



# Renwick USD 267

## Newsletter

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From the Desk of Mr. Bourne  
Superintendent of Schools

As the calendar changes to August it is once again time to turn our attention to the start of another school year. I hope you have had an opportunity to enjoy having kids and grandkids home for the summer. We are gearing up for the upcoming school year, and can't wait for the students and staff to get back. We still have a few weeks, but as you are aware, it will be here before you know it.

Renwick will be holding enrollment for all students on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We have tried to streamline the enrollment process by providing most of the forms online for your convenience. You can find the forms at [www.usd267.com](http://www.usd267.com) and clicking on your student's school building webpage. Parents should direct any enrollment related questions to the building where their student will attend. We look forward to serving your students in the upcoming year.

I am pleased that we have developed and approved a new Strategic Plan. This plan will help guide the district for the next three years. I feel very good about the things we accomplished with the previous Strategic Plan (updated technology infrastructure, new curriculum with digital component, Chromebook initiative, partnering with WATC, developing a college and career readiness program). The new Strategic Plan is a continuation of these improvements, and tie directly to the Kansas CAN initiative adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education. I look forward to sharing this plan with our parents and staff.

The political season is already upon us, and I hope that you will engage in the process this critical election year. The primary is set for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our hope is that there will be an outstanding turnout from Renwick voters. The number of Kansas citizens who have voted in state elections continues to decline. In the 2014 primary election only 20% of eligible voters used their voice at the ballot box. Who gets on the final ballot many times determines the winner of the general election, showing how important primary voting can be. Only 51% of Kansans voted in the 2014 election, which was down 15% from the 2012 election. Regardless of your political beliefs it is imperative that our voices are heard this election season. It is also important that you educate yourself as to the issues, positions, and records of the candidates asking for your vote. There are certainly

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differing opinions about what those voting records mean. I urge you to investigate all of the candidate's positions and voting records. I will be putting out information compiled by education advocacy groups on my twitter @Tbourne267supt for those that would like to learn more about their candidate's position on education.

Also, in this newsletter please review the Public Service Announcement, sent out by the state of Kansas, in regards to the national Free & Reduced Lunch Program. Anyone who thinks they may qualify should read the literature provided and decide if this program would benefit your family. If you have any questions regarding this program you can contact your building principal or Lori Harder our Food Service Director at the Renwick District Office (444-2904).

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your superintendent. I am entering my 23<sup>rd</sup> year in the Renwick District, and I understand how special it is to work in this district. I look forward to continuing to build on the progress we have made in recent years. We don't want to just do well on test scores, we want to prepare our students for any challenge they may face in their future. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I am looking forward to another outstanding school year, and watching the great things our students will achieve.

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## AHS Musical Tryouts

Students of all ages are needed for Andale High School's fall musical. Parents of interested students should plan to attend an informational meeting on Monday, August 28 at 5:30 pm in the AHS auditorium. Student auditions for high school students will follow on Tuesday, August 29 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and auditions for grade school students will be Wednesday, August 30 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Callbacks will be held Thursday, September 1. For questions contact either Janet Rhoads (drama instructor) at [janet.rhoads@usd267.com](mailto:janet.rhoads@usd267.com) or Angela Loganbill (vocal music instructor) at [angela.loganbill@usd267.com](mailto:angela.loganbill@usd267.com).



Andale High School Drama Department  
Presents



MEREDITH WILLSON'S

# THE MUSIC MAN



Photo: Peggy Sirota

## Audition Information

High School Students - August 30th  
Grade School Students - August 31st

## Show Dates

November 10-13, 2016

AHS Auditorium

For more information email  
[janet.rhoads@usd267.com](mailto:janet.rhoads@usd267.com)

Parent Info Meeting  
August 29th



# Enrollment Guide for 2016-2017

Monday, August 1st      Tuesday, August 2nd  
 12-8 p.m.                      8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

<p><u>Andale High School</u></p> <p>Principal-Stan May          Secretary-Susie Sigg          Phone-316-444-2607          stan.may@usd267.com          susie.sigg@usd267.com</p>	<p><u>Garden Plain High School</u></p> <p>Principal-Matt Hoffman          Secretary-Debbie Howell          Phone-316-531-2272          matt.hoffman@usd267.com          debbie.howell@usd267.com</p>
<p><u>Andale Elementary</u></p> <p>Principal-Tad Hatfield          Secretary-Heather Wilson          Phone-316-444-2628          tad.hatfield@usd267.com          heather.wilson@usd267.com</p>	<p><u>Colwich Elementary</u></p> <p>Principal-Tige Stone          Secretary-Christine Aschenbrenner          Phone-316-796-1331          tige.stone@usd267.com          christine.aschenbrenner@usd267.com</p>
<p><u>Garden Plain Elementary</u></p> <p>Principal-Kati Thul          Secretary-Pam Zoglman          Phone-316-531-2261          kati.thul@usd267.com          pam.zoglman@usd267.com</p>	<p><u>St. Mark's School</u></p> <p>Principal-Mindy Bruce          Secretary-Lucille Strunk          Phone-316-796-1466          mindy.bruce@usd267.com          lucille.strunk@usd267.com</p>

