschool teacher and speech teacher. Your application for the program needs to be returned to us before or at your screening slot. This is not an official enrollment in the program. To qualify for the program, your child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2012 and meet one of the following criteria: low-income, single parent family, parent was a teen when child was born, either parent is lacking a HS diploma or GED, children qualifying for migrant status, limited English proficiency or child's developmental needs (determined by the results of the screening). This program is open to students in McLouth USD 342 and the surrounding communities. Students will be accepted in the following priority; 1. USD 342 Qualifying Students; 2. USD 342 Non-Qualifying Students (with a fee); 3. Non USD 342 Qualifying Students (transportation is not provided by the district); 4. Non USD 342 Non-Qualifying Students (with a fee, transportation is not provided by the district)

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program at all, please sign up for a screening slot, even if you do not meet one of the qualifying factors. To sign up call the elementary office at 796-6152. If your child does qualify you will be contacted about enrollment.

To Print a VIP application form go to [www.mclouth.org](http://www.mclouth.org) Please contact us if you have any questions Mark Dodge - Principal - [dodgem@mclouth.org](mailto:dodgem@mclouth.org) Beth Robinett -VIP Preschool Teacher - [robinettb@mclouth.org](mailto:robinettb@mclouth.org)