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# Unified School District #377 Atchison County Community Schools



February 2018

Effingham, KS

From the Superintendent.....

## The Foundation is Key

A recent *60 Minutes* segment titled "The Leaning Tower of San Francisco" discussed how one of the most impressive and popular residential buildings ever built in San Francisco has begun to sink into the earth it was built upon. The building is filled with multi-million dollar condos that are losing their value drastically because the building is slowly falling over. Why is this? How does a building that was so expensive fall so suddenly?

As you watch the segment you learn that in order to cut costs the engineers and builders made some crucial decisions that are causing the building's demise. They used concrete instead of steel to build the massive building because it was cheaper but weighs a lot more. Another crucial error is that they did not focus on the foundation to ensure it would support the weight of the giant concrete structure.

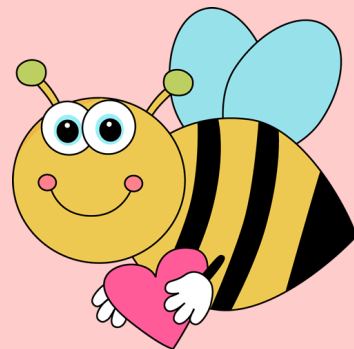
While watching this scene unfold, I couldn't help but think to myself, "How could they make such a huge mistake?" I came to the conclusion it happens much more often than you really think. How often do we get focused on what is above ground and forget to ensure that what is below ground is sufficient? This is the premise of numerous self-help books that promise to solve all your problems, and there is so much truth to it. If we take time to make sure that our foundation is solid, then we can build to the sky.

Prior to this year, the district completed a needs assessment to determine the direction that we should take for our accreditation. During this needs assessment, the district felt that the time had not been taken to ensure that our foundation is solid. I am not saying that the district is crumbling or even insufficient but that time must be dedicated and a process developed to ensure that our foundation is solid. In education, our foundation is our curriculum or the "what, how and when" students learn. IT IS EDUCATION.

In order to ensure that our foundation is solid, the district will dedicate time for teachers to evaluate, reflect and collaborate on the curriculum so that it can be modified to best meet the needs of our students. The district will also dedicate time for teachers to reflect and collaborate on student data. This time will allow teachers to collaboratively design and implement interventions to allow each child the opportunity to meet the criteria of the existing curriculum, our foundation.

It is important that we learn from the mistakes of others. As our budget and staffing have decreased, we cannot take our eyes off of our foundation. We must ensure that our students continue to receive the best education possible.

# February 2018



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				<b>1</b> Regional V Scholar's Bowl TBA JHBBB @ Riverside 4:30pm	<b>2</b> FR/JV/VBB (H) Sabetha 4:30pm King/Queen of Courts Coronation Traveling Tigers Dinner	<b>3</b> SH Forensics @ NC 8am Holton Honor Band Festival 8am Winter Formal Dance 8:30-11:30pm
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> FFA Meat Judging Contest @ Easton 9am JHBBB @ RV 4:30pm SH WR Dual @ MHMA 5pm Multiple Math Fun Night @ Elem 6-7:30pm	<b>6</b> AT CO Spelling Bee @ Atchison MS 12:30pm FR/JV/VBB @ JW 4:30pm	<b>7</b> JSH Site Council 6pm Elem Site Council 6pm College US History Field Trip	<b>8</b> JHBBB (H) JW 4:30pm Parents Night JV/VWR Double Dual @ Sabetha 5:30pm	<b>9</b> HSWR Big 7 League @ Holton 9am FR/JV/VBB @ Hiawatha 4:30pm	<b>10</b> Holton Honor Band Grades 6-8 State Scholar's Bowl TBA Talking Tiger Forensics 8am ACT @ JSH 8am
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Professional Day No Classes JHBBB @ Hiaw. 4:30pm FR BB (H) P-Ridge 4:30pm District Site Council @ BOE 5:30pm	<b>13</b> 3rd to Topeka Ballet 10am FR/JV/VBB @ Holton 4:30pm	<b>14</b>  Elem Valentine Parties 2:30pm BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	<b>15</b> 9-12 Art Field Trip @ KC Museums 9:30am Sophomore Class Project @ JSH 4-6pm Big 7 League One Act Play (H) 4-7:30pm JH Science Fair @ JSH 3:30pm JHBBB (H) Perry 4:30pm	<b>16</b> Regional WR @ Silver Lake FR/JV/VBB (H) Perry 4:30pm Traveling Tigers Dinner	<b>17</b> Regional WR @ Silver Lake SH Forensics @ RV 8am
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> President's Day No Classes JHBBB (H) Holton 4:30pm 	<b>20</b> JH Scholar's Bowl @ Riverside 4pm FR/JV/VBB @ RV 4:30pm Nat'l FFA Week 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> FR/JV/VBB @ Riverside @ 4:30pm	<b>23</b> State WR @ Hays FFA to Western Farm Show 9am	<b>24</b> State WR @ Hays SH Forensics @ Atchison 8am
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> GBB Sub State @ Horton 1st Day of Practice for Spring Sports JH Scholar's Bowl @ Santa Fe Trail 4pm	<b>27</b> BBB Sub State @ Horton	<b>28</b> No Classes Big 7 League Forensics (H)			

