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# Unified School District #377

## Atchison County Community Schools



December 2013

Effingham, KS

### ACCHS Girls Cross Country team finishes 6th in Class 3A!



(Left to right: Maddison Forbes, Tiffany Gillmore, Madison Bissell, Rebecca Scholz, Mackenzie Forbes, and Kaitlyn Fuller)

### Atchison County Drama Club—*Little Shop of Horrors!*



### ACCHS Soundmasters Perform at the 64th Annual Kansas Safety and Health Conference



# Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner

## Superintendent's Twelfth Annual Invitation



### A Special Holiday Tradition

It is my pleasure to extend this special invitation to senior citizens residing in the Atchison County Community School District to attend the twelfth annual Senior Citizens Dinner. Last year 100 senior guests were welcomed with a warm meal (turkey dinner with all the fixing's), colorfully designed placemats (provided by the elementary school students) and table decorations that were given away as door prizes. This is one celebration that no senior citizen can afford to miss (free to all senior citizens).

Senior guests are asked to mark Wednesday, December 4, at 11:15 am on their calendars. This special dinner will be held at ACCJSH School. A special sign-up sheet will be available at the "Town and Country" Senior Center in Effingham. (Alternate date will be December 11th)

Atchison County Community School employees are working hard to keep our community of schools strong. Staff members work each and every day toward the goal of educating a new group of graduates who are able to serve as worthy stewards of our community trust. Our students need this community event to help them understand the importance of character and pride. Please come and share in this sincere demonstration of appreciation by our students, staff and administration for a lifetime of hard work and dedication that the USD 377 senior citizens contribute to our community of schools.



**The next Board  
of Education  
Meeting is  
scheduled for  
December 9th  
6:30 pm.**

#### **BOARD CLERK/BUSINESS MANAGER TRAINEE OPENING**

USD 377, Atchison County Community Schools is seeking an individual for the position of Clerk of the Board of Education / Business Manager Trainee. Duties include Budgeting, Accounts Payable / Receivable, KSDE Reporting, Human Resources, KPERS Designated Agent, Payroll, and Federal and State tax filings. A full description of job duties is linked below. This is a 12 month salaried position with benefits. Applicant must be knowledgeable and have experience with accounting practices and software and MS Office. The successful applicant must be able to follow detailed oral/written directions, prepare fiscal reports, be highly organized and work effectively with others. Please apply online at the link provided. Application Deadline: Until filled. Start date: upon availability. <https://atchisoncty.schoolrecruiter.net/>

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# December 2013



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| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b><br>JHWR Quad (H)<br>4pm                                                        | <b>3</b><br>HS Jazz & Concert<br>Band Concert 7pm<br>HS Scholars Bowl @<br>Desoto 4pm            | <b>4</b><br>Senior Citizens<br>Holiday Dinner<br>11am @ JSH Gym<br>SH Winter Sports<br>Pictures<br>JSH Site Council<br>@ 6:30pm                     | <b>5</b><br>HSWR Quad (H)<br>5pm<br>Lions Club Supper<br>JHGBB @ RV<br>5:30pm<br>JR History Class to<br>WWI Museum | <b>6</b><br>FR/JV/VBB @ VF<br>5pm                                                                         | <b>7</b><br>JHWR Tourn. @<br>Holton 9am<br>HSWR Tilton/<br>Worley Inv. (H)<br>9am<br>Traveling Tigers<br>Meal KMEA Dist.<br>Honor Choir/Band |
| <b>8</b>              | <b>9</b><br>STAR Testing (Grades<br>2-6)<br>JHGBB (H) Hia.<br>4:30pm<br>BOE Mtg. 6:30pm | <b>10</b><br>STAR Testing<br>(Grades 2-6)<br>FR/JV/VBB (H)<br>Horton 4:30pm<br>Lions Club Supper | <b>11</b><br>STAR Testing<br>(Grades 2-6)<br>Booster Club Mtg. @<br>5:45pm<br>8th Grade Explore Test<br>Senior Citizens Holiday<br>Dinner Snow Date | <b>12</b><br>STAR Testing<br>(Grades 2-6)<br>JHGBB (H) JW<br>4:30pm                                                | <b>13</b><br>VWR Tourn. @<br>Eudora 1:30pm<br>FR/JV/VBB (H)<br>Sabetha 4:30pm<br>Traveling Tigers<br>Meal | <b>14</b><br>ACT Test Date<br>VWR Tourn. @<br>Eudora 9am<br>JV Scholar's Bowl<br>@ Hia. 9am<br>JVWR Tourn. @<br>Onaga 9:30am                 |
| <b>15</b>             | <b>16</b><br>FRBB @ Patton (Boys<br>Only) 4pm<br>SH Vocal Concert<br>7pm                | <b>17</b><br>FR/JV/VBB @ NV<br>4:30pm<br>Elem PTO Mtg.<br>6:30pm                                 | <b>18</b><br>6/7/8 Vocal Winter<br>Concert @ JSH<br>Aud. 6:30pm                                                                                     | <b>19</b><br>FR/JV/VBB (H)<br>Atchison 4:30pm<br>Lions Club Supper                                                 | <b>20</b><br>End of 1st<br>Semester                                                                       | <b>21</b><br>JVWR Tourn. @<br>Horton 9am                                                                                                     |
| <b>22</b>             | <b>23</b>                                                                               | <b>24</b>                                                                                        | <b>25</b><br><br>Merry Christmas                                 | <b>26</b>                                                                                                          | <b>27</b>                                                                                                 | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| Non-Practice<br>Dates | Christmas Break                                                                         |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>29</b>             | <b>30</b>                                                                               | <b>31</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                              |

