

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026 6:00 PM

Board of Education Office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS 66534

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM. Tim Aberle: Present, Todd Grimes: Present, Stan Keim: Absent, Kathy Lippert: Present, Jim Scoby: Present, Leslie Scoby: Present, Ann Shaughnessy: Present. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call Meeting To Order

Discussion: Superintendent Rob McKim, Board Clerk Kaitlin Shafer & Deb Damman were in attendance. Kathy Lippert was in attendance by phone. The pledge was led by Leslie Scoby. Prayer was led by Tim Aberle.

2. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

3. Public comment:

Description:

- Members of the Public
- Student Council
- PTO
- Site Council
- Booster Club
- PHEA
- USD 113 Foundation
- Legislative Update
- Other Student Groups

4. Administrative Reports:

Description: Whitney McGinnis - Axtell

Nate Bauman - SHS

Matt Garber - SMS

Andrew Lillie - SES

Lisa Suhr

Discussion: Whitney McGinnis's report was given on paper at the meeting and will be attached to the minutes.

Lisa Suhr shared a materials update on the KSDE web portal. Everyone in the district can get access to this site and see these reports.

5. Consent Agenda

Description:

- Craftsman Bandsaw
- Powermatic wood lathe
- Rockwell Delta Drill Press
- Old athletic uniforms
- Axtell
 - Old TV sets (2)
 - Old library books not in circulation

Action(s):

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Library update - Marcia Bauerle

Discussion: Marcia Bauerle, librarian, gave an update on the grants received. Appleseed grant written by Jachel Atwood to create a podcast at the high school called Jays TV. Also written by Jachel Atwood is a grant called Pets in the classroom which they have gotten a gecko at the high school.

Marcia Bauerle received a grant called the Kansas Notable Books Grant, in which Marica had purchased books. The district was awarded books from The Homeless Liaison Program. Marica Bauerle was also awarded two grants from the Northeast Kansas Library Association, each for 3,000.

Marica presented books that were purchased with the funds awarded.

7. Discuss and approve the repair and refinish of the SMS gym floor.

Discussion: There was water on the SMS gym floor and that has caused problems. The floor was built in 1992 and is the original floor. Deductible differences due to where the water came from, the roof or somewhere else?

The State Bid was not the cheapest bid Rob McKim could find, so he reached out to another and was cheaper. The work will be done over the summer. Todd Grimes asked about how long the work would be done, and Rob McKim stated it should be done by the first day of school. Board members discussed keeping the appearance staying the same or adding a logo. Jim Scoby motions to spend up to \$42,500.00.

Action(s):

Motion to approve Von Lintel Refinishing & Flooring, Inc. to do the gym floor repair work, and the sanding and refinishing of the entire floor and up to \$42,500.00. This motion, made by Jim Scoby and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Superintendent Report

8.A. Superintendent Evaluation

Discussion: Rob McKim talked about his evaluation and asked the Board Members

Mrs. Suhr and Jennfier Herrmann for what they do for professional development.
Mrs. Othmer at Axtell for a song they created and will be used throughout the country.

10. Executive Session

10.A. Employer - Employee Negotiations

Action(s):

Motion to go into executive session with Superintendent Rob McKim using the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 5 minutes to return to the board room at 7:15pm. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to return to regular session. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.B. Non-elected personnel exception under KOMA

Action(s):

Motion to go into executive session with Superintendent Rob McKim using the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA for 15 minutes to return to the board room at 7:31pm. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Ann Shaughnessy, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to return to regular session. This motion, made by Tim Aberle and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Action from Executive Session

Action(s):

Motion to transfer Curtis Hamilton from a teaching position to the Director of Teaching and Learning starting July 1, 2026. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Adjourn

Action(s):

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Leslie Scoby and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board President

Board Clerk

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1. Call Meeting To Order

Discussion: President Leslie Scoby called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. She led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Also in attendance were Superintendent Rob McKim, Board Clerk Kaitlin Shafer/Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sign-in sheet. Kathy Lippert was present by phone.