# Reduced Price and Free School Meals are Available

The Kansas State Department of Education announces the participation of all Kansas school districts and many private schools in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household income guidelines for determining eligibility for Child Nutrition Program benefits:

## INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES, SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017

Household Size	Free Benefits	Reduced Price Benefits
1.....	\$ 15,444	\$21,978
2.....	20,826	29,637
3.....	26,208	37,296
4.....	31,590	44,955
5.....	36,972	52,614
6.....	42,354	60,273
7.....	47,749	67,951
8.....	53,157	75,647
For each additional household member add...	+5,408	+7,696

Application forms and an informational letter to households are available from the school district or private school. Additional copies are available at the principal’s business office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. An application for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits can’t be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

Households receiving Food Assistance or Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF) will be notified that their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Households receiving assistance under these programs should submit an application only if they aren’t notified of their eligibility by a specified date determined by the schools. If a household receiving Food Assistance, TAF or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) completes an application, the children’s names, the Food Assistance, TAF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member must be provided.

Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for reduced price or free benefits. Households with WIC participants should complete an application as described above.

Households with children who are enrolled in the Head Start Program or the Migrant Education Program or who are considered homeless or runaways by the school district’s homeless liaison should contact the school for assistance in receiving benefits.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a state child welfare agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of income. The state must retain legal custody of a child. Households will be notified that the foster child(ren) will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Free eligibility isn’t extended to other students in households with foster children, but households with a foster child (ren) can submit an application and list all household members including the foster child(ren). A foster family application could result in different eligibility for family members such as the foster child(ren) free and the other students could be reduced or free or not eligible for benefits.

Households not receiving Food Assistance, TAF or FDPIR apply for benefits by completing one application for all children in the household. The application must list names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member now receives, source of income, the last four digits of the Social Security number of the household member who signs the application or a statement that the household member doesn't possess one, and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. The eligibility status may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

Under provisions of the reduced price and free benefit policy, the Determining Official will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians who are dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the Determining Official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing on the decision. Contact the school district or private school for the name, address and phone number of the Hearing Official and information about the hearing procedures.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the child(ren) in the household eligible for reduced price or free benefits if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices and employees and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Each school's office and/or the district's/organization's main office has a copy of the policy for reduced price and free benefits which may be reviewed by any interested party.

# HELP WANTED



Want a Great Part-Time Job?

Want a way to help students, our school district, and the community?

Want Flexible Employment?

Contact the Renwick District Office at

**316-444-2165**

today for more information on the following positions:

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**Special Education Bus Driver** –CDL Required - 4-6 hours daily

**15 Passenger Van Driver** – KS Drivers License Required - 4-6 hours daily

**Substitute Bus Driver** – CDL Required - As needed

**Special Education Bus Para Needed** - 4-6 hours daily

1. Driver's are guaranteed a two hour minimum per trip
2. Benefits for regular route drivers



# Announcements...

The Kansas Department of Education invites you to attend a free “Count Your Kid In” screening. The purpose of the screening is to assess children, age birth through five, in the areas of walking, talking, seeing, hearing, and learning. Call today and schedule a **free appointment**.

The staff will assist you in the identification of any needs your child may have, and in locating services to

**For children ages 0-5 that reside in the following districts: Maize, Burrton, Sedgwick, Renwick, Cheney, Conway Springs, Clearwater, Goddard, Valley Center. This is not a “Kindergarten screening”**

**To schedule a free appointment, call  
794-8641  
(Monday-Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm)**

Contact Lisa Morch with questions @ 794-8641

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Services

Inter-local Cooperative.

620 Industrial Road, Box 760

Goddard, KS 67052



## Renwick Weather Hotline

Dial

**866-3000**

Then wait for the prompt and dial

**8099**

Any items, other than technology, that are for sale through the district can be purchased by contacting the District Office at 444-2165.

## Vendor Bid Requests

If you are interested in getting on the Renwick School District vendor list, please go to [www.usd267.com](http://www.usd267.com) and click on Vendor Registration.

Choose Maintenance or Technology depending on the services you offer.

Fill out the form and click Submit.