## Breakfast Menu

# December 2013



| Monday                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                 | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                           | Thursday                                       | Friday                                                                                                       |
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| 2<br>Frudels<br>Apple  | 3<br>Ham & Cheese Biscuit<br>Mandarin Oranges           | 4<br>Long Johns<br>Pears                                                                                                                                            | 5<br>Blueberry Muffin<br>Yogurt<br>Peaches     | 6<br>Monster Bars<br>Smokies<br>Pineapple                                                                    |
| 9<br>French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Links<br>Pears                                                      | 10<br>Cheese Toast<br>Peaches                           | 11<br>Chocolate Applesauce<br>Bars<br>Smokies<br>Orange                                                                                                             | 12<br>Pumpkin Muffins<br>Cheese Stick<br>Apple | 13<br>Cinnamon Rolls<br>Strawberries                                                                         |
| 16<br>Omelets<br>Sausage Patty<br>Apple                                                                 | 17<br>Apple Streusel Bars<br>Yogurt<br>Mandarin Oranges | 18<br>Breakfast Quesadila<br>Pears                                                                                                                                  | 19<br>Sausage & Cheese<br>Biscuit<br>Peaches   | 20<br>Pizza <br>Pineapple |
| 23<br>No School                                                                                         | 24<br>No School                                         | 25<br>No School                                                                    | 26<br>No School                                | 27<br>No School                                                                                              |
| 30<br>No School                                                                                         | 31<br>No School                                         |  <p>Half a pint of milk is served with each meal. Meals are subject to change.</p> |                                                |                                                                                                              |

## Lunch Menu

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| Monday                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                      | Friday                                                                                                                                         |
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| 2<br>Chicken Fried Steak<br>Potato & Gravy<br>Broccoli<br>Rolls & Oleo<br>Pineapple                                                         | 3<br>Rib Sandwich<br>Baked Beans<br>Carrots & Celery/Dip<br>Corn<br>Applesauce   | 4<br>Ravioli<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Green Beans<br>Rolls & Oleo<br>Peaches                              | 5<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Confetti Fries<br>Coleslaw<br>Cheese Biscuit<br>Apple | 6<br>Spaghetti <br>Salad<br>Peas<br>Breadstick<br>Oranges |
| 9<br>Corndogs<br>Fries <br>Corn<br>Grapes<br>Apple Juice | 10<br>Deli Sandwich<br>Sweet Potato Puffs<br>Green Beans<br>Apple<br>Monster Bar | 11<br>Chicken Rice Casserole<br>Peas<br>Wintermix<br>Rolls & Oleo<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Grape Juice | 12<br>Pizza<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Salad<br>Breadstick<br>Banana                 | 13<br>Taco<br>Chips & Salsa<br>Peas & Carrots<br>Refried Beans<br>Rolls & Oleo<br>Oranges                                                      |
| 16<br>Frito Pie<br>Fries<br>Broccoli w/Cheese<br>Cornbread<br>Strawberries                                                                  | 17<br>Chicken & Noodles<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Peas<br>Rolls & Oleo<br>Peaches      | 18<br>Chili<br>Carrots & Celery w/Dip<br>Salad<br>Cinnamon Roll<br>Jello w/Mandarin<br>Oranges       | 19<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Smokies<br>Peas<br>Corn<br>Rolls & Oleo<br>Pears   | 20<br>Hamburger<br>Confetti Fries<br>Green Beans<br>Apple<br>Cookie                                                                            |
| 23<br>No School                                                                                                                             | 24<br>No School                                                                  | 25<br>No School   | 26<br>No School                                                               | 27<br>No School                                                                                                                                |
| 30<br>No School                                                                                                                             | 31<br>No School                                                                  |                                                                                                      |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |

## BOE News and Highlights

The USD 377 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 11 at 6:30 at the Board of Education Office.

### Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- \*Minutes from the October 14th regular meeting
- \*The Treasurer's report, Elementary Activity Reports, Bills & Claims and Teachers MOU
- \*Gifts and grants
- \*Student trips—two students/sponsor to KU Asian Workshop at Winchester on Tuesday, November 12th
- \*Lifetouch Contract Renewals for 2014-15, ES and JSH
- \*CenterPoint Natural Gas Hedge

### Presentations:

- \*FFA Officers reported on the national FFA trip to Louisville, KY
- \*Martha Coder addressed the board concerning the failed bond election
- \*Jim Long of Karlin/Long CPA, PA reviewed the firm's independent audit report for 2012-2013
- \*Jill Thorne, representing the elementary PTO, talked about a new PTO fundraiser—Fit-n-Fun Glow Run.

### Action Items Approved:

- \*KASB to conduct a Board Goal Session to be held on Wednesday, December 11,
- \*A onetime salary stipend of \$200 to classified staff,
- \*Shelly Stohs—Teacher Substitute,
- \*Trisha Batemon—Teacher Substitute,
- \*Board Clerk/Business Manager Trainee opening,
- \*Justin Sloop—Head Baseball Coach,
- \*Derek Todd—Assistant Baseball Coach.

The next board of education meeting will be held on December 9th in the Board Office at 6:30pm.



## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Up to date postings will be made on the front page of the USD 377 website. Please be sure to refresh your screen in order to get the latest postings.

### Radio Stations

KAIR Radio—93.7 FM, 1470 AM  
 KNZA Radio—104.3 FM  
 WIBW Radio—580 AM, 94 Country  
 KMBZ 980—KXTR 1660—WDAF 106.5  
 KY 99.7—KUDL 98.1—Rock 98.9—610 Sports

### TV Stations

KTKA-TV Topeka, Channel 49  
 WIBW-TV Topeka, Channel 13  
 KCTV Kansas City, Channel 5  
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*Highlights from  
the Veteran's Day  
Celebration hosted  
by the National  
Honor Society on  
November 11,  
2013.*



### **Yearbook Photo Contest**

The yearbook staff is now accepting submissions for our 2013-2014 community photo contest!

Take any great pictures at a recent game or other student event? Have some great photos of student working hard, hardly working, or serving their community? We encourage you to submit your choice photos for inclusion in the 2013-2014 ACCJSHS yearbook!

The contest winner will have their photo included and credited in the yearbook, and will also receive a \$25 pre-paid visa gift card as a prize.

To submit your photos, go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and enter the password: tigerpride.

## National Education Week

During the month of November, the National Education Association observes American Education Week. This week was first observed to generate more public support for education. The NEA and American Legion adopted resolutions in an effort to raise public awareness of the needs of public schools and the purpose behind a solid education for the American population. This week gives us the opportunity to think about the routine of our day in regards to schooling across the country.

In considering the routine surrounding the American education system, have you ever given much thought to what a day might be like if school children didn't get up in the mornings to head off to school? What would households throughout the nation look like each morning if there was no hustle and bustle to greet that big yellow school bus coming down the road or at the corner stop? What would traffic be like if the school buses and parent vehicles were not rolling in to drop students off inside those school buildings? Finally, what would our schedules be like if we were not organizing appointments, family trips or vacations, and our finances around the school events? November seems like a good time to be thankful for the American education system and the ways that education has influenced our lives. There was a flyer that arrived at my house one day via the US Postal service and on the outside it said, "You look like a Jayhawk to us". Now, not to endorse or not endorse the Kansas Jayhawks, because I can get easily caught up in the traditions of the University of Kansas, I have since then pondered their advertising strategy. What if Atchison County schools were to put out a flyer that posed a similar statement, "You look like a Tiger to us"?



What does a Tiger look like or act like or think like? The opportunities that exist for a well-educated Tiger, one that is supported by family, strong teachers, and a caring community, are endless. A Tiger who is willing to work hard, to gain proficient job and career skills, to learn to communicate and write effectively,

and to acquire social and educable habits is one who has a bright future ahead. That same Tiger is one who our school district needs, who the state of Kansas needs, who America needs.

