Prairie Hills USD 113 **Sabetha Middle School**

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To: USD 113 BOE Members

From: Matt Garber

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Re: February BOE Meeting Building Report

- 1. Holton Honor Band Festival: On Saturday, Feb. 1st, we will be sending a group of students to this event in Holton. We have 18 students attending!
- 2.8th Grade Transition: On Monday, Feb. 10th and Tuesday, Feb. 11th during ELA classes, Brianna Evans, SHS Counselor, will meet with our 8th grade students to review the SHS Enrollment Handbook.
- 3. Stop Trafficking Project: Russ Tuttle will be presenting to our students on Monday, March 9th during the morning at SMS. There will also be a presentation on Sunday evening, March 8th at 7 PM for adults and community members. This event is being sponsored by a local community group.
- 4. Nemaha County Spelling Bee: At the county spelling bee this past weekend, Kylah Edelman was one of several students representing SMS. She placed 3rd!
- 5. Extru-Tech Engineer Visit: Mrs. Christine Krebs arranged for Engineers from Extru-Tech to visit her Science classroom. They engaged with students and were given the challenge to protect roadways and cities from landslides. A big thank-you to Extru-Tech for allowing this experience for our students!
- 6. Boys Basketball Schedule Updates:
 - Our basketball game on Monday, February 10th against NCMS will be a **Home** game.

- Our make-up game with Jeff West will be at SMS on Tuesday, February 11th with games starting at 3:30 PM. All games will be played at SMS. Game order is 8A, 8B, 7A, 7B.
- 7. **Dental Screenings:** SMS is scheduled to have dental screenings on March 2nd.
- 8. Virtual Reality Goggles: Our students have been introduced to this new technology thanks to the interest of our teachers and the help of Lisa Suhr. At this time, Tresa Burger, Christine Krebs and Pete Schuetz have used them. Topics have included the Electromagnetic Spectrum, Great Wall of China and DNA structures.
- 9. Social Emotional Curriculum: Using the Second Step program this past month, our students have worked through lessons on "Making Friends" and "Relationships". These lessons are taught on Wednesdays during our Seminar time.
- 10. Shared Staff Article: Debbie Garber shared through our staff email an article that discussed middle school students and the importance and impact of positive friendships and social interactions.