



TOMAHAWK TALK

February 2010

USD 264

Board of Education

Jeff Klausmeyer, President Rob Matthews, Vice President

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Ron Marsh Roy Riggs Todd Widler

Upcoming Events:

- * Mar 3 Body Venture @ EW
- * Mar 4 MS Music Concert 7:00p.m. @ MS
- * Mar 5 MS SKL Music Fest
- * Mar 9 BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Celebrity Jazz Dessert Concert 7:00 p.m.
- * Mar 10-11 No Early Childhood-
Parent Teacher Conf 7:30-11:30a.m.
- * Mar 11 Parent/Teacher Conf EE / EW/ IC 4:00-8:00p.m.
MS / HS 4:30-8:30p.m.
- * Mar 12 NO SCHOOL-Parent Teacher Conf 7:30-11:30a.m.
- * Mar 29 Incoming (K) Parent Mtg @ EE 6:30p.m.

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Nondiscrimination Policy:

In compliance with the Executive Order 11246: Title II of the Education amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation Implementing Educational state school rules, laws, regulations; and policies of the Clearwater Unified School District #264, Clearwater, Kansas, shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or handicap in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

Grievance Procedures:

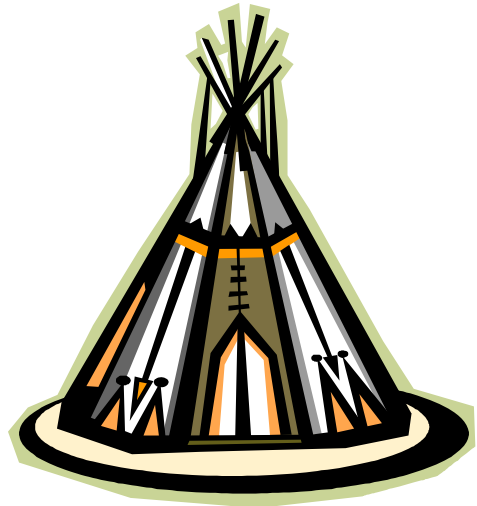
It is the intent of Clearwater Unified School District #264, Clearwater, Kansas, to comply with both the letter and the spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations, and operations. Grievance procedures for Title IX and Section 504 have been established for students, their parents, and employees who feel discrimination has been shown by the local education agency. Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX (sex) and Section 504 (handicap) should be referred to Mike Roth, Superintendent of Schools, 150 S. Prospect, Clearwater, KS 67026—(620) 584-2091.

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Smoke Signals from the Chief

Mike Roth, Superintendent



“In order to keep getting more of what you already have, keep doing what you are doing. If you want something different, you must do something different.”

~ Lucy MacDonald

Over the past several weeks, the governor and legislators have been in session debating the financial shortfall in Kansas and the impact that will inevitably have on public agencies. As many of you know the majority of the state's budget is consumed through public education. The governor, Senate, and House have all made proposals on how to fix the shortfall for Kansas, all of which will impact Clearwater schools.

I know that some tough decisions are going to need to be made, and it will be my intention to devise a plan that has the least negative impact on our students and district. As a district we will have to be very creative as we move through these tough economic times. The board will be considering in March a building configuration plan that would include closing Elementary East and moving those students to the West building. This would be done to save the district approximately \$170,000 in salaries and operating costs. Communication with all stakeholders is still a key component for our continued success, so please utilize the district web-site for your informational needs. The address is www.usd264.org and click on the links that interest you. You will find a link to question/answer on topics that were brought up by community members and district staff. There is also a link to information on contacting and writing your legislators. I would encourage you to get involved in this process and share your views. They need to know how you personally feel about the state of the state. There is NO better time to get involved than right now, as we are at a crossroad in

our great state. We will continue to strive to keep this a very viable option for communicating district news.

Our winter sports teams will be wrapping up their seasons over the next couple of weeks. The winter activities have given kids an opportunity to have life experiences. Life is not always going to give you the easiest route, and you are going to have to work through difficulties to reach your destination. All of our students work very hard at what they do; but it is when you meet that obstacle and how you deal with that obstacle that determines the overall success of that experience. Don't judge your success by the wins and losses but by the amount of work and effort you put into it, and the wins and losses will work out in the big game of life! I wish you and the coaches the best of luck the rest of the season and in post season.

The end of the 3rd nine weeks will be on March 5th with parent-teacher conferences on March 11th and 12th. Please take this opportunity to visit with your student's teacher.

