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# Unified School District #377 Atchison County Community Schools



April 2014

Effingham, KS

## Jeremy Lutz earns a "I" rating at State Piano

Congratulations to Jeremy Lutz, Junior at ACCHS, for his superior performance at KSHSAA State Piano on February 22, 2014 at Wichita State University. Jeremy qualified for the state competition by receiving a "I" rating in his district performance at Baker University earlier in February. Jeremy received a "I" rating from his judge with a solo performance of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. A "I" rating is the highest rating a student can achieve in high school musical competitions



## KU HONORS CLASS OF 2014 TOP TEN PERCENT

Students from eight Kansas High Schools were honored Wednesday, February 26, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment. ACCHS students who were honored were: Bridgett Kelly, Morgan Martin, Tannah Erzen, Andrew Miller, Kiley Warriner, Ashley Chalfant, and Katherine Barnes.

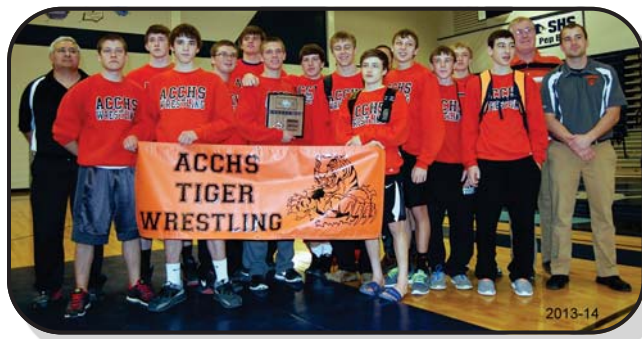


## ACCHS Wrestling Squad Earns First Team Class 3-2-1A

### State All-Academic Award from the KS Wrestling Coaches Assoc.

In order to earn state-wide first team honors, a team must have a collective GPA higher than a 3.2 on a 4.00 scale. The teams' GPA used to determine State All-Academic team is the average of all the individual wrestlers who competed at the Regional tournament.

**ACCHS Class 3-2-1A State All-Academic Team:** Hunter Ostertag, Jordon Herrman, Dalton Armstrong, Chance Montgomery, Willy Dieckmann, Logan Bowen, Sam Reiss, Justin Wagner, Kyle Chew, Scott Birkinsha, Dillion Weaver, Ryan Vollmer, Jacob Handke, and Bratten Forbes.



**ACCHS Senior Scott Birkinsha named Senior All-Academic Team  
Honorable Mention 170 Pound Weight Class.**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION PEER MODEL PROGRAM

Keystone Learning Services sponsors Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) classrooms in local school buildings. These preschools are designed for children 3 to 5 years of age who qualify for services in areas such as communicating, learning, hearing, vision, moving, or socializing. Currently these programs are housed in Valley Falls and Oskaloosa. To enhance the program, children who are developing typically have been accepted as peer models.

Peer Model applications are currently being accepted for the 2014-2015 school year. Names will be randomly selected in a drawing that takes place on May 20, 2014. The application deadline is May 16, 2014.

Peer Models must reside in one of the seven school districts served by Keystone or have a parent that is employed by a hosting district. It is preferred that peer models be 4 years old on or before September 1. However, 3 year olds will be considered. Children must be potty trained.

Parents of peer model students are responsible for their child's transportation to and from the school. All children attending the preschool must have proof of immunizations and the child health assessment required by the state of Kansas.

Children applying for peer model positions will need to be screened at a Count Your Kid In Screening to verify that the child is not experiencing developmental delays. Children must be screened by May 16, 2014 to qualify for the drawing.

Please contact Lesa Brose at 785-876-2214 or at [lbrose@keystonelearning.org](mailto:lbrose@keystonelearning.org) to make a CYKI appointment or to get more information concerning our peer model program.

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**The next Board of  
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April 14 at  
6:30 pm.**