## BOE News and Highlights

The USD 377 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 at the Board of Education Office.

### Elections and Appointments:

\*Barb Chapman was elected as the 2017-18 Board of Education Vice-President.

\*Board Member appointments were approved as presented.

### Recognitions/Presentation:

\*Tony Kramer was present and shared information about the FY2017 Audit what was completed.

\*Consent agenda was approved as presented.

### New Business:

\*The board voted to change the dates of the remaining regularly scheduled meeting for fiscal year 2018 to the following dates: Wednesday February 14, 2018; Tuesday March 13, 2018; Wednesday April 11, 2018; Wednesday May 9, 2018; Wednesday June 13, 2018.

The next board of education meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14th in the Board Office at 6:30pm.



Please go to  
[usd377.org](http://usd377.org) for  
monthly  
Breakfast and  
Lunch menus!

## PARENTS AS TEACHERS NEWS

Children learn most from the people they love. The time you spend in play with your child has a big impact on his development. Parents as Teachers has ideas to help boost your child's learning and strengthen the parent-child bond.

If you are pregnant or have a child under 3, please contact Elize Cilliers at (620) 388-1825 for more information about this free program.



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**JSH News by Deanna Scherer**

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It seems like the gift giving season has just passed but now ahead of us in this jovial month of February is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day, according to Wikipedia, originated from early culture in christian recognition of one or more saints named *Valentinus*. In today's culture, February 14th is designated as a day for significant cultural and commercial celebration of romantic love in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country. Valentine's Day is extended to acknowledge not just romantic love, but love of family and friends and other types of relationships.

Are you considering a new gift of technology for your student? According to recent polls and studies on technology, your student won't be alone, as our youth are spending more time using technology---nearly 80% of teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 report checking their phones hourly, and over 70% feel the need to immediately respond to texts and social networking messages. The consumption of media ---watching television, listening to music and watching videos, browsing the web, and playing video games is averaging up to nine hours a day. (Statista, NYTimes, Science Daily)

Technology adds up to many benefits----

- Efficiency of communication—wow, can we get it any more quickly than Google, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or Snapchat?
- Easy and ready access to information, i.e. news, weather, current health, sports—anything you need to know is at your fingertips
- Increased social connection and support — as distance and activities separate families and friends, the internet allows for connection
- Expression of thoughts and talents — memes, music, quotes, poems, videos, recipes, pictures, decorating, athletics, drama....
- Security — you can check in or check out depending on your needs
- Entertainment — it is there waiting for viewing and listening and copying and quoting and borrowing and using

Technology can also be exasperating, disrupting, challenging and captivation —

- Inappropriate, fake news, false information—the inanimate internet doesn't distinguish between children and adults—the people who put the information on there do, can, and should
- Real life can't always compete with the sensationalism of the web — relationships can be mere illusions
- Snapshots, snippets of information that don't always tell the whole story and you are left to fill in the "rest of the story"
- Cost and money investment — technology can be the gift that just keeps giving and costing you money

February is a busy month at ACCJSH. As January draws to a close, we will have had our coronation of King and Queen of Mats and will anticipate coronation of King and Queen of Courts. The basketball, wrestling and scholars bowl seasons for the high school will draw to a close by the end of this month. The junior high boys will see their season conclude and all athletes in the junior high will become anxious for track to begin. The music, drama, band, and forensics gear up for busy months ahead. ACCHS will host two large forensics tournaments during this month, thus, keeping all busy as we convene to help and carry out these tournaments.

