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Safety and Security: It's a Priority

This school year we will be devoting more time and training to prepare for different types of crisis events. Schools have been required for numerous years to conduct monthly fire drills along with tornado drills three times annually. In the wake of the several tragedies that have taken place in schools, many have begun having drills for other types of crisis events. Unfortunately, this is the current world we live in and it is vital that we are prepared in case one of these events occurs locally.

During last school year, the district and the Atchison County Sheriff's Department began conversations about implementing the ALICE protocol for emergency situations. ALICE stands for ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVALUATE and was designed as a means to "more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event." This protocol provides options for students and staff in the event of an emergency. Teachers and support personnel began their training prior to school beginning and it will continue as the year moves on. This involves simulations and scenarios to develop connections within the brain that can be activated if needed.

One major change that students will experience is an increase in the number of "crisis" drills that the district will conduct this year. As part of the appropriations for the State Fire Marshall's department, the legislature included a mandate that all school districts conduct a minimum of 16 drills. These drills include a minimum of: 4 Fire Drills, 3 Tornado Drills and 9 Crisis Drills. To put that in perspective, USD 377 students are in class for 166 school days, that means we will be conducting some type of drill almost once every 10 days. District Administration had hoped to be able to fulfill this requirement with as minimal effect on the students as possible but as more information was released it is not going to be possible. ALL drills must include a majority of the students in the district, this includes K-12 and no more than 5 minutes' notice is allowed prior to each drill.

Teachers and support staff will do their best to stress the importance of taking the drills seriously but also making sure that all students understand that they are just drills or practice. We encourage all parents to assist us in these conversations at home. It is important for each student to know they are safe but also understand the importance of being prepared.

The district is planning to conduct a Safety and Security night that will highlight different community organizations that assist families or individuals in the areas of safety and security. This will be held on October 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm and will begin with a presentation from the Atchison County Sheriff's Department on ALICE. We hope to have information from other area organizations to provide to families that attend.

September 2018



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						1 VVB @ McLouth 9am
2	3 Labor Day No School	4 JHVB @ Atchison 4:30pm JV/VVB @ McLouth 5pm JVFB (H) Horton 6pm	5	6 CC @ Holton 4pm JHVB @ St. Benedicts 4:30pm 7FB @ RV 6pm 8FB @ St. Benedicts 6:30pm Fall Musical Parent Mtg. 5:30pm	7 VFB @ JH 7pm	8 JVVB @ Hiaw. 8:30am VVB @ NV 9am 7VB Quad @ Ros- sville 9am 8VB Quad @ RV 9am
9	10 JHCC @ JH 4pm JHVB (A) @ JH 4:30pm 9VB Quad (H) 5pm JVFB (H) JH 6pm	11 JV/VVB (H) MH/PR 5pm	12	13 CC @ Hiaw. 4pm JHVB (BCA) @ Oskl. 4:30pm JHFB @ Oskl. 6:30pm	14 VFB @ Valley Heights 7pm JSH Individual Pictures	15
16	17 Professional Dev. Day No School JHVB Triangular (AB) (H) 4:30pm JVVB @ Oskl. 5:30pm	18 JV/VVB @ VF 5pm	19 Elementary Picture Day FFA Greenhand Conf. 9am	20 CC @ NC 4pm JHVB (BCA) (H) 4:30pm Parents Night FR/JV/VVB @ Santa Fe Trail 5pm JHFB (H) VF 6:30pm	21 Homecoming Coronation 6:30pm VFB (H) PR 7pm	22 JVVB @ D-West 9am JHVB@ JW 9am Homecoming Dance 8:30pm- 11:30pm
Homecoming Spirit Week						
23 30	24 JHVB (AB) @ St. Benedicts 4:30pm JVFB @ PR 6pm	25 JV/VVB (H) 5pm Parents Night	26	27 AM Work Day/PM Parent Teacher Conf. 1-8pm No School CC @ Horton 4pm JHVB (BCA) @ JCN 4:30pm JHFB (H) Everest 6:30pm Parents Night 9VB @ Atchison 5pm	28 Comp Day—No School VFB @ Riverside 7pm	29 JH NEKL VB (A) Tourn. TBA

BOE News and Highlights

The USD 377 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 14 at 6:30 at the Board of Education Office. The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:15pm.