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		<b>1</b> JHTR @ D-West 3pm SB/BSB (H) Oskaloosa 4:30pm	<b>2</b> Job Olympics Field Trip @ JCCC FFA District Live- stock Judging @ Sabetha 8am After Prom Mt. 7pm @ Elem.	<b>3</b> SB (H) Holton 4:30pm	<b>4</b> Spring Play 7pm	<b>5</b> Spring Play 7pm Forensics @ Troy 8am
<b>6</b> Spring Play 2pm	<b>7</b> SB (H) RV 4:30pm BSB @ RV 4:30pm  After Prom @ Elem	<b>8</b> HSTR Quad @ Holton 3pm JVSBS (H) RV 4:30pm	<b>9</b> FFA Spring CDE @ HCC Booster Club @ JSH Library 5:45pm SITE Council @ JSH 6pm	<b>10</b> JHTR @ Oskaloosa 4pm BSB @ JW 4:30pm SB @ Riverside 4:30pm	<b>11</b> 5/6 AR Incentives Cut off date HSTR @ McLouth 3pm After Prom Setup @ Elem Gym 3:30pm	<b>12</b> ACT Test Date Forensics @ Regional Festival Prom/After Prom
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Sophomore Cross- Curricular Research Night BSB (H) Perry- Lecompton 4:30pm BOE Mtg. 6:30pm	<b>15</b> HSTR (H) 3:30pm Elem PTO Mtg. 6:30pm	<b>16</b> SB @ P-Ridge 4:30pm 5/6 Easter Party @ Elem Gym 2pm	<b>17</b> Inservice-No School JHTR @ JW 4pm	<b>18</b> Easter Break-No School	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Happy Easter 	<b>21</b> Easter Break-No School FFA District Banquet @ Marysville	<b>22</b> 5/6 AR Breakfast HSTR @ JW 2:30pm 6th Grade Study Trip @ Spitz Planetarium	<b>23</b> 5/6 AR Pizza Party JR Class ACT Test 8am	<b>24</b> JHTR @ Sabetha 1pm BSB (H) Riverside 4:30pm Kindergarten Round- up @ EUC Ed Bldg 9am-4pm	<b>25</b> 5/6 Deli Lunch Kindergarten Roundup @ EUC Ed Bldg. 8am-12pm Glow Run Mtg 6pm Mad Hatters Tee Party @ JSH Com-	<b>26</b> Elem PTO Glow Run @ Tiger Stadium 7pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> BSB (H) Holton 4:30pm SB @ Hia. 4:30pm 4/5 Vocal Concert @ JSH Aud. 6pm 6-7-8 Vocal Concert @ JSH Aud. 7pm	<b>29</b> JHTR @ P-Ridge 3:45pm HSTR Quad @ JW 4:30pm	<b>30</b> NHS to Ronald McDonald House			

## Breakfast Menu






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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Banana Muffins Cheese Stick Pineapple	2 Cinnamon Breakfast Rounds Yogurt Mandarin Oranges 	3 Monster Bars Smokies Pears	4 Long Johns Yogurt Peaches
7 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Pineapple	8 Sausage & Cheese Biscuit Apple Juice	9 Chocolate Applesauce Bars Smokies Mandarin Oranges	10 Cheese Toast Peaches	11 Pumpkin Muffins Yogurt Oranges
14 Apple Streusel Bars Cheese Stick Strawberries 	15 Omelets Sausage Links Orange	16 Cinnamon Rolls Pears	17 No School	18 No School
21 No School	22 Breakfast Quesadilas Mandarin Oranges	23 Pizza Applesauce	24 Chocolate Chip Muffins Yogurt Pears	25 Breakfast Sticks Pineapple
28 Breakfast Burritos Strawberries	29 Cinnamon Toast Sliced Apples	30 Pancakes Sausage Pears 		

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## Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Ravioli Wintermix Peas & Carrots Rolls & Oleo Strawberries	2 Burrito Green Beans Refried Beans Carrots & Celery w/Dip Rolls & Oleo Cinnamon Apples	3 Pigs in a Blanket Confetti Fries Broccoli & Cauliflower w/Dip Pineapple	4 Fish Salad Corn Rolls & Oleo Mandarin Oranges 
7 Beefburger Baked Beans Fries Orange	8 Chicken Enchiladas Corn Peas Breadsticks Peaches	9 Lasagna Mixed Veggies Wintermix w/Cheese Breadstick Apple	10 Chicken Strips Potato & Gravy Green Beans Rolls & Oleo Pears	11 Cheese Quesadillas – Elem Cheese Pizza – JSH Salad Carrots & Celery w/Dip Breadstick Pineapple
14 Corndogs Fries Salad Corn Peaches	15 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Rolls & Oleo Pineapple 	16 Rib Sandwich Baked Beans Carrots & Celery w/dip Orange Brownie	17 No School	18 No School
21 No School	22 Chicken Fried Steak Potato & Gravy Mixed Veggies Rolls & Oleo Peaches	23 Deli Sandwich Baked Beans Green Beans Apples	24 Chicken Rice Casserole Peas Wintermix Rolls & Oleo Watermelon 	25 Taco Soup Corn Carrots & Celery w/Dip Cornbread Grapes
28 Popcorn Chicken Confetti Fries Green Beans Rolls & Oleo Mandarin Oranges	29 Biscuit & Gravy Sausage Links Tri Tators Peas Peaches	30 Frito Pie Broccoli w/Cheese Mixed Veggies Rolls & Oleo Pineapple	Half a pint of milk is served with each meal. Meals are subject to change.	