2. Elect Board of Education Officer positions

Action(s):

I make a motion to nominate Leslie Scoby to serve as President of the USD 113 Board of Education for 2026. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I make a motion to nominate Kathy Lippert to serve as Vice-President of the USD 113 Board of Education for 2026. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Stan Keim, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Approve Agenda As Presented Or Amended

Discussion: Amendments:

Item # 6- Consent Agenda — Contracts — remove kitchen staff/softball coach

Item # 9- attached corrected 26-27 Calendar

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the amended agenda as discussed. This motion, made by Kathy Lippert and seconded by Todd Grimes, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. Public Comment

Description:

Discussion: Kaleb Moeller — thanks to everyone involved in the Booster Club. Thanks to the Board of the Booster Club.

Leslie Scoby — thanks to Moeller for his work with the Booster Club.

- Disposal items:
 - Technology equipment no longer in use
 - SES - Old PE scooters

Discussion: Ann Shaughnessys name was wrong in last month's meeting and will be fixed.

7. SHS Professional Learning Experience Students

Discussion: Professional Learning Experience (PLE) information given by Brianna Evans. Juniors enrolled in one period and seniors are enrolled in two periods. Students learn through an industry-related experience that is tied to a class they are enrolled in. 30 kids are interested in next year's program.

Students in the program spoke about where they are currently learning:
 Emily Arnold - Radiology staff at the Sabetha Community Hospital
 Olivia Baumgartner- Sabetha Community Hospital in many departments
 Finley Hann- Sabetha Community Hospital in the radiology department
 Jacoby Jackman- Edlemans with HVAC then moved to Scoby Brothers, working with inventory and shipping
 Samantha Schulejans- Sabetha Elementary School 2nd grade Mrs. Edleman's class
 Brooklyn Wiltz- Sabetha Dental Office

Brianna Evans finishes the discussion by giving more information about how this experience would be helpful later in college/career.

8. Update on the Sabetha Track & Turf Fundraising project

Discussion: Kaleb Moeller- Turf project has been ongoing for 1.5 years. Community members were the kick-start for this project. Moeller is working with Mammoth for designs. They would like these facilities to be used by the school and the community. 34 gifts with Give to Grow 22480.00 plus pledges make the total 953151.00(pledged, matched and given). He thanks the community and everyone who has donated to the project. Greater Manhattan Community has been assisting.

Businesses that have donated over 5,000:

Keim TS
 Morrill Elevator
 United Bank
 Ukele Farms
 Alfia
 Anonymous Donor

Wetmore data is still included in the data because it is five-year data. There is no way to remove Wetmore data and so in the next 5 years our data will look different as Wetmore falls off.

11.C. Legislative update

Discussion: Rob McKim asks Board Members if they have specific items from the Legislative Updates they would like to discuss during the meetings. The Board Members agreed they would like bullet points on how our district is affected.

11.D. Artificial Intelligence

Discussion: Rob McKim talks about how difficult it is to try and determine the effect that AI could have on students. He talked about how it is considered a helpful tool for teachers, but considered a tool that shortcuts thinking for students. A policy is needed to help guide staff. Todd Grimes talks about how the article provided challenged his way of thinking towards AI and encouraged that principals read the article.

12. Board Business

Discussion: Leslie Scoby asked for the opinions of board members — should a board member be involved in interviews for Lisa Suhr's replacement? Rob McKim explained that their opinions were valuable. However, the more people involved in the interview, it is sometimes harder to arrange schedules. The consensus of the Board is that they do not need to be involved in the interview process.

12.A. Response to public comment

Discussion: Leslie Scoby had calls that people would like the district calendar for the upcoming school years earlier than they are usually provided. Everyone agreed that it is possible to get it out earlier.

12.B. Recognition

Discussion: Ann Shaughnessy- Laurie Cameron has worked for the district for many years and will be missed.

DC trip winner Arielle Lindeen and the runner-up Lincoln Menold will go to Colorado.

Leslie Scoby- thanked each donor on the consent agenda.