*The FY 2019 Budget was approved as presented.

*The regular session agenda was approved as presented.

*The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Leadership reports:

*Mrs. Scherer: Thanked the BOE for the lunch at Monday's Staff Development.

*Dr. Gaddis: Enrollment is around 500 currently; Asphalt repair in JSH Circle Drive is completed; Staff has completed 2 days of Professional Development; Planning Safety/Security Parents Night in October; The Atchison County Sheriff's Dept. will shoot off blanks around the building on 8/15 to familiarize staff with the sound; A picnic will be provided at Back to School Night this year: It will be served by the Transportation Dept. with Main Street Food and Fuel to donate buns and Cashesaver \$20 for other supplies.

*Keystone Report: meeting will be on 8/15. Assessments have been lowered for this school year.

Old Business:

*The policy update recommendations from KASB were adopted as presented.

New Business:

*BOE Work session will take place on 8/29 at 6:30pm in the boardroom to work on developing the long range strategic plan.

*Accepted a motion to poll families of graduating seniors to determine the date of Graduation between May 11 or May 18 at 4pm with a 2/3 majority.

*Accepted the Sound Products bids for New Door Card readers at the Central Office.

Action following Executive Session:

*Approved the 2018-2019 Atchison County Teachers' Association negotiated agreement settlement as presented.

*Approved the 2018-2019 Classified contract recommendations as presented.

*Approved the 2018-2019 salaried and Administrative contract recommendations as presented.

*Approved the 2018-2019 Bus Driver salary schedule as presented.

The next board of education meeting will be held on September 12th in the Board Office at 6:30pm.

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Breakfast and
Lunch Menus!

TIPS FOR PARENTS FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

Here are a few guidelines from the school nurse to help you decide if you should keep your child home:

Fever- If your child has had a fever, do not send him/her back to school until their temperature is normal (less than 100.0 degrees F) for 24 hours without taking fever reducing medication. This means if they are sent home during school hours due to a temperature, they will not be allowed to return to school the next day.

Lice- If you are aware that your child has lice (Live Bugs), you must treat them before bringing him/her back to school. The school nurse will check your child for live lice when they arrive at school.

Appearance/Behavior- If your child is unusually tired, pale or doesn't want to eat, it may indicate an illness is beginning.

Eyes- If your child has mucus or pus coming from the eyes, this may be an eye infection that needs treatment. Keep your child at home and take him/her to your healthcare provider. This includes eye symptoms of itching, dry crusted matter noted and redness to the whites of the eye itself.

Nasal Drainage and/or Constant Cough- If your child has drainage that is not clear, but yellow or green accompanied by a fever, he/she should see a healthcare provider. If they have a cold; with runny nose or cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night, you may want to keep your child at home. Constant coughing makes it difficult for your child to concentrate in class and it is distracting to other students.

Sore throat- If your child has a sore throat with a fever and/or swollen glands, he/she should stay home and see a healthcare provider. If they are diagnosed with strep throat they have to have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Vomiting/diarrhea- If your child has had 2 or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea in a 24 hour period, they should stay home, especially if they also have nausea and look pale. If there is an accompanying fever, see a healthcare provider.

Rash- If your child exhibits a rash on their body, especially with a fever or itching, he/she should remain at home and be assessed by your healthcare provider. Our staff cannot diagnosis a rash and may require medical documentation from your healthcare provider that your son/daughter is not contagious and may return to school.

Scabies- Children with scabies may return to school after treatment has been initiated. Documentation of diagnosis and treatment will be required.

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel your child is too sick to benefit from school, or is contagious to other children, you will be notified to come and take your child home from school. It is essential that the school have the most current phone number where you can be reached during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify the school immediately.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (913) 833-4420.

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SNAPSHOTS OF ATCHISON COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Cheerleaders
enjoying the
Atchison
County Fair
Parade.

