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The Bulldog Growl

September 2020

Douglass Public Schools Welcome Students Back To School

The Douglass School District has created a reopening plan for the fall of 2020 to provide in person instruction. The district created a thoughtful plan that will help mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and after one week of school we are truly thankful for the tremendous support from the community and parents as we get back to educating the children of the community.

The plan focuses on common sense measures to address the public health and safety of students and staff. Measures were also being developed to mitigate exposure in all physical areas of the district. The plan includes steps that will be used to limit exposure while participating in all activities associated with the school day as well as extra-curricular activities. Multiple learning platforms have been developed to make sure the district has options to continue learning regardless of what happens with the virus. There are two different platforms that are being utilized: 1. On-site in person learning – students and teachers are in school with safety protocols in place. 2. Remote Learning – students would be doing all of their learning from home and not entering the school building at all. The plans have been created to utilize district technology so that instruction can be delivered seamlessly in both platforms.

It is important to understand that we will continue to receive guidance from the Kansas Department of Education, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and also the Butler County Health Department during this pandemic and things could change daily. It will be important to be as flexible as possible. The district has every intention to be consistent and we will make every effort to be transparent and communicate with all of our stakeholders throughout this very challenging time. I want to thank everyone for their understanding and support as we do our best to educate the children of Douglass.

BOE BRIEFS

Douglass Public Schools would like to recognize two special retirees who have spent their careers with the district. Fran Troxler began working for the school district in 2005. During her time with the district she worked as a Food Service Accu-Scan Clerk/Cashier, summer maintenance and most recently the Douglass Technology Department as a Tech Support Assistant. Fran also worked for the Special Education interlocal as a Para-Professional. Fran has an Associate's Degree in accounting and previously worked as bookkeeper. Fran has been very instrumental in helping to provide a top notch technology platform for the students and staff of the district.

Mary Flippo is a 1982 Graduate of Douglass High School and also has an Associate's Degree from Butler County Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Emporia State University. Mary began her career as a payroll clerk with Douglass in 1989. During the past 30 years Mary has faithfully served the school district as a Cheer Sponsor, District Treasurer and Business Manager. Mary takes tremendous pride in the Douglass School District and the community of Douglass. Mary has worked tirelessly to ensure that the district employees are taken care of and our employee benefits package reflects her hard work over the years. Mary has tremendous knowledge in the area of school finance and human resources and her work as our district Business Manager has made a lasting impact on the Douglass School District. "Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog!"



The Douglass Board of Education met in regular session Monday, August 10, 2020 in the District Administrative Office.

*approved a donation from the Triangle for \$1,000.00 to High School Volleyball

*approved the KSDE Remove Learning Assurances

7:00 p.m. BUDGET HEARING

No visitors present

*approved the 2020-2021 USD 396 Budget

*approved the 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement and to apply the same wage increase to administration and classified staff, to pay administration for two weeks for off contract pay and to pay the teacher curriculum team time worked outside of their contract using the SPARK Grant

*approved the certified, classified, substitute and student handbooks

*offered employment to Andrea Beasley – Elementary Paraprofessional and Lindsey Hole – Elementary Library Paraprofessional

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ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

Welcome Back To School Students, Teachers and Staff! PTO is happy to have you back!

After much anticipation of watching the new playground set being installed this spring, it is now ready for the students to enjoy. I have heard from several parents that their children were so excited to play on it! This was purchased with the Bulldog Dash fundraising dollars from the past 2 years and a matching grant from Burke Move with Us. Thank you to all who have participated in our fundraisers in the past! A special thank you to Jason Cathey and Danny Reynolds who spent many hours on installation, and to Greg Jones and Pat Price for getting the ground work done around it.



Our next Bulldog Dash is being postponed until the spring. Be watching our Facebook page for the date announcement. Currently we have opportunities in the works for Chick-fil-A fundraising nights to support PTO before the Dash can safely be held.

Again this year we are offering each student, teacher and staff member a free PTO t-shirt! For additional t-shirts, either use the form in the Bulldog Growl or your child's folder, and return to the office by Sept 8.



Looking for a way to support your child's teacher? We have a list of each teacher's favorite things on the school website. Just click PTO on the left side of the page and scroll down. Or write your teacher a note telling them how much you appreciate all that they do for your children.

For updates on meetings and upcoming dates, check out Leonard Seal Facebook page.

Katie McCosh
 Seal PTO President

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Seal Elementary Anti-Bullying Week September 28-October 2

Monday, September 28

Put bullying to sleep

-Join the tradition of starting this week with PJ day

Tuesday, September 29

Team #396 reporting for Kindness Duty

-Wear something military/camo

Wednesday, September 30

Being kind creates winners

-Wear something sports related

Thursday, October 1

Being kind creates a magical feeling

-Wear something out of a fairy tale (prince/princess...etc)

Friday, October 2

We are Family, We are Community, We are Bulldogs!