Spring Break is March 15th – 19th. For those of you who will be traveling, I wish you the safest of travels. For those of you not traveling I hope you have a very restful and safe week.

Mike Roth
Superintendent

Board of Education Notes

Darla Hall, Clerk

The Clearwater Board of Education met on February 2, 2010. The following business was transacted:

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Employee Recognition:

- Mrs. Coffman recognized the professional development committee members, Eva Ehrlich, Danielle Hollas, Abbi Huber, Stacey Klausmeyer, Carol Coulter, Brian Swafford, Sue DePriest, Glynda Shoff, Janie Presley, and Tiffany Cash for their hard work and dedication this year and last year aligning the district's professional development requirements and organizing a versatile in-service day scheduled for February 15, 2010.
- Mr. Coffman recognized Danielle Brown, high school student, after her rendition of the Star Spangled Banner on the trombone, for being a member of the KMEA Statewide Band representing 1A thru 4A Kansas schools as well as an excellent student.
- Mr. Pauly recognized Brian Swafford for his outstanding coaching of the middle school boys' basketball team and motivating the eighth grade team to win the Southern Kansas junior league tournament. Mr. Pauly also recognized Mark Moore for 31 years of dependable and excellent service both as a teacher and coach.
- Certificates of appreciation were presented to those in attendance.
- In addition, Diane Nickelson, elementary principal, and some of her staff were recognized for their excellent presentation of the elementary MTSS program at the recent USA annual convention.

Administrative Board Reports:

Reports from the administrative team were noted.

Consent Items: The consent items were approved as presented.

Discussion Items:

- Mr. Roth reported the community budget meeting went very well with 126 individuals in attendance. A number of positive emails and good suggestions have been received since the meeting.
- Options for the 2010-2011 school calendar were discussed.

Action Items:

- The board accepted the low bid of \$11,640.00 from Early Bird Lawn Care, Inc. to provide high school lawn service March thru November 2010 as presented.
- The board approved not having school for the middle school students on March 5, 2010, due to hosting the league music festival.
- Following the request made by Rusty Sizemore, River Valley Community Church Pastor, the board approved, by a 4-3 (Bates, Klausmeyer, Widler) vote, use of the high school by the River Valley Community Church on April 2-4, 2010, for their Easter service with facility use fees being charged as presented.

Reports:

- Special Education Interlocal – Mr. Matthews reported that negotiations with the special education teachers for the 2009-2010 contract year have been settled.
- South Central Kansas Education Service Center – Mr. Widler reported that the service center policies are being reviewed.
- Governmental Relations – Mr. Klausmeyer reported that the house taxation committee rejected the proposed 1% sales tax increase; however, the issue is still being discussed by the legislature. Funding levels for KPERS continues to be discussed. There is also a proposed resolution to prevent public school funds from being used for any lawsuits against the state.
- Community Foundation – Mr. Roth reported routine business was conducted at the last foundation meeting.

Executive Session:

The board entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to non-elected personnel.

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The board approved Jeff Finlay as assistant high school baseball coach for the 2010 spring season.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. All district patrons are welcome to attend.

Attention Clearwater Kindergarten—3rd Graders and Parents!



Body Venture is coming.....

An exciting exhibit is coming to our school on **Wednesday, March 3, 2010**. Body Venture is a unique educational program designed to involve students in learning the skills and choices for a healthy lifestyle. Children learn about the importance of good nutrition choices by walking through a 45-foot by 50-foot exhibit representing the human body. The exhibit was designed and created by the Kansas State Department of Education, Child Nutrition & Wellness.

Students tour the human body with Power Panther graphics as a guide. Throughout the exhibit, they will learn how to apply Power Panther's slogan, **EAT SMART. PLAY HARD.**

The tour begins when students, in groups of eight to ten, enter the school lunchroom and become a food such as a carrot, low-fat milk or a piece of cheese. In the second station, they walk through a giant ear into the brain. Inside the huge brain dome, students experience "brain waves" and learn about brain function. The "foods" step into the exhibit's larger-than-life mouth, are "swallowed" through the esophagus tunnel and move into the stomach dome. From the stomach, the students travel through the small intestine where they become nutrients, then are "absorbed" into the blood. Then they follow the path of the nutrients to the heart, lung, bone, muscle and skin stations. Students leave the body through a cut in the skin and proceed through Power Panther's Pathway to Life. This final station recaps key health concepts from each of the ten previous stations.