## BOE News and Highlights

The USD 377 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 10 at 6:30pm at the Board of Education Office.

### **Board Action—Approved the following Consent items:**

- \*February 10 minutes, treasurer's report, bills and claims;
- \*Fund raisers for Track, Volleyball and Soundmasters;
- \*Gifts from Knights of Columbus for SPED \$187.68, KS Youth Suicide Prevention Grant \$1500, and 50 Dictionaries for 3rd Grade from Mr. & Mrs. Steve Caplinger;
- \*Personnel Approved: Extended a custodial contract to Michael Regan at \$8.50/hr. plus benefits; Extended a bus driver contract to Michael Wessel at entry level salary, plus benefits;
- \*Reports: FS Inspections & PAT March report.

### **Old Business:**

- \*2014-2015 School Calendar Adopted;
- \*Numerous Student Trips Approved;
- \*Approved the renewal of the independent auditor's contract submitted by Karlin & Long, LLC.

### **New Business:**

- \*Discussed summer projects, as well as short and long term facilities projects;
- \*The district will be soliciting hourly bids from local vendors for electrical, plumbing, boiler, roof, heat and air that will be presented for board approval at the April meeting;
- \*A revised Building Reservation form was presented for board consideration;
- \*The sick leave bank policy was revised because of problems with implementation. The next board of education meeting will be held on April 14 in the Board Office at 6:30pm.



## Parents As Teachers

Children learn most from the people they love. The time you spend in play with your child has a big impact on his development. Parents as Teachers has ideas to help you boost your child's learning and strengthen the parent-child bond. If you are pregnant or have a child under 3, call Lisa Smith at 913-370-3680 for more information on this free program.



## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Up to date postings will be made on the front page of the USD 377 website. Please be sure to refresh your screen in order to get the latest postings.

### **Radio Stations**

KAIR Radio—93.7 FM, 1470 AM  
 KNZA Radio—104.3 FM  
 WIBW Radio—580 AM, 94 Country  
 KMBZ 980—KXTR 1660—WDAF 106.5  
 KY 99.7—KUDL 98.1—Rock 98.9—610 Sports

### **TV Stations**

KTKA-TV Topeka, Channel 49  
 WIBW-TV Topeka, Channel 13  
 KCTV Kansas City, Channel 5  
 KSNT-TV Topeka, Channel 27

To get signed up for the email directory that will keep you informed of the latest news and updates call the Central Office at (913) 833-5050 or send an email to [wiseman.stephen@usd377.org](mailto:wiseman.stephen@usd377.org).

# Annual Alumni Banquet

The ACCHS Annual Alumni Banquet will be held on June 7th, 2014 in the ACCJSHS Gymnasium at 6:30pm. A fellowship hour will be held prior to the banquet from 5:30-6:30pm.

Tickets are on sale until May 30th at the ENB Farmers and Merchants branch and Hegarty-Caplinger Insurance office in Atchison and Effingham. Tickets are \$7.50. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting [acchsalumniassoc@gmail.com](mailto:acchsalumniassoc@gmail.com).

The meal will be smoked pork chop, baked potato, vegetable, roll and dessert. Please contact the USD #377 office at 913-833-5050 to reserve a room at the high school for class reunions.

A tour of the old high school will be conducted at 3:00pm.

Current officers are: President Martha Banks Coder (1967), Vice President Corey Neill (1998), Secretary Seth Montgomery (1997) and Treasurer Bill Hawk (1971).

For more information visit the Alumni website at:

<http://www.thenewsleaf.com/acchsalumni.htm>.

Mark your calendar and attend if you can.

Questions please call 913-370-0523.