-Wear purple and gold

Parents/Guardians:

Each year the PTO purchases a t-shirt for every student and staff member at Seal Elementary. Proceeds from our fundraisers are used to purchase these shirts. It's just one of the ways the PTO supports our school! This year's shirt will be dark heathered grey with white and purple printing.

We will gather student shirt sizes with a Google doc sent via email and social media. If you would like to purchase **additional** t-shirts, you may do so by indicating sizes and quantities below. The student's shirt is free, paid for by the PTO. Pricing for additional shirts is noted below.

Please return your order form and money for additional shirts by **Tues., September 8.**



Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Additional T-Shirts

Mark quantity of additional shirts being ordered below sizes.
Cost is \$8.00 for sizes YXS through AXL and \$10.00 for sizes A2XL and A3XL.

Youth	XS	S	M	L	XL
Quantity					

Adult	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Quantity						

Cost of additional shirts included:

Quantity of sizes YXS-AXL _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Quantity of sizes 2XL-3XL _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Checks should be made out to Seal PTO.
Please put check or cash in an envelope and staple to order form.

Return order form to your child's teacher by TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

If you have questions, contact Becky Lynn at 316-712-1968.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Use your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card and help Marvin Sisk Middle School grow!

Supporting our organization has never been easier – just shop at Dillons and scan your Plus Shoppers Card! Here's how to enroll:

- * Search - Dillons Community Rewards
- * If you do not have a shoppers card, you will need to create a digital account.
- * If you have a shoppers card you can link your account to Marvin Sisk Middle School. Our organization number is XQ438.

Our school will start earning rewards right away on qualifying purchases made using your Plus Shopper's Card. You will keep fuel points, coupons, etc. It's just that easy!

Thank you for your support!



Love in a Lunchbox 2020 Summer Lunch Program

This summer was a little sweeter for our community kids. Every Thursday in July and the first week of August, our community kids were given a fresh meal to eat "picnic-style" on the lawn next to the library, and were given snacks to take home. A huge Thank You to the following- The Butler Community Foundation for the grant funding, the local churches that prepared and served the lunches, the Douglass Public Library and Cina Shirley for supplying the tables and location, and the Ministerial Alliance Love in a Lunchbox committee members. Meals from sloppy Joes, to walking tacos and spaghetti were served each Thursday. Approximately 20-30 children were served each week.

In clearing out an old file cabinet, I came across some writing folders that we used to keep for students. I can't bear to destroy them! If you were a Douglass 8th grader around 2003-2007, I may have some of your elementary writings! Email me at kfraley@usd396.net if you want to check. Sadly, I will have to ditch them sometime, so contact me soon!

Kim Fraley

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DHS Counselor News

SEPTEMBER

7- No School Labor Day

8- ASVAB test at DHS - 8:00 am (students may stop by Dana Houser's office to pick up a study guide)

OCTOBER

6- FREE ACT for all Juniors @ DHS

14- PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors

The Douglass High School Booster Club is offering an online store this year. Below is the link to order. and the designs There are hoodies, short sleeves and even hats available. We will not be set up at home events.

<https://douglassbooster2020.itemorder.com/sale>

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Shores at 316-747-3300.





DOUGLASS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 396

Robert D. Reynolds, Superintendent of Schools
Scott M. Dunham, Principal, Douglass High School & Sisk Middle School
Jason A. Menard, Asst Principal/Activities Director, Douglass High School & Sisk Middle School
Kim K. McCune, Elementary School Principal

Dear USD 396 Patrons,

As we prepare for home activities for the 2020-2021 school year, the district has adopted a spectator policy that follows our district guidelines and safety protocols to ensure best practices and mitigation criteria during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The district administration will discuss weekly and evaluate the situation based on the following five areas of focus:

1. The Butler County Health Department data and number of cases in the county
2. The 67039 zip code number of active cases
3. The trends of data whether we are moving up or down on number of active cases within the previous two listed areas
4. School district attendance percentages (number of kids out of the building for various reasons)
5. Previous week activities hosted if any correlation to a rise in COVID numbers

By reviewing these areas we will make determinations on how many spectators can attend events at Douglass safely. At this current time, we won't restrict that number.