Volunteers Needed!

Here's a great opportunity to be of service to our school!

Volunteers are needed to assist with Body Venture. The following people are needed:

- 10 to 15 adults to help unload and set-up the exhibit on March 2, 2010 from 3:30 to 6:00
- 10 to 15 adults to help load the exhibit on March 3, 2010 from 3:30 to 5:30
- Up to 26 adults to interact with students at each of the Body Venture stations. (See left hand column.)

The Body Venture Manager, traveling with the exhibit, will provide all needed information (including a script) for volunteers who interact with students, as well as provide direction for setting up and taking down the exhibit.

If you can't volunteer, please plan to stop by during the day to observe Body Venture in action!

To volunteer, please call or email:

**Body Venture School Coordinator -
Corrie Garlow
(620) 584-2038
cgarlow@usd264.org**



Dare To Dream Conference



The entrepreneurship class attended the Dare to Dream Conference January 25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. The students spent the day attending sessions and practicing their luncheon etiquette. Dustin King, Dominic Matthews, Brian Blake and Laken Sommer (L to R) are making a trade during the market game. They learned first hand about supply and demand in a free market economy.

Count Your Kid In Clinic:

The Kansas Department of Education invites you to attend a free *Count Your Kid In* preschool screening on Friday, March 26, 2010, at First Baptist Church, 300 N. Ash, Valley Center, Kansas. *Count Your Kid In* screenings are sponsored by the Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative, 620 Industrial Road, Box 760, Goddard, Ks., 67052.

The purpose of the screening is to assess children age birth through five in the areas of walking, talking, seeing, hearing, and learning. For a **free appointment** call 316-794-8641 Mon-



questions at 316-794-4161.

The screenings are for children ages 0-5 who reside in the following districts: Maize, Burrton, Sedgwick, Ren-

wick, Cheney, Conway Springs, Clearwater, Goddard, and Valley Center. This is not a "kindergarten screening."

Dates of future screenings are:

April 16, 2010, at Conway Springs
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March Menu

Breakfast

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
1 Breakfast Bar Cheese Bar Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Egg McMuffin Fruit or Juice Milk	3 Pancakes Fruit or Juice Milk	4 Breakfast Burrito Fruit or Juice Milk	5 Assorted Cereals Yogurt Fruit or Juice Milk
8 Pop Tart String Cheese Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Pancake Wrap Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Sausage Links Hash Brown Biscuit Fruit or Juice Milk	11 Bagel with Cream Cheese Fruit or Juice Milk	12 No School
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* * * Spring Break * * *				
22 Super Bun Cheese Bar Fruit or Juice Milk	23 Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice Milk	24 Waffle Sticks Fruit or Juice Milk	25 Apple Bosco Stick Fruit or Juice Milk	26 Assorted Cereals Yogurt Fruit or Juice Milk
29 Super Donut String Cheese Fruit or Juice Milk	30 Breakfast Bites Fruit or Juice Milk	31 Uncrustable Fruit or Juice Milk	In celebration of the American Dietetics Association's <u>National Nutrition Month</u> let's all make a goal to incorporate more fruits, veggies, whole grains and low fat dairy into our diets! Go to www.eatright.org to learn more!	

~Skim and 1% milk varieties offered daily



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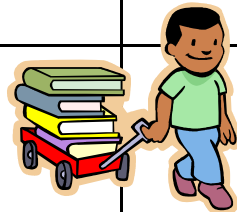
Milk served daily — whole white, 2% white, and fat free chocolate. Strawberry and vanilla shake milk are served once a month. This is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap, write immediately to Mike Roth, Superintendent of Schools, 150 S Prospect, Clearwater, KS 67026—(620) 584-2091. Menus may change without notice, due to unforeseen circumstances.

