



# Renwick USD 267

## Newsletter

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From the Desk of Mr. Bourne  
Superintendent of Schools

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It seems as if it was only a few weeks ago that school was dismissed, and then you realize that July is already here. I hope your summer is going well, and that you are able to spend family time while the kids are at home. Although school isn't officially in session it is amazing to see the activity that occurs in the district during the summer.

The Maintenance Department is busy getting the facilities ready for the upcoming school year. Every summer our maintenance workers deep clean the buildings and repair anything that is not up to our standards so it will be ready when the students and staff return. We have great looking buildings that are some of the cleanest I have ever been in, which is a credit to our maintenance employees. We are also upgrading facilities and undertaking major repair work again this year. These summer projects provide better facilities, and ensure that our facilities are properly maintained so we get the longest life possible out of them.

The IT Department is overseeing the implementation of our new Chromebook initiative. They are currently processing more than 800 new Chromebooks and reconfiguring more than 200 existing Chromebooks that will serve all students 6-12. The high school students will each get a Chromebook to use as their own for the upcoming school year. The IT Department is labeling each Chromebook with the student name and a bar code. Middle School students will have access to the Chromebooks during the school day through a cart system. These Chromebooks will support the new digital curriculum that we purchased for the upcoming school year. I am also very excited that Cox Communication has agreed to sponsor the bags that will transport and protect the high school Chromebooks. This is a great savings to the district, and we appreciate their willingness to support this purchase.

Summer extra-curricular activities are keeping our students busy as well. I appreciate the effort of the students and coaches/sponsors in the summer months. These coaches/sponsors aren't compensated by the district for their efforts, but they do it to help the students and keep our programs competitive. I am also thankful that our parents are supportive of our programs and the demands they place upon our kids.

I am very pleased that our state legislators came up

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with a bill that equitably funds schools, and ensures that we will be open this fall. It is easy to criticize the legislature, but we need to show our appreciation when they get it right. It was a difficult process, and one that could have easily gotten side tracked, but in the end they worked together and came up with a solution that legislators and school leaders can support. Renwick loses roughly \$2750 of state equalization, but that is much better than what we were looking at prior to the final agreement. We will receive an additional \$154,000 in capital outlay equalization, and although we can't use this money for operational purposes, it will help. It will be important to stay involved throughout the summer and into the fall elections. Regardless of what your political beliefs are, it will be important to vote in the August and November elections. There is an attempt being made to develop a Renwick Advocacy group that will be the voice on school finance and policy for the district. If you are interested, feel free to contact your building principal or my office to find out more information.

Once again, thanks for helping to make the Renwick School District a great place to get an education. I am so excited about the direction of our district, and the new things we will be implementing this fall. We are going to become more responsive to individual student needs, while better preparing students for the challenges that lie ahead. Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to working with you as we continue our effort to provide a world-class education in Renwick.

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## **Renwick Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes Available On-line**

Renwick USD 267 recently started using the paperless meeting solution, called BoardDocs. By making meeting agendas and supporting documents available on the Internet, Renwick will be able to distribute documents associated with board meetings more quickly and efficiently to BOE members, administrators, and the general public.

Electronic distribution will not only save time and resources, but it will also provide unprecedented public access via Renwick's Web site to agenda items and other governing body-related information. This process will allow interested parties to review information prior to board meetings. All documents associated with the meeting are automatically archived and can be accessed by meeting date or by using the system's comprehensive search feature.

Additionally, BoardDocs LT will increase the amount of time members of the governing body have to review agenda information, enabling them to better prepare for meetings. Through the MetaSearch feature, members of the governing body will also have access to best practices from other governing bodies that are using the system, allowing them to gain important knowledge about initiatives other governing bodies have considered and implemented.

BoardDocs uses a structured, collaborative workflow that is specifically designed to meet the unique needs and legal requirements of public school boards, county commissions, municipal governments and a wide variety of other types of governing bodies.

You can access Renwick BoardDocs by visiting [www.usd267.com](http://www.usd267.com). Once on the district web-site click on the Board of Education Tab at the top, and then scroll down to Board Docs-Public. You can access any meeting agenda or minutes once they are loaded into BoardDocs. Meeting agendas will be ready for public view three days prior to the upcoming meeting.

We hope you have a chance to access BoardDocs, and stay informed about what is going on in our district. Feel free to contact the district office if you have questions regarding BoardDocs.

# GPE Pre-K

Garden Plain Elementary School is the home of a fabulous preschool program for 3 and 4/5 year olds. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday, we offer two sessions of preschool for our 4 and 5 year olds, a morning and an afternoon session. Our 3 year old students attend on Tuesday and Thursday in the morning. Tuition for MWF is \$110 per month; TTH tuition is \$90 per month. Both require a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. We have only a few openings left for the 2016-17 school year so contact Principal Kati Thul @ [kati.thul@usd267.com](mailto:kati.thul@usd267.com) for more information!



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## Summer Food Service Program

If you are interested in a place to get a free breakfast or lunch for your children, here is a website that you can go, to find a place near you. Adults may eat as well, but you will be charged for your meal. The ages are 1 to 18 years of age.

Go to [www.kn-eat.org](http://www.kn-eat.org). Go to the upper left side to the Nutrition Tab (do not click, just hover your mouse and a drop down box will appear.) Click on Summer Food Service Program. In the Gold Section on the left, click on Locate Site Near You and scroll down to the site nearest you for information.



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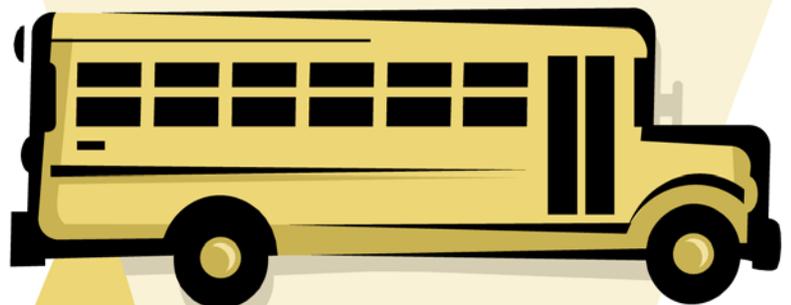
**Special Education Bus Driver** –CDL Required - 4-6 hours daily

**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

Sponsored by: Sedgwick County Area Educational  
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.