National
Honor
Society



Kindergarten Fun



JSH NEWS**By Deanna Scherer**

Our inspiration for this school year is to Live and Work with Intention and to encourage all of our people (students, teachers, employees, parents, community) to Be a Part of the Enterprise. We are One...One Family...One School.. We are

One. We are emphasizing the togetherness of our school family to help our students and families towards a successful future.

The faculty of ACCJSH spent time together before students arrived working on team work and focus terms such as Positive, Happy, and Willing. The faculty looked at the Positive Teacher Pledge from the Energy Bus for Schools (<http://energybusschools.com/>) as a form of direction to meeting our goal of working and living with positive intention--a pledge to be positive on fellow educators, students, and the school. We will continue to work within our school community on practicing with positivity and promise; we encourage you to help us in this enterprise. The students in our building will gather one afternoon to work with the Ambassadors and Student Council members on the goals for establishing our culture--

We have set four goals in working towards our positive culture:

1. Be Remarkable: BE A CHAMPION FOR STUDENTS
2. Be Intentional: EXPECT EXCELLENCE
3. Be Prepared: CARRY THE BANNER
4. Be Amazing: BE A MERCHANT OF HOPE

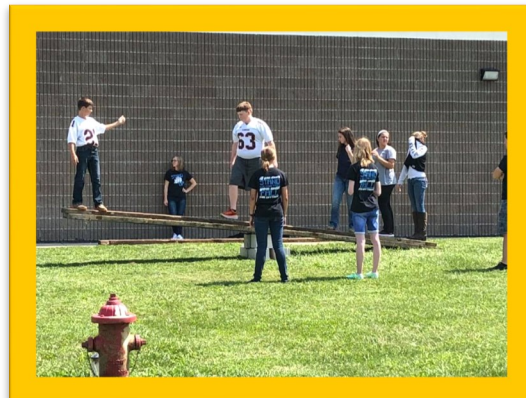
We welcome to our faculty Mrs. Misty Poe who will teach our business courses, Ms. Lucretia Stone, who will teach junior high math courses, Mr. Brett Delich and Mrs. Katie Wilbourn who will teach together in the physical education department. We appreciate their approach to a new school and their willingness to be a part of our Enterprise!!

ACCJSH encourages parents to participate in our building Site Council. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 5 at 6:00 p.m. We will hold four meetings throughout the year on the first Wednesday in the months of September, November, February, and April, all beginning at 6:00 pm. You may contact Mrs. Scherer at the JSH Building for more information about belonging to this council that helps to monitor our school board vision, provide communication between the community and the school, and to help us in responding to our culture.

Power of Positivity




ACCJSH Ambassadors in Action

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News Release

Atchison County FFA receives Living to Serve Grant from National FFA Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS (16, August, 2018/National FFA Organization) – The Atchison County FFA chapter in Effingham, KS has been awarded a Yearlong Living to Serve Grant in the amount of \$2,646. The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support yearlong service-learning projects that address needs related to community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement.

The Atchison County FFA plans to help address the need of replacing the historical community signs around Atchison county. Students research the historical importance of each location and develop a sign to inform the community of its rich historical value.

The program provided over \$300,000 to FFA chapters in 33 states. The 2018-2019 Yearlong Living to Serve Grants are sponsored by CoBank, CSX, Tractor Supply Company, Cargill, Domino's, Elanco and Sealed Air. For more information and a complete listing of sponsors, visit [FFA.org/livingtoserve](https://www.ffa.org/livingtoserve).

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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About National FFA Organization

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 653,359 student members as part of 8,568 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [FFA.org](https://www.ffa.org) and on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

About National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees composed of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA Alumni, the foundation is a separately registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit [FFA.org/Give](https://www.ffa.org/Give).



Ernie Bautista and Cathy Coronado were the winners of \$50 gift cards given by the Atchison Area Association of Retired School Personnel at the Back-to-School Inservice on August 13th.



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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 under job listings. USD #377 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age.



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PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Your child does not recognize the dangers inside and outside of your home. You can create a safe and nurturing environment for him and modify it as he grows and develops. Parents as Teachers can be a resource to help you keep your child safe. 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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