



THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

McLouth USD 342 District Newsletter

FALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



McLouth students participate in the MHS cheerleader clinic and perform at half-time on October 17th.

The Bulldog Bulletin

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November 2008

Special points of interest:

- Family reading night...November 14. Hop aboard the *Polar Express*.. See page 3 for more information.
- No School on November 7, and 26-28.1

"If there is no wind, row."
--Latin Proverb



USD 342 Mission Statement

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Mrs. Smith joined the McLouth staff this year. She recently moved from Arizona where she taught sixth grade. Mrs. Smith teaches second grade at McLouth Elementary school.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Monica is a third grader at McLouth Elementary School. Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Monica...we're glad that you're at the McLouth school district!

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS



Students at McLouth Schools Earn Standard of Excellence Awards

It is an honor and privilege to offer congratulations to both students and parents on the results from the spring 2008 Kansas assessments.

The Kansas State Department of Education recognizes both individual achievement (for exemplary scores) and group recognition (at the classroom and building levels) with the Standard of Excellence. The McLouth Board of Education will be publicly recognizing the recipients during the winter season.

Standard of Excellence recipients:

- McLouth Elementary School—Math
- McLouth Elementary School—5th Grade Math & Reading
- McLouth Middle School—Reading
- McLouth Middle School—6th Grade Reading
- McLouth High School—Reading

We know that your child's achievement would not be possible without the support of parents and other family members. Thank you for reading to your child, asking about their school day and providing help with homework assignments. We appreciate working together for your child's future. Again, congratulations...your hard work is evident!



Inclement Weather is just around the corner....please be sure to have current contact information on file at the school office. The district will be using a distributing message service again this year during inclement weather.

Tell Us What You Think...

What you want us to know – comment or concern: _____

What attempts have you made to resolve the situation? _____

Response Requested: Name _____
Please call me at _____ Address _____

Please respond to me by letter.

From Mr. Batman, Principal

ELEMENTARY ▪ 913/796-6152

Official results are in from last year's state test.

The McLouth Elementary School made Standard of Excellence in Math. This means that the combined math scores of last year's third, fourth and fifth grade were high enough for our elementary school to receive this award.

Our Fifth Grade made Standard of Excellence in Reading, as well as math.

This is the first time our

building has made Standard of Excellence and the first time we have had a grade level that made Standard of Excellence in both Math and Reading.

All of our teachers receive the glory when we are successful and we all accept part of the failure when we don't achieve our goals. When you see one of our teachers pat them on the back for a job well done.

Congratulations to all of our staff!!!!!!

A special thank you to the second grade students and teachers as they have upgraded their garden north of the building and They spend time and energy every spring and fall improving the garden. They also work on the flowerbeds outside the elementary and high school offices.



November Dates to Remember

11/07 No School

11/14— Polar Express— Family Night

11/26— 11/28 No School



Read for the Record

Some McLouth Elementary teachers helped spread the word about the importance of reading to children. They joined in with Jumpstart Read for the Record campaign which is a national campaign. This campaign encourages children and adults to read the same book, Corduroy on the same day, October 2 to increase the awareness of how important early childhood literacy is.

More classroom pictures can be viewed on the district's website at www.mclouth.org



PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS

Mr. Van Dyne brought a truck-load of pumpkins to the school. Each elementary student was allowed to take home a pumpkin.

Thank You!

ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS



We will be having a family reading night on November 14, 2008. It will be in the school cafeteria from 6:30-8:00pm.

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss the train! More information will be sent home in the future.

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From Mr. Bogard, MHS/MMS Principal

The first quarter of the school year is already over and we are enjoying a relatively successful year so far. The second quarter looks to be fast-paced as well. October 27th-31st the secondary students had a Fall Harvest Drive. Students that brought in three canned food items or other need goods such as disposable diapers, paper towels, etc. were allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school. This was a fun way to help our fellow citizens in need. The items collected will be donated to stock local food banks. On November 3 the students will be attending a presentation called Netsmartz. The program focuses on internet safety. As always, I invite you to attend our students' co-curricular activities as we transition to the winter sport season and continue to access the district's website, www.mclouth.org to stay abreast of what's happening in the schools.

COUNSELORS CORNER

Cliff Weeks, MS/HS Counselor

Financial Aid Workshop January 8, 2009, 7-9pm in the school library. Baker University financial aid advisor will be here to lead the work shop on how to fill out the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Keep in mind that there are numerous scholarships and aid programs that require filling out the FAFSA, in addition to the federal aid programs. Many students do not receive aid because their parents assume their income is to high. Parents of juniors may also attend to learn about financial aid.

Notes from the A.D.

