

APS BOE REPORT MAY, 2017

Congratulations to Thalia Mosqueda for receiving a I Rating on her vocal solo at State Music Competition last weekend in Hesston.

Congratulations go out to our Dairy Judging Team who won the State Championship last Monday in Manhattan. Burke Deters tied for 7th with two other contestants and lost both flips so he finished 9th, Simon Schmitz placed 11th, Oliver Schmitz placed 12th, and Maryna Buessing placed 16th.

Our elementary music concert was held last Tuesday to a packed crowd. The K-6 students did an excellent job “Jazzing It Up” with selections from that genre. The 7-12 concert took place last Wednesday.

Congratulations to our five new members of NHS: Dorothy Fulton, Emi Deters, Maryna Buessing, Chelsea Smith, and Loriann Volle. Their induction ceremony took place last Thursday evening where they received their membership cards and pins. The senior members also received their NHS collars from their parents at the ceremony.

Track season is well underway with the middle school and high school teams both competing very well. The middle school wrapped up their season Thursday, May 4th with their league meet in Frankfort. The high school has their last regular season meet on Friday, May 5th at Riley County High School before the league meet held at Washington County High School on the 11th and the regional meet held at Frankfort on May 19th. The state meet will be held in Wichita on May 26th & 27th.

Pre-Enrollment is underway at the middle school and high school. Students were given a packet containing course descriptions and a four year plan for their schedules. Pre-enrollment should be completed by the end of next week.

We wrapped up State Assessments last week with very few glitches, which was a welcome change from previous years. My compliments to my teachers and staff who did a great job administering the tests with very little impact on the regular class schedule.

The Plant and Soil Science class has been working hard getting the new landscaping planted around the building. The plants and the watering system are all in and most of the 9 tons of decorative rock has been placed around the plants. They've tested the watering system but haven't needed it lately!

As I'm sure you've all seen, our senior class has received a great deal of recognition for their donation to the Ashland Fire Relief Fund. While we were stopped in Manhattan to eat on the way home, Pam Buessing received a text message from the Heinen Brothers who run an Agra Business in Seneca donating \$500 toward the pizza party they wanted to have as a class at the end of the year. The following day I received a call from a gentleman in Salina who wanted to donate the \$2,000.00 back to the class so they could still take their senior trip. The next day I received another offer of \$2,000.00 from another gentleman from Kansas City. They had both seen the news coverage and were impressed with the thoughtfulness of the class and wanted to reward them for their efforts. I met with the class and there was some discussion about if taking the trip would dilute the gesture but in the end they decided to accept the donation from the Heinen Brothers and the first offer from Salina. They will take their trip on May 15th to Kansas City and go to the Steamboat Arabia museum in the morning and then to Worlds of Fun in the afternoon. They will stop in St. Joe on the way home to have a nice dinner and then return home. We will be taking a bus for the trip this time as the seniors wanted to be together during the trip instead of in two separate suburban. I received a letter from Senator Pat Roberts yesterday praising the senior class for their gesture. I plan on reading the letter to them at graduation. I couldn't more proud of these students. It was an eye opening experience for them as we drove past miles and miles of scorched land houses and buildings that were burnt to the ground. Meeting with the three students who lost their homes was also a humbling experience for them as they described having 15 minutes to get whatever they wanted out of their houses and the young man not knowing for three hours if his parents made it out of the house alive.

On a personal note I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the students and patrons in Axtell and USD 113. The students, teachers, and staff here are an amazing group of educators and I will miss them as I venture on to the next step. Mr. Evans has been a terrific mentor and an absolute joy to work with. The administrative team in USD 113 is second to none. Again, thank you for this opportunity.