With that in mind, there are a few guidelines you will need to help us by abiding by in order for us to continue to have spectators at our events. Failure to comply with these simple guidelines, might result in Douglass being forced to continue activities with no spectators. Or the cancellation of activities altogether. Your help is needed to ensure this doesn't happen! Our guidelines are:

1. Temperature checks will be taken at inside events upon entry. If you have a fever of over 100 degrees, you will not be allowed entry to the event.
2. Masks will be required upon entry, and where social distancing can't be maintained. This is especially important when visiting high traffic areas such as concessions and bathrooms that masks/face coverings will be worn.
3. Social distancing at all times! We will have the stands marked off in rows that are not allowed to sit, please spread out! We ask that you sit with your household groups and kids will need to be with their parents/guardians at the event in the stands.

Please note that we have no jurisdiction over other counties and school districts. Each district is different and may be following their own county or district regulations. We will do the best we can to communicate those to you on what to expect at away competitions. We greatly appreciate your willingness to do what it takes to ensure your children have opportunities to showcase their talents and abilities.

Thanks,
Jason Menard
Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Rob Reynolds
Superintendent

Scott Dunham
Principal

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DHS Booster Club Membership Form 2020-2021



We are a group of Bulldog fans whose combined efforts support our school, DHS students, and coaches/sponsors. In the past, we have provided:

- Meals for away activities
- Scholarships (2-\$500)
- Refreshments/pizza at vocal music concerts and musical practices
- Banners and fence decoration to support school spirit
- Organize gate workers at home events
- Needed equipment for various teams
- Drinks/snacks for band competitions
- Student snacks for State Assessments
- Entry fees for Bass Club tournaments
- Pizza/snacks/drinks for home Scholar's Bowl
- Summer camp fees for Student Council
- Donations to the Advanced Research Design class for a CNC machine purchase

*If activities are cancelled due to COVID-19, membership dues will be used for scholarship awards. There will be no refunds.

Membership dues are \$30 paid to Carrie Shores at Central Office 921 E. 1st Douglass, KS 67039 (please include this form). Make checks payable to DHS Booster Club. Any donations are also welcome!

Do you want your name to appear in the DHS activities program? Yes No
If so, how would you like your name/family name to read?

Name	
e-mail	
phone	

Sisk Middle School Bulldog Club Presents Free Student T-Shirts!

This year we are excited to be able to purchase a t-shirt for all of the students and staff at Sisk Middle School! We wanted to allow parents an option to purchase their own shirt, similar to what PTO does. This is a result of the Mum Fundraiser (so keep selling those mums!!!)

Please Return to 1st hr by 9/10/20



Gildan 8000 - Purple
Ath. Gold and White Ink Front



Gildan 8000 - Sport Grey
Ath. Gold and Purple Ink Front

Student Name: _____

First Hour Teacher: _____

Size of Additional T-Shirts (circle) 2x & 3x add \$2

Grey @ \$11 each

YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL 2x 3x

Purple @ \$11 each (circle) 2x & 3x add \$2

YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL 2x 3x

Cost of purple shirts @ \$11 # of shirts _____ x \$11= _____

Cost of grey shirts @ \$11 # of shirts _____ x \$11= _____

Cost of purple shirts @ \$13 # of shirts _____ x \$13 = _____

Cost of grey shirts @ \$13 # of shirts _____ x \$13 = _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Checks can be made payable to Sisk Middle School Bulldog Club

Due by 9/10/20

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Douglass Activities Hall of Fame Induction 1960 State Wrestling Championship Team

Douglass high school is proud to announce the induction of the 1960 State Championship Wrestling team into the DHS Activities Hall of Fame. They are part of the four (4) inducted, inaugural hall of fame class.

The state championship team, which was led by Head Coach Darrell Hill, won the All Classes State Tournament by four (4) points. The members of the State Qualifying team and places are as follows:

- 95lbs - Sam Sears
- 103lbs – Dale Reynolds – 3rd Place
- 112lbs – Jerry Meyers – 1st Place
- 120 lbs – Larry Meyers – 3rd Place
- 127lbs – Bobby Ahlerich – 1st Place
- 133lbs – George Bannon
- 138lbs – Bob Wright – 2nd Place
- 145lbs - Byron Baum
- 154lbs – Richard Valentine
- 165lbs – Jerry Metz – 4th Place
- 180lbs – Bill Schaul



This 1960 team went undefeated in their 8 duals that year, as well as won all of their tournaments, including the Douglass Goodwill Wrestling Tournament.

The 1960 State Championship team will be inducted into the DHS Hall of Fame at this year's Goodwill Wrestling tournament on December 12, 2020 prior to the finals round.



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Douglass Activities Hall of Fame Induction Richard Frakes – Wrestling

Douglass High School is proud to announce that Richard Frakes will be part of the inaugural DHS Activities Hall of Fame induction class.