13. Executive Session

Action(s):

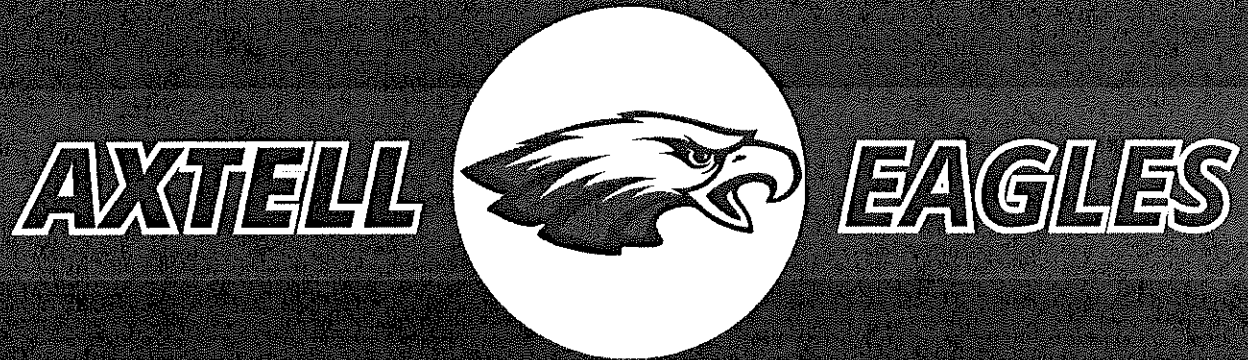
I make a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes using the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and include Superintendent Rob McKim. This motion, made by Todd Grimes and seconded by Jim Scoby, Carried.

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Function
(Multiple Items)

YTD Expenses as of 03/06/2026		Column Labels	
Funds	FY25	FY26	Difference
Operating Funds	7,319,005	7,341,562	22,557
General & Supplemental Funds	5,458,787	5,558,372	99,586
11- Preschool-Aged At Risk	85,634	79,559	-6,075
13- At Risk (K-12)	732,479	703,930	-28,549
14- Bilingual Education	1,100	527	-573
15- Virtual Education	740	-740	-100.0%
18- Driver Training	19,805	14,486	-5,319
24- Food Service	705,436	684,665	-20,771
26- Professional Development	42,345	24,973	-17,372
34- Career & Postsecondary Education	212,526	217,743	5,217
55- Textbook & Student Material Revolving	60,153	57,308	-2,845
Other Funds	1,784,598	2,504,335	719,737
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16- Capital Outlay	1,006,942	1,719,050	712,108
30- Special Education	777,656	785,286	7,630
Grand Total	9,103,603	9,845,897	742,294

8.2%



Board of Education Report - Axtell Public Schools

March 9, 2026

Whitney McGinnis - Principal

Donations

February 10, 2026 - March 8, 2026

Eagles Booster Club - \$420

- Sub-State Basketball Entrance Fee for APS Students

J.J. Fischer - \$100

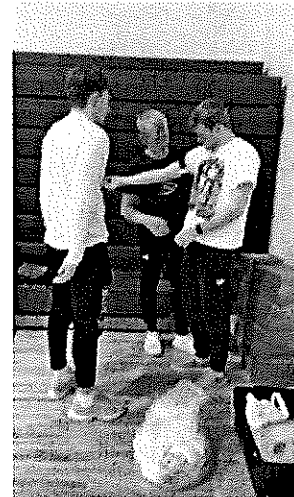
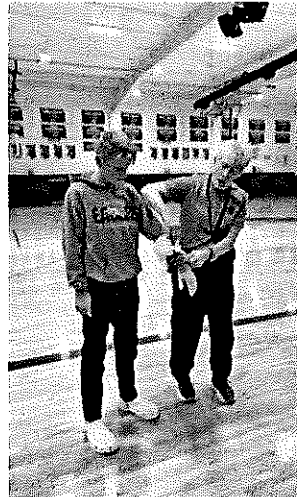
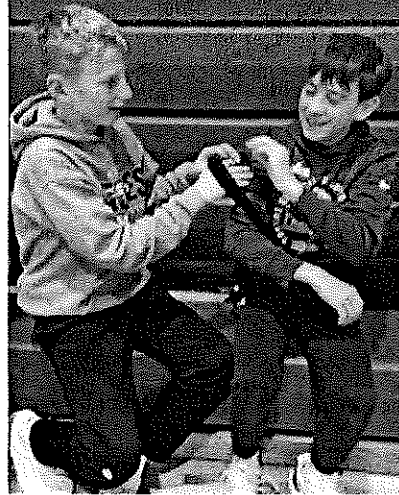
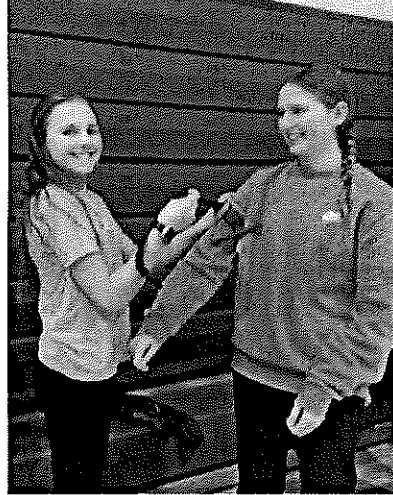
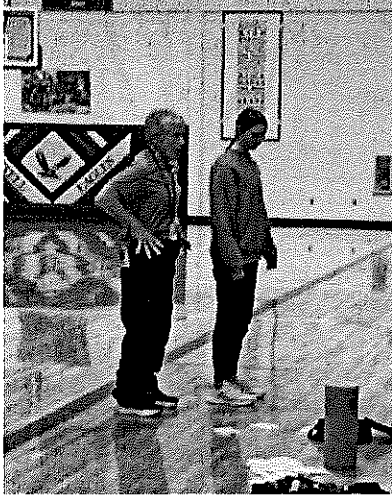
- Donation to Athletic Department
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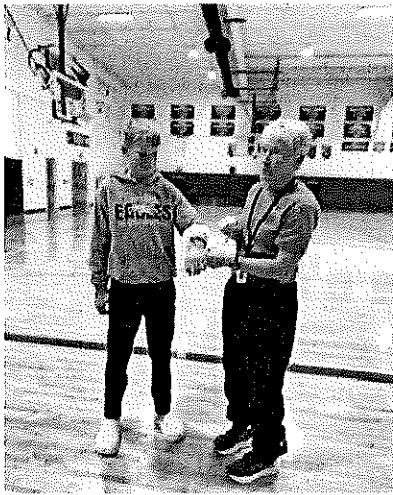
Current Updates