Tom Pierce, Activities Director ♦ 913-796-6122

The school year is zooming by. The 1st quarter is over. The fall sports are starting to wind down and the winter coaches are busy making plans and have high expectations for the upcoming season.

Since school started in August, McLouth has hosted a 6-team middle school volleyball tournament and a 17-team high school cross-country meet besides the many regular season games. In November, we will be hosting a middle school girls' basketball tournament and a high school scholars' bowl tournament. From the beginning of school through the end of October, McLouth HS/MS has been involved in over 40 athletic events.

Some of you may not know the different schools that comprise the Delaware Valley League. For the 2008-09 school year, the middle school consists of eleven schools and the high school consists of twelve schools. In the fall of 2009, Atchison County and Atchison Catho-

lic will join the middle school league. The following year, 2010 - 2011, Atchison County and Maur Hill Mount Academy will join the high school DVL.

Middle School DVL:

Northern Division: Doniphan West, Everest, Jackson Heights, Troy, Wathena, Atchinson County (2009) and Atchinson County Catholic(2009)

Southern Division: Jefferson County North, McLouth, Oskaloosa, Pleasant Ridge, Valley Falls, Xavier.

Doniphan West is the combined schools of Highland and Midway-Denton and is located in Doniphan County. Everest is the middle school for Horton. Jackson Heights is located north of Holton and is the consolidation of several small towns. Pleasant Ridge is located in rural Leavenworth County just east of Easton. Xavier is located in the town of Leavenworth.

High School DVL:

Doniphan West(2A), Horton(3A), Immaculata(2A) (Leavenworth), Jackson Heights(2A), Jefferson County North(3A), Kansas City Christian(3A) (Prairie Village),

McLouth(3A), Oskaloosa(3A), Pleasant Ridge(3A), Troy(1A), Valley Falls(2A) and Wathena (2A).

The HS DVL will split into two divisions for football only starting in the fall of 2010. Each division will have its own champion and separate All-League Team.

North: Atchison County, Doniphan West, Horton, Jackson Heights, Maur Hill Mount Academy, Troy, Wathena

South: Immaculata, Jefferson County North, McLouth, Oskaloosa, Pleasant Ridge, Valley Falls.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association has released the school classifications for the 2008 - 09 school year. The schools are divided into six different classifications. The classification is based upon the student population of grades 10-12 that was enrolled on September 20. The thirty-two largest schools are classified as 6A. The next largest thirty-two schools are 5A. The next sixty-four are 4A. The next sixty-four are 3A. The next sixty-four are 2A and all

the remaining schools are 1A.

McLouth remains in the 3A classification as it has the past several years. We are next to the smallest 3A school in the state. Our student number was 124. The largest number for 3A was 194. The league schools current classifications are listed in the above list.

The football districts remain the same for two years. This fall was the first year of a new district rotation. In the fall of 2009, the districts for the 2010 and 2011 seasons will be set.

If you have not yet done so, remember to stop by the central office and purchase the family pass before basketball season begins. It is good for all regular season home games at both the middle school and high school level. Senior citizens are able to purchase a pass that will allow free admission to the home games.

Thank you for supporting Bulldog athletics and activities.

District Office Info.
Jean Rush, Superintendent
217 Summit
913/796-2201

**2008-09
USD #342
Board of Education**



Pictured left to right, top row to bottom: Dan Evans, Mike Tullis, Doug Walbridge, Andy Sullivan, Mitchel Campbell, Leah Bristol, Ed Courtney

**2008-2009BOE
Members**

Mitchel Campbell, Pres.

Doug Walbridge, Vice-Pres.

Leah Bristol, Member

Ed Courtney, Member

Dan Evans, Member

Andy Sullivan, Member

Mike Tullis, Member

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BOE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The board approved the consent agenda including the approval of minutes and the treasurer's report; authorized payment of bills and accepted resignations from Mrs. Sascha Smith-Assistant High School Volleyball, Mrs. Nancy Westerman-Middle School Cheerleading and Mrs. Teresa Showalter-Accompanist/Paraprofessional.

The board thanked members and Pastor Morgan Smith of the United Methodist Church for the staff breakfast on August 13th.

Mr. Tullis reported that the Recreation Commission

asked him to be on a committee for planning their new building.

Mr. Batman reported that the elementary site council would meet on September 9th. Mr. Bogard reported on the open house and asked about the board curriculum night.

Mrs. Rush reported on the enrollment numbers and reminded the board about the KASB Fall Regional Meeting in Nortonville and the annual meeting in December. The board approved the 2nd and final reading of policies EBB, GAAE, GACD, IDCE, JDDC, JGCB, GARI and GARID. The board renewed

the print room copier with Century United for 60 months using the state contract. The board approved the High School finals policy as presented.

