



Sara Toedman
Principal

101 Oregon Street
Sabetha, KS 66534

Phone: (785) 284-3448
Email: toedmans@usd113.org

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SabethaElem>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SabethaElementary/>

Building Report May 2017 BOE Meeting

2017 State Assessments: SES students completed all remaining Kansas assessments during the week of April 17. For the most part, testing went smoothly. There were a few technology issues on the CETE side of testing, but it did not interfere greatly with student administration.

2017-18 Master Schedule Adjustments: Throughout the 2016-17 school year, USD 113 has been working with Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) to implement the Kansas Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework. A key component of our collaboration has been to establish a schedule that allows for a dedicated block of time for interventions in the areas of reading, mathematics and behavior. To do so, SES will be utilizing a Walk To Intervention model. In this model, SES will structure common intervention times across the grade level to provide small group instruction focused on a specific skill. Every student will receive additional instruction during this time taught on their academic level. Staff members, including teachers, specialists, and support staff, will collaborate to provide this instruction. Students will "walk" to different classrooms/designated areas to receive instruction. This model not only focuses on providing support for students who may find learning challenging, but also provides interventions for advanced learners. Students will receive daily intervention in the areas of reading and mathematics four times a week. Instruction focused on social-emotional content will be provided weekly and reinforced daily. USD 113 and SES staff are currently in the process of finalizing details on how to best implement the Walk To Intervention model.

FastBridge Testing: Teachers are in the process of administering FastBridge screeners to K-5 students. Staff received training at the April 3rd inservice on the FastBridge program and participated in the completion of the certification process. Screening students during the 4th quarter allows teachers to become better acquainted with the program and provides some initial data that will allow SES to better prepare for our intervention needs in the Fall of 2017.

2nd Grade Field Trip: SES second graders travelled to Marysville on April 28 to visit the Pony Express Museum, a walking tour of historical Marysville, and the courthouse. On the way home, they stopped and visited Blue Valley Telecommunications in Home City. Despite the rain, the students had an enjoyable time.

4th Grade Band Tryout Night: Mrs. Topp provided an opportunity for 4th grade students interested in participating in band next year and their parents to tryout various instruments in preparation for 5th grade band during the 2017-18 school year. With the help of high school students and representatives from Manning Music, students were able to test their skills on various instruments, including percussion, flute,

clarinet, trumpet and trombone. After trying the instruments, students were able to prioritize their choice and inform Mrs. Topp of their top three choices. Students have been notified that they could plan on their top choice and have been provided information regarding obtaining any needed instruments. Mrs. Topp will also provide free lessons this summer to students who would like to receive basic instruction on how to play their instrument.

Slide Into Summer Penny Drive: The Sabetha PTO is sponsoring the Slide Into Summer Penny Drive May 1-12. Students K-11 are encouraged to bring in spare change with the chance to earn an ice cream party, tour of the NEW Sabetha Aquatic Center and a voucher for a FREE day pass this summer. Grade level jars are in the SES office. The final date to add money is Friday, May 12.

This activity will benefit the Sabetha PTO's first year providing funds for the "Classroom Enhancement Program". This program's purpose is to provide funds for Sabetha High, Middle and Elementary schools' teaching staff "classroom enhancement" requests. Enhancement requests that might be awarded include those for products or projects to supplement curriculum, enhance the learning experience of students, impact students or their interests that are not otherwise serviced, and/or promote positive behavior.

SES Book Fair: Sabetha Elementary hosted our annual Book Fair the week of April 24-28. This was a successful event that provided students with the opportunity to pick up books to read over the summer. Parents, grandparents, and community members were encouraged to attend with students.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5: Farm Safety Day (1st & 2nd Grades)

May 6: Family Fun Walk (9:00 am)

May 10: Volunteer Appreciation/Retirement Luncheon

May 11: Field Day

May 12: Senior Visit in Caps & Gowns

May 12: Kindergarten Field Trip to the Topeka Zoo

May 15: 5th Grade National Parks Presentations in pm

May 17: 5th Grade Recognition Program (1:45 pm at SMS)