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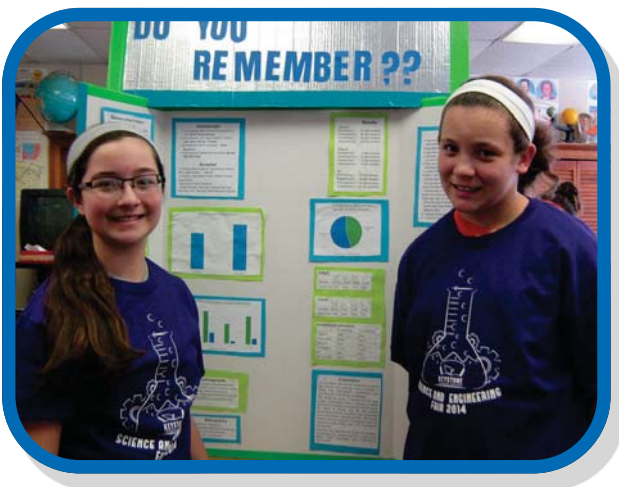
## Science & Engineering Fair

The 2014 Keystone Regional Science Fair was held Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Both individual and team entries were submitted to the fair. Congratulations to the ACCES 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated and medaled: Ashton Armstrong, Lacey Banks, Jayden McNerny, Sarah Kimmi, Shelby Scholtz, and Samantha Post. Special congratulations to the team of Jayden McNerny and Sarah Kimmi who were one of the three Top Judges Picks!

This competition permits students to partake in dynamic scientific investigations. Participating students gain perspective of the world through science and develop skills necessary to persist in today's society. The venue provided the students with critical thinking, leadership, and creative problem solving.

Winners earn entry to the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair (KSSEF) to be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Century II in Wichita, Kansas.

Chris Twenhafel, Keystone Gifted Facilitator, and Joyce Thompson, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Instructor, appreciate the involvement of students who participated in the regional science fair and those choosing to advance on to the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair.



"Chomper" and school nurse Mrs. Forbes, enjoyed teaching the am Pre-School class about dental hygiene in accordance with Children's Dental Health Month sponsored by BCBS and the Kansas Dental Association.

## ACCES Kindergarten & Preschool Screening

We will be holding kindergarten and preschool screening at the Effingham Union Church Educational Bldg., 515 Seabury St., on April 24th from 9:00-4:00 and April 25th from 8:00-12:00. The entire screening will take about an hour per child (30 minutes for pre-school). Please call the Elementary School at (913) 833-4420 to schedule a time or for more information. Students 5 years-old on or before August 31st, 2014 are eligible for kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Students must be 4 on or before August 31st, 2014 to be eligible for preschool.



Please bring with you:  
\*Birth Certificate  
\*Immunization Record

## JR/SR High News by Deanna Scherer

Spring Break is such a great time to get caught up and start thinking about that last leg of the school year. I spent quite a bit of the Spring Break getting things in order. I put my house in order (finally took down the Christmas decorations, thinking that if the snowmen got put away, then maybe the snow would stay away, too), delivered family members to and from the airport (6 total trips to KCI—Whew!), did a little shopping, cooking and cleaning, and caught up on some much wanted reading. I also spent a few days in the office preparing for this last quarter of the school year. I took a look at the attendance numbers from Parent-Teacher conferences. We embarked on something new this semester by asking parents to come in and visit with the PAWS teachers to pre-enroll their students for the next school year. Parents, we really need you—if you weren't able to make it to conferences, please telephone or e-mail your student's PAWS teacher to set up an appointment now. Pre-enrollment is really helpful in determining a student's career choices and getting him or her on the right pathway for courses. Parents and students alike MUST look at their level of success in courses—NOW is the time to buckle down and prepare to work hard to be successful in your courses. It is so difficult to work through schedules with students when courses have not been passed.

Seniors have reached a time in their schooling when they are past thinking about graduation—they just want to get there. It is ever important for seniors to stay focused as it would be a sad thing to see 12-13 years of education sacrificed now. Work Hard for those future goals.

State Assessments will begin right after Spring Break. The State of Kansas has introduced all schools to a new assessment system and we are really trying to get things in order before this all begins. A new accountability system of annual measurable objectives (AMO) has educators and administration struggling to make sure we are and our students are accountable to the new Common Core standards.

As March Madness consumes many of our hours and thoughts, we do have to look ahead to April and May. The longer daylight hours pull on us tempting us to spend more time outdoors—exercise and sunshine are a

great combination. Spring time is a wonderful introduction to the last quarter of this school year. Enjoy the changing season, the peeking flower bulbs, the warmer temperatures, the new baby calves, piglets, and lambs, and get your things in order. The school year will come to an end soon enough, but we have much to do and accomplish before that time comes.



Students from World History class made a trip to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum to explore the events leading up to the 6-10-1944 D-Day invasion at Normandy.



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