Richard is one of six Frakes brothers who collectively won seven KSHSAA State Championships and 15 total medals. He attended Douglass his entire educational career as a student. He began his wrestling career in 2nd grade.

In High School, Richard is the only 3 time state wrestling champion in DHS History. He also has a 2nd place finish to his name in his high school career. During his four years, Richard was a regional champion four times. His overall record in four years was 110 wins and 7 losses, including a perfect 30-0 senior campaign. During Richard's freshman and sophomore year, he qualified for the Grand State Wrestling Tournament, compiled of only State Champions. In 1976, his sophomore season, he finished the Grand State Tournament as the runner up, losing in the finals in overtime. Richard was one of only two wrestlers in DHS history to wrestle at the Grand State Tournament. Richard was also named a Scholastic Wrestling News 2nd Team All American in 1978.

After High School, Richard went to wrestle at Northern Oklahoma College as well as Central State University.



Post College, Richard began his teaching career at Central Burden and has taught at his Alma Mater, Douglass Sisk Middle School for the last 25 years. He has coached Football, Track, and Cross Country and of course, wrestling.

Richard was a highly involved student in high school, playing football and being named a team captain, as well as a 2nd team all-league center, and was part of the first two playoff teams in Douglass history. Richard was also a league placer in track in both the mile and the two mile. He served as a class president, and was also inducted into the National Honor Society.

Richard will be inducted in the DHS Hall of Fame on December 12, 2020 at the Douglass Goodwill Wrestling Tournament prior to the finals.





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Douglass Activities Hall of Fame Induction Fred Cottrell – Coach

Douglass high school is excited to announce the induction of Fred Cottrell into the inaugural class of the Douglass Hall of Fame.

Winning 12 state titles and five state runner-up finishes spanning six consecutive decades, and coaching 1,400 varsity athletic contests, Coach Fred Cottrell has been a head coach and an assistant coach for 52 years,

the past 44 at Douglass HS and Conway Springs HS. There isn't much he hasn't coached - football (48 yrs.), track and field (43 yrs.), basketball (29 yrs.), baseball (6 yrs.), cross country (2 yrs.).

Fred's longevity made a meaningful impact in the lives of countless young people. He considered himself a teacher first and saw athletics as an extension of his call as a teacher. Though he had been a head coach at various times, Fred felt he was best suited to be an assistant coach. His charismatic personality and personal magnetism



made a huge difference in the lives of so many. Fred has been inducted into other hall of fames as well. First was in June of 2009, he was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, was also inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Hall of Fame (pictured) in 2019.

Fred will be inducted into the DHS Hall of Fame as part of the inaugural induction class. The induction ceremony will take place on January 15th at the home basketball games.

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Douglass Activities Hall of Fame Induction Monty Beisel – Football/Track

Douglass High School is proud to announce the induction in the inaugural DHS Activities Hall of Fame, Monty Beisel, Class of 1997. Monty came to Douglass in the fall of 1996 after his father, Doug, was hired as the Head football coach for DHS. From there, Monty had one of the most decorated years DHS has ever seen. Monty was a unique four sport athlete. Monty played football in the fall, where he broke the single season rushing record with 2,127 yards on 239 carries. Those totals equal almost 9 yards a carry, and averaged 236.3



yards per game. He totaled 28 rushing touchdowns that season. On the defensive side of the ball, Monty totaled 102 tackles, 18 tackles for a loss and 5 sacks, which was good for an average of 11 tackles a game. Monty's accolades include Wichita Top 11, All State, Shrine Bowl selection, USA Today All American and First Team Parade All American. Monty continued his career by playing football at Kansas State University. Beisel played in 44 games accumulating 192 tackles (110 solo), 22.0 sacks, 45.0 stops for loss and 18 passes defended. He was a two-time first-team Academic All-Big 12 selection. He also received 1st Team Defense All Big 12 Team. Then in 2001, Monty was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs

with the 107th overall pick, where he went on to have a 10 year NFL career including playing in super bowl for the Arizona Cardinals on February 1, 2009.

Monty continued the dominance in high school on the track. He currently holds 4 DHS Track and Field records in the Shot put, Discus, Javelin and the 100M dash. He also still holds the 3A Shot put record for the state of Kansas with a 60'4.5" throw. Also in the 1997 State Track and Field meet he won the Discus event. His best throw of the year in Shotput was 62'4.5" which was good for 22nd best high school throw in the country that year.



Monty was named the 1997 National High School Athlete of the year by Bigger Faster Stronger Journal, a national publication.

Monty will be inducted into the inaugural DHS Activities Hall of Fame on January 15th at the home basketball games.

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