Personnel Approved - Mrs. Sherri Brown as central office secretary. Ms. Amanda Cain as the acting cheer sponsor and Ms. Gina Hoffman as the middle school girls' basketball coach.

Complete official September board minutes are posted on the district website @ www.mclouth.org

BOE NOVEMBER AGENDA

USD 342 Board of Education will be holding the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 10, 2008. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the library.

The agenda will include, but will not be limited to

the following items:

Consent agenda:

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Payment of Warrants

Information/Discussion:

- Academic Achievement Report

Strategic Plan
Curriculum

Action Agenda:
Professional Development Plan
Donations
Executive Session

INFORMATION @ WWW.MCLOUTH.ORG

You can find information about our students' achievements, activity schedules, various forms, and general information on our website @ www.mclouth.org. Please

check this site out for up-to-date calendar changes, honor roll announcements, band/concert performances and for information about other extracurricular activities our

students are involved in.

In addition, please feel free to post comments you would like to make or to ask questions you might have.

School Calendar:

Current information is found on the website.

DO YOU LIKE TRAINS?

November 14, we are going to be having a Polar Express Family Night, themed after the children's book The Polar Express. The book is about a little boy's journey on a train to the North Pole. We are looking for someone in the community who has a model train set to help us

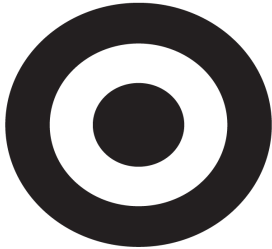
out with this evening. Our hope is to have a model train for the kids to enjoy watching throughout the night. We would need you to bring it to the school that evening and set it up and then run it throughout the night. You would then be able to take it home

with you at the end of the evening. If you think you might be interested in helping us out in this project please contact Beth Parker or Vickie Feuerborn at the Elementary School, 796-6152. Thank you very much!

COMMUNITY NEWS

USD 342 BOE approved a community section for the newsletter. Information about local events can be submitted to the district office on the 15th of each month. Information printed as "community news" does not necessarily reflect the view of the McLouth BOE and/or USD #342. The district reserves the right to edit, select, and/or reject submitted items.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS UPDATE



TARGET[®]

Target has awarded Parents AS Teachers \$1000 for their early childhood reading program. The money will be used to purchase age appropriate books to be given out during every home visit for an entire year.

Thank you TARGET!

FEAR FACTOR NIGHT

The McLouth United Methodist Church will be hosting our first annual "Fear Factor Night" on Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 pm. Come for a fun evening of gross games, daring feats of bravery, and lots of fabulous prizes! Open to grades 6-12. Parents are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

BULLDOG READING STORE

Donations are needed for the Elementary Bulldog Reading Store for Christmas. The students buy Christmas presents for their family members so donations are needed for all ages. Please mark your donations "Bulldog Reading Store". Monetary donations are accepted if you prefer we do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, please call the elementary office at 913-796-6152.

MCLOUTH RECREATION BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SIGN UP

K-2nd grade deadline December 5th

5th-6th grade deadline December 12th

Forms need to be turned into the elementary office.

If you have any questions, contact Jason Schroeder at 913-796-6122

Basketball sign up forms are available at www.mclouth.org

COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

Our Community Cares for our troops overseas! We will meet at the McLouth Community Center on Saturday, November 15 from 10 to 11 to pack boxes to mail.

We will provide the boxes and customs forms, and will take packed boxes directly to the Post Office. If you have a family member or friend serving overseas and would like for them to receive a package, please bring your small items for packages as well as names and accurate military addresses. We also take donations for postage. Some suggested items are: hard candy, chewing gum, beef jerky, wet wipes/disposable, wash cloths, magazines of all kinds, homemade cookies double bagged in zip lock bags, and individual serving size drink mix for bottled water. Veterans Day is the same week, and this will be one way to honor our "future" veterans.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Smelser 913-796-6843.

GIRLS SCOUTS OF MCLOUTH # USD 342

DAISY-BROWNIE-JUNIOR CADETTE-SENIOR AMBASSADOR

K-12 AGED GIRLS ARE WELCOME!!

Everyone is welcome to come to any meeting and check it out! If you want more information about Girl Scouts or would like to join, please contact Carrie Koch @ 913-796-6755 or email carriekoch@embarqmail.com

Stanwood Friends Church

Chili Supper and Bake Sale

Wednesday, Nov 5

5PM to 8PM

McLouth Community Center

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Thank you Bulldogs...for being outstanding ambassadors of the McLouth school district.

We are proud of you!

SUPPORT THE BULLDOGS!



Congratulations MHS volleyball team for an outstanding season.

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