Stop the Bleed Class

On Friday, February 20, our middle school students had the opportunity to participate in a *Stop the Bleed* training. This hands-on session focused on how to respond in emergency situations, including how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and what steps to take to help before professional responders arrive. The students were engaged, asked thoughtful questions, and took the responsibility of learning these important skills seriously.

We are incredibly grateful to Connie Ronnebaum for organizing this opportunity for our students, and to Don Hughes with KDOT for sharing his time and expertise to lead the training. Experiences like this give our students practical knowledge and confidence that can truly make a difference.





AES Musicians Selected for Performance Demonstration

A few weeks ago the 4th and 5th grade music class submitted a demo performance of the song "I've a Car" to our music resource platform Musicplayonline. Mrs. Othmer was notified this week that our video was selected to be the performance demonstration for the platform. We are so excited. This platform is used by thousands of music teachers and students! Big congrats to Mrs. Othmer and the 4th and 5th Graders!

Here is a link to the demo, the demo is the third video in the line of videos. Enjoy!



I've a Car | MusicplayOnline
Music education made simple
musicplayonline.com

National FFA Week at Axtell

We packed a lot into National FFA Week at Axtell, and it was one of those weeks that reminded you just how much leadership and heart our students bring to the table.

Our Axtell FFA members led this month's Eagle Pals lesson focused on compassion. They organized six disability awareness rotations that gave students a hands-on look at how everyday tasks can feel very different depending on the challenges someone may face.

From fine motor limitations to vision and mobility simulations, students quickly realized that simple things aren't always so simple. It was a powerful way to build empathy and spark meaningful conversations across grade levels.

