

Southwest 'Rider News

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From the Office of the Superintendent - Dave Hendricks

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School Closing Information for Inclement Weather

Whenever school is going to start late or be canceled due to weather it will be announced through the following television station: NTV (Kearney), and radio stations: KRVN (Lexington); KKYT & KICX (McCook). This announcement will also be available on the school's hotlines: 692-9800.

If a late school start is announced, parents and students are asked to continue to monitor school closing announcements, as there is a possibility that school will be canceled for the day. The final decision, whether or not to send children to school or to pick them up early, is ultimately that of the parents. If weather conditions are a serious concern of the parent, the school will always respect that decision.

Additional information about school closing:
1. If a decision has been made to hold school and you feel that the weather is too severe to send your child

(ren), notify the school office and keep them home.

2. If school is closed early, some staff members will remain on duty until all students are picked up and/or are out of the building with a known destination.

3. If school is closed early and you cannot pick up your child(ren) as usual, make arrangements with friends, neighbors, or relatives to pick up your child(ren).

4. Please do not call the school to see if it will remain open or is being closed. Listen to identified radio and television stations. Regular telephone lines are needed by school personnel for communication about weather, closing announcements, and bus route information.

5. PLEASE DO CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF YOUR CHILD (REN).

Open House and Official Opening Ceremony - November 8th

The new junior/senior high school building "Open House" is scheduled for

Sunday, November 8th from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. The official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M. in the new gymnasium. Please plan to join us as we celebrate this important occasion in the life of our communities and school district.

Donations to the Building Project Are Still Being Accepted

The Southwest Public School Foundation continues to accept tax-free donations from individuals and groups for the purpose of supporting the new Jr/Sr high school building project. Several areas of the facilities are in need of additional financial support to complete the building as originally planned. If you are interesting in making a donation or just want to find out more information, please contact Dave Hendricks, superintendent or Crinda McConville, secretary/treasurer of the Southwest School Foundation.

Special points of interest:

- Nov. 8 - Open House at the new Jr/Sr High 1:00-4:00 PM
- Nov. 9 - School Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- Nov. 16 - 7th-12th Music program 7:00 PM
- Nov. 18 - Picture Retakes
- Nov 23 - All School Play 7:00 PM

Elementary News - Mrs. Rasmussen

At the end of the first quarter, parents should have received a report card in the mail. If you haven't seen it yet, please contact the office and we can get you another copy.

This month the elementary will

hold our annual Veteran's Day Program. It will be at 9:30 am, November 11th in the elementary gym. We look forward to honouring the Veterans from our community and surrounding communities. That day we will be collecting donation for soldiers that will be sent over seas.

Please be reminded that picture retakes are on the 18th of this month. We have a 1:45 dismissal on the 25th, and no school or day care on the 26th and 27th. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Vacation, and we'll see everyone back on the 30th.

High School News - Mr. Springer

The year seems to be flying by quickly! I would like to congratulate the cross country team on a great season. Cassa McConville Placed 39th at state cross country meet for Southwest. Congratulations to her the rest of the team and coach on successful season!!!

Reminder to all parents that students grades and missing assignments are available via the internet. If you have questions on how to check the status of your child, please contact the school and we will help you get logged on to the web page.

In-climate weather is always a threat living in Nebraska. The school has a large list of places we post school information. These include NTV, 10/11, KHAS-TV, KRVN, KICK, KIOD, Weatherthreat.com and the schools hotline. Please check those places for information, if you are in question as to our school closings. We will try to determine the plan based on the weather by 6:30 a.m. as that is when most bus routes are starting. Calling the school early will usually result in no information as we are busy out driving roads

or calling people that can help us make a qualified decision on conditions in our district. Since the district is so large the weather and road conditions may differ significantly. Once the call has been made the media is alerted right away so people can plan for the day.

The new school building will be open for a open house on Sunday the 8th at 1:00p.m. and the dedication will start at 2:00. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come see the new facilities.

Have you taken pictures of a Southwest elementary, junior high, or high school event?

If you have, the yearbook staff needs your help.

We can't possibly cover all the school activities, and we know there are some great photographers among our patrons.

Please email your school photos to price@esu15.org or drop them at the office.

Thanks for supporting the yearbook!

A big thank you to all of the football volunteers:

Announcer - Bob Haag
Chain Gang - Lurn Oltmer
Dave Downey
Brice Riley
Don Neel
Rick Teel
Bartley & Indianola EMT's

Southwest FBLA by April Guthrie, FBLA Reporter.

The Southwest FBLA has been incredibly busy lately, and has many new things planned for the upcoming month. On September 29, six members attended Fall Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the Ramada in Kearney. Ashlee Minard, Erin Kelley, Mariane Wright, J.P. Banzhaf, April Guthrie, and Katie Messersmith were the members who attended Fall Leadership Conference. This conference helps officers to build their skills, and members to become better members.

We recently set up recycling bins around the school to collect plastic bottles to be taken to McCook's recycling facility when they get full. We also set up boxes in the teacher workroom for magazines, newspaper, and junk mail/scratch paper which will be taken with the plastic bottles.



The FBLA members will be attending Money Smart Day on November 3 at McCook Community College to help us learn more about Personal Finance. We will also be hosting our Area Meeting on November 7. This meeting gives us a chance to get

together with all of our surrounding FBLA chapters and get to know everyone a little better. We will play games and our FBLA State President, Ashley Wood, has been invited to speak to us.

The week of November 11-18, will be the food drive. We will be collecting canned foods and dry goods for the pantry. Everyone is encouraged to participate in bringing items for this project.

Southwest FBLA sold two of the 30 winning tickets for the PBL Husker Raffle. Rusty Minard from Bartley (20th) won a Husker rug and t-shirt valued at \$55 and Darcie Jameson from McCook (25th) won a Husker t-shirt and visor valued at \$40. Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket from a Southwest FBLA member.

Elementary Music - Mrs. Roggenkamp

Veteran's Day Program

Southwest Elementary will be having our annual Veterans Day program on Wednesday, November 11th at 9:30 am in the elementary gym. Grades Pre-K - 6th will take part in this program. We will be collecting donations from now until the day of the program to send to soldiers overseas. Here are some suggestions for donations: Coffee, Powdered Drink Mix, Sunflower Seeds & Pumpkin Seeds,

Protein Bars, Hot Chocolate packets, Herbal teas, Hard Pretzels, Cheetos, Fritos, Chex Mix, Wheat Thins, Ritz, Gum, Dry Soup, Peanuts, Mixed Nuts, Combs, Brushes, Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser, Shampoo /Conditioner, Deodorant, Bug Spray, Batteries: (AA, AAA, C & 9 Volt are the most requested).

Items can be dropped off at the elementary or brought to

the Veterans Day program on the 11th. Thank you.

Elementary Music Program

The elementary music program will be held on Monday, December 7th in the new Southwest High School auditorium. We will have a split program to ensure enough seating. Pre-K - 3rd grade will start at 6:30. There will be an intermission at which time the younger students are able to leave, then grades 4-6 will start at 7:30. Thank you.



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As always, we are collecting

- Schmicks Receipts,
- Campbells soup labels,
- BoxTops for Education.

If you have any of these, or can save them, they will benefit our school. Please bring them to either school office.