March Menu (EE, EW, IC)

From there to here, and here to there funny things are everywhere. ~ Dr. Seuss



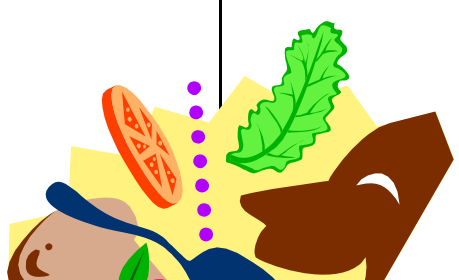
Lunch

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 <i>Who-ville Roast Beast Sandwich Carrots with Dip Corn-off-the-Cobsk Applesauce Who-Pudding</i>	2 <i>Daisy-Head Mayzie Burgers Cat's Goldfish Salad Pineapple Tidbits Sneetch Treats *Pizza Hut CIC*</i>	3 <u><i>Wacky Wednesday</i></u> Green Eggs 'n Ham Biscuit Sausage Links Hash Brown Tropical Fruit Juice	4 <i>Nook Hook Cook Book Dogs Mashed Potatoes Bread and Butter Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Frozen Oobleck</i>	5 <i>Finney's Freshest Fish Sticks Tater Tots Broccoli and Cheese Fresh Banana Animal Crackers</i>
8 Chicken Sandwich on a Bun Lettuce and Tomato Baked Beans Orange Wedges Animal Crackers	9 Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Brown Rice Oriental Vegetables Oranges and Pineapple Hershey Cookie *Pizza Hut W / E*	10 Hamburger Lettuce and Tomato Seasoned Potato Wedges Sliced Peaches Assorted Ice Cream	11 Club Ranch Wrap Baked Cheetos Fresh Broccoli with Dip Sliced Pears	12 No School
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29 Deli Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Romaine Lettuce and Tomato Tri Tator Cheddar Goldfish Red Grapes	30 Beef Soft Tacos Lettuce and Cheese Tortilla Chips with Salsa Tropical Fruit Snickerdoodle Cookie * Pizza Hut W / E*	31 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Whole Wheat Roll Steamed Green Beans Fresh Apple Slices	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">~Skim and 1% milk varieties offered daily</div>	
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March Menu (Middle, High)

Lunch

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Roast Beef Sandwich Carrots with Dip Steamed Corn Applesauce Pudding	2 Sloppy Joes Goldfish Crackers Tossed Salad Pineapple Tidbits Oatmeal Cookie *Pizza Hut MS*	3 <u>Breakfast for Lunch</u> Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Sausage Links Hash Brown Tropical Fruit Juice	4 Little Smokies Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Whole Wheat Roll Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Lime Sherbet	5 Fish Sticks Tater Tots Broccoli and Cheese Fresh Banana Animal Crackers
8 Chicken Sandwich on a Bun Lettuce and Tomato Baked Beans Orange Wedges Animal Crackers	9 Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Brown Rice Oriental Vegetables Oranges and Pineapple Hershey Cookie *Pizza Hut HS*	10 Hamburger Lettuce and Tomato Seasoned Potato Wedges Sliced Peaches Assorted Ice Cream	11 Club Ranch Wrap Baked Cheetos Fresh Broccoli with Dip Sliced Pears	12 No School
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Did you know March is National Nutrition Month! Check out www.eatright.org for lots of nutrition advice and info!!

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Chisholm Trail Recreation

Office Location: Library Building **Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Phone: 584-2323,

Address: 109 E. Ross,
Clearwater, Kansas 67026

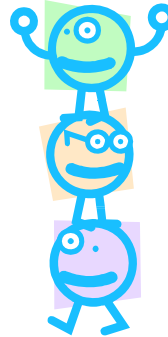
Recreation e-mail address:

director@clearwaterrec.org

Director: Beki Zook - Check out the Web Site for more information and recreation news.

WEB SITE: <http://www.clearwaterrec.org>

"Dodge It!"



Men's Dodgeball League

Ages 16 & up – 4 players per team

Fee: \$20/team

Registration Deadline: March 3
(minimum 4 teams)

"Batter UP!"



Youth Baseball & Softball Registrations

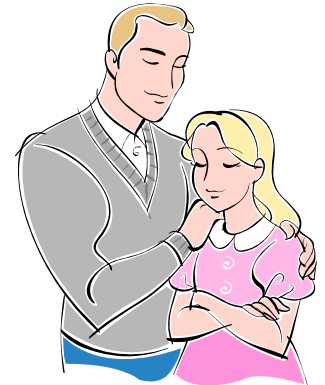
Ages 3-18

Registration Deadline: March 12

"Belle of the Ball"

Daddy/Daughter Date Night – March 26

Open to fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, male role models and young ladies 3-12. Dress up for dinner, get your photo taken and have a night of dancing and fun!



Fee: \$25/couple (\$5 additional child)

Reservations required by: March 10
(minimum 25 couples)

Register at:

Clearwater Recreation Commission office

109 E. Ross (inside Library)

For more information:

620-584-2323

www.clearwaterrec.org