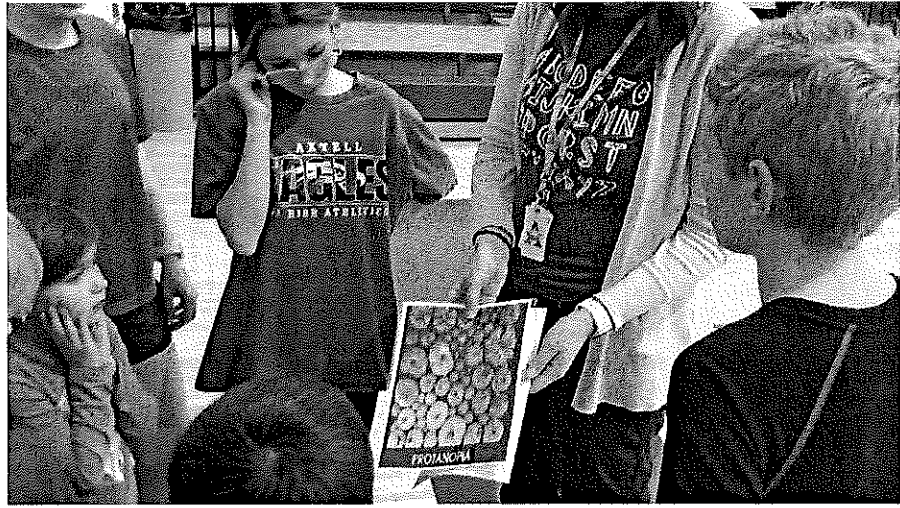
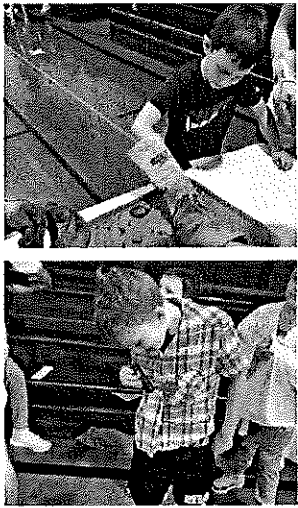
We were also fortunate to spend time learning from Kansas FFA State Officer Maggie Chandler. She worked with our high school members on how to take an idea that may not be working and rebuild it into something stronger and more effective. That ability to reflect, adjust, and try again is such an important leadership skill. Maggie also met with our junior high students for a workshop that focused on growth, goal setting, and stepping into leadership roles even at a young age.

Of course, it wouldn't be FFA Week without a little fun. Several tractors made the trip to school, which always turns heads and brings a lot of pride to our ag program. Students also took advantage of some beautiful Kansas Natural Resource sunshine to make s'mores outdoors. Who needs a campfire when you have creativity and a little sunlight?

We wrapped up the week with an appreciation breakfast. It was a simple but meaningful way for our FFA members to say thank you and serve others.

A big thank you to our ag teachers and FFA members for the time and effort they put into making the week both fun and impactful. FFA Week at Axtell was a great reminder that agriculture education is about much more than farming. It's about leadership, service, compassion, and community.