Enjoy this month, signified by love and romanticism. Enjoy and think of those people who you care the most about. Happy February!





## Immunization Requirements for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a childcare program operated by a school. Below are the requirements for the indicated school year. Please carefully review the requirements. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department.

**Proof of receiving the required immunizations must be provided to the school prior to the student attending the first day of school.**



### Early Childhood Program Operated by a School Ages 4 Years and Under

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)	4 doses**
Prenar (pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses**
Additional ACIP Recommended Vaccines Not Required for Early Childhood Programs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rotavirus:</b> Three doses recommended for infants less than 8 months of age.</li> <li>• <b>Influenza (flu) Vaccine:</b> Annual vaccination is recommended for all those 6 months of age and older.</li> </ul>	

### Grades 7 - 12

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses ***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Additional ACIP Recommended Vaccines Not Required for School Entry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine:</b> Two doses are recommended at age 11 years. <i>HPV is a cancer prevention vaccine!</i></li> <li>• <b>Meningococcal - MCV4 (Meningitis) vaccine:</b> One dose is recommended at 11 years of age with a booster dose at 16 years of age</li> <li>• <b>Influenza (flu) Vaccine:</b> Annual vaccination is recommended for all those 6 months of age and older.</li> </ul>	

### Kindergarten - Grade 6

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses ***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Additional ACIP Recommended Vaccines Not Required for School Entry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Influenza (flu):</b> Annual vaccination recommended for all those 6 months of age and older.</li> </ul>	



### Notes

- \* Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is not required if child has had chickenpox disease **and** disease is documented by a physician signature. Without a physician signature, vaccine is required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.
- \*\* Total doses needed are dependent on vaccine type and the age doses were administered.
- \*\*\* All students in grades K - 7, all new students and students currently completing the polio series must have 6 months between the last 2 doses of polio vaccine, and one dose must be after the 4th birthday.
- ~ All students in grades 7 - 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap regardless of the interval since the last dose of DTaP or Td.

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**It's the Annual Atchison County Spelling Bee!**

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There's a buzz in the air, because once again the Atchison County Spelling Bee has arrived. Once again, a team of fifth and sixth grade students will represent Atchison County Community Elementary School in the annual competition between all the schools in Atchison County. These students worked very hard to try out for the team and to study a list of words that would make most adults scratch their heads. Thankfully this group of students has shown a positive attitude and impressive work ethic. The Spelling Bee Team consists of: McKinzee Bauerle (5th), Avery Handke (5th), Brylyn Jolly (5th), Easton Schletzbaum (5th), Lauren Courter (6th), Payten Eagle (6th), Megan Larson (6th), and Avery Sutley (6th). With the support of their teachers, their parents, and the community, these students will compete on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Atchison Middle School starting at 12:30 pm. Go Tigers!

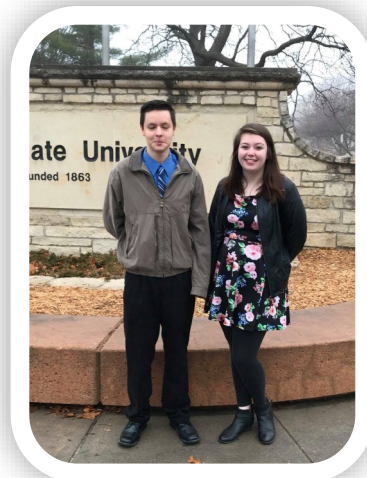




## SNAPSHOTS OF ATCHISON COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



King and Queen of Mats Candidates: Jaden Lee, Lacey Christie, Ty Ellerman, Jade Hollands, Ryan Hanshaw and Alix Banks.



K-State Band participants—  
Mercedez Albright &  
Noah Gregory.



Students had their knowledge of Bus Safety refreshed when Trooper Don Hughes and Buster visited. They shared some great information with our students.



The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for February 14th @ 6:30 pm.



USD #377 is currently looking for individuals to fill substitute positions for Teacher, Food Service, Teacher Aide, Custodial and Bus Driver. If you would like to apply for a substitute position, please apply online at [usd377.org](http://usd377.org) under job listing. USD #377 does not discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age.

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