Soon, December will be here. Senior Citizens of our community, come and share a meal with us at our Annual Holiday Banquet on December 4th. Everyone is invited to come and see our music programs that always celebrate the upcoming winter holidays. Our athletic seasons will continue with Tiger Basketball and Wrestling and our Scholars' Bowl team has taken off. We welcome your presence—Come and see what the Tigers of AC-

## Junior Class travels to Missouri Western

On Tuesday, October 22, the ACCJSHS Junior class traveled to Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, MO to attend the 20th Annual Convocation on Critical Issues to hear nationally renown author and speaker, Doris Kearns Goodwin whose recent book, *Team of Rivals*, based on Lincoln and his cabinet, inspired the critically acclaimed movie LINCOLN.

Goodwin's Convocation speech was titled, "Team of Rivals: Leadership Lessons from Abraham Lincoln." The students reported enjoying Goodwin's sharp wit, saying that her use of unorthodox quotes and sayings was something they remember and took away from her speech. The quotations were said to hold pieces of truth and were very intriguing in the way that they evoked thought.

Student Kara Peterson said, It has peaked my interest in hearing live speakers, and I hope to attend many speeches in the future. I feel that it is always a good idea to attend speeches because it allows (us) to hear others' opinions and think about things from a different viewpoint. I hope that many high schools will begin to have more speakers come and talk to students about several different areas and subjects. Attending Doris Kearns Goodwin's speech has helped to spark new interests for



## JSHS Math Club

Select members of the ACCHS Math Club recently competed at two statewide math competitions. On October 30, the larger team traveled to Emporia State University and competed against over forty other high schools from across the state in multiple events including Team Algebra, Individual Algebra, Team Geometry, Individual Geometry, and Math Scramble. All members competed well. Juniors Kyle Kimmi and Jeremy Lutz both placed in the top 50% in their events, Individual Geometry and Individual Algebra, respectively. Senior Andrew Miller also finished in the top 50% and Senior Morgan Martin placed third in Individual Algebra. The Algebra Team consisted of Seniors Bridgett Kelly, Tannah Ernzen, and Katie Barnes who finished in the top 50% for Division II (1A, 2A, and 3A schools). Seniors Connor Hulett, Presley Rodecap, and Christian Cooper made up the Math Scramble team and placed fourth in Division II.

On November 5, a smaller team of ten calculus students participated in the Washburn Math Day. All members completed individual tests and the top three scores from each school were compiled to determine team scores. Top scorers were Presley Rodecap, Andrew Miller, and Katie Barnes. The team placed second with a score of 44 points in the 3A-2A-1A Division beating Northwest High School with a tiebreaker.

## Third Grade News

The students have experienced a great start to their third grade school year. They have met the challenges that accompany a change to a new grade level with enthusiasm and determination. The students have worked hard reviewing and learning new skills. The students are excited to show others how they can write lower-case cursive letters, as well as recite their multiplication facts.

The first semester, Mrs. Royer's students have thoroughly enjoyed working with Ms. Heideman, a student teacher from Benedictine College. While the students were learning about communities in Social Studies, Ms. Heideman and a classmate who is student teaching in Kansas City, MO, introduced their students to each other as pen pals. Our students shared about their life in a rural area while their new friends informed them about their life in an urban area. Every other week, the students eagerly await a letter from their pen pals and quickly write their response. Hopefully, some of the students will continue to keep in touch during the school year.

This fall, some talented Benedictine College art students presented an art activity for all the students. The Benedictine College students shared information about Georges Seurat and showed examples of his work with the students. The third graders then began creating their own pictures using different colored dots. They enjoyed the chance to use their creative talents to produce col-



## Electrical Presentations

The 5th and 6th grade classes attended an electrical presentation on November 11th. The presentation was given by Mr. Pitts and Jimmy Davis of Westar Energy discussing the six types of simple machines/mechanics, simple circuits, short circuits, and the ground by the electricity escaping its "safe" path. The discussion led into electrical circuits, the testing of various items for electrical conductivity, and which items are the best conductors and insulators. Along with describing/demonstrating the flow of electricity in simple circuits, distinguished between safe and unsafe pathways of electricity, and recognizing potentially dangerous situations involving electricity. Following up with safety procedures when being involved or not involved with dangerous situations in different surroundings.



The presenters displayed various materials and demonstrated the construction of simple electrical circuits, the testing of various items for electrical conductivity, and which items are the best conductors and insulators. The classes discussed and described the flow of electricity in simple circuits, distinguished between safe and unsafe pathways of electricity, and recognized potentially dangerous situations involving electricity. The students organized notes of their observations to write a final summary of what they already knew and what they learned from the presentations. Also, the students reacted appropriately when confronted with electrical hazards and comprehended the ubiquitous role of electricity in their everyday lives.