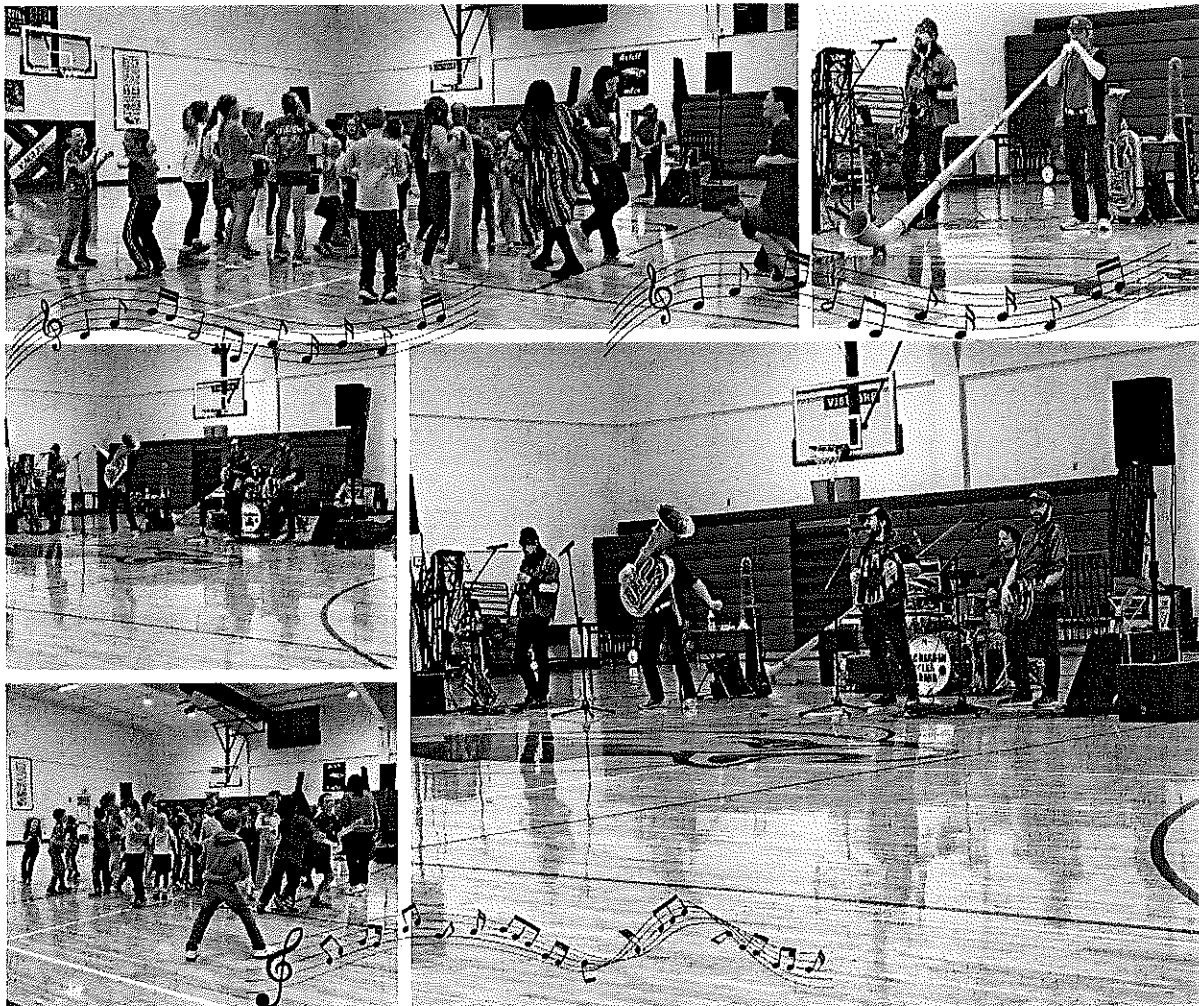


Chadron Polka Band Performance – February 27

On Friday, February 27, APS hosted the Chadron Polka Band for a schoolwide performance. Students in multiple grade levels attended.

In addition to performing, the group incorporated brief educational components, sharing information about polka music, instrumentation, and musical traditions. Students were engaged and responsive throughout the program.

Opportunities like this support our efforts to provide well-rounded educational experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting. We appreciate the coordination and community support that helped make this event possible.



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March 9 - April 14

March 9

- Grades Due - 8:00 AM
- USD 113 Board Meeting @ Sabetha - 6:00 PM

March 10

March 11

March 12

- Grades Issued - 8:00 AM

March 13

- APS Early Release - 1:45 PM

March 14

March 15

March 16

- Spring Break - No School

March 17

- Spring Break - No School

March 18

- Spring Break - No School

March 19

- Spring Break - No School

March 20

- Spring Break - No School

March 21

March 22

March 23

- Classes Resume
- Cheer Tryout Practice - 6:15 AM

March 24

- Cheer Tryout Practice - 6:15 AM
- 11th Grade Trip to State Capitol, Brown v Board Museum

March 25

- Eagle Pals - 2:30 PM
- Cheer Tryout Practice

March 26

- Sophomore Job Shadow Day
- Cheer Tryouts - 5:30 PM

March 27

- Kindergarten Roundup - 8:00 AM
- AHS Forensics @ Washington County - 8:00 AM

March 28

- AHS/SHS Softball Tournament - 10:00 AM

March 29

March 30

- NO School - District In-Service

March 31

April 1

April 2

- AMS Track @ Doniphan West - 1:00 PM
- AHS/SHS Softball @ Perry-Lecompton - 4:30 PM

April 3

- NO School - Good Friday

April 4

April 5

April 6

- NO School - Easter Monday
- AHS/SHS Softball vs St. Marys - 4:30 PM

April 7

- AHS Track @ Valley Heights - 11:00 AM

April 8

- FFA Super CDC Day @ Highland - 9:00 AM

April 9

- AMS Track @ Frankfort - 2:00 PM
- AHS/SHS Softball @ Holton - 4:30 PM

April 10

April 11

- AHS Forensics @ Hiawatha - 8:00 AM

April 12

April 13

- Grades due @ 8:00 AM
- AHS/SHS Softball @ Nemaha Central - 4:30 PM
- USD 113 Board Meeting @ Axtell - 6:00 PM

April 14

- Spring Picture Day (Track)
- AHS Track @ Nemaha Central - 4:00 PM



Whitney McGinnis

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