

# USD 456 District Newsletter

## April 2017

### ACT Testing Dates

Time is quickly dwindling for students to take the ACT this year. The dates and registration deadlines are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 19, 2017

For more information and test ready checklist, visit [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org).

### Drivers Education

Mr. Steve Taylor will be our Driver's Education instructor this spring. Drivers Ed will begin after spring break. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings until the end of the school year.

Any student interested in Drivers Ed should contact Mr. Taylor for more information. A parent informational meeting will be scheduled at a later date. They will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

A \$4 fee is required for all students.

**Meeting Dates:** April 5, 12, 19, 26,  
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

### Counselor's Corner

Many local scholarships are due in the month of March for seniors. All seniors should check the counselor's bulletin board and their Google Classroom accounts for information on scholarships.

### Summer Lunch Program Seeking Volunteers

Help House may sponsor a non-perishable sack lunch for children in Melvern, with a possible satellite in Quenemo this summer. The lunches are provided by USDA and are for all children.

This program could take place Monday – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>, if enough volunteers are available to oversee the lunch hour.

Volunteers would have to be available for at least an hour per day to hand out lunches, make sure children stay in the eating area and clean up their own lunch area.

If interested in volunteering to assist with this program in Melvern, phone Nancy Alley at 785-549-3583.

If you are available in Quenemo, phone Shirley Rose at 785-418-2655.

### Booster Club News

The MdCV Booster Club will have a meeting on Sunday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Melvern Commons Area. They will be discussing After-Prom activities. They need volunteers to help with After-Prom so if you are interested see Beth Weimer, Judy Lacey or Marcia Flatin.

### 2016-2017 Yearbooks

Pre-order your 2016-2017 MdCV Yearbook by Friday, May 5, 2017 for \$15. The yearbook includes 80 colored pages with high school, junior high and elementary photos. If interested, please send money to the school offices.

### Melvern 4-H Fair Days

The Melvern Sunflower 4-H fair days have been scheduled for Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The fair board has a new carnival for the fair this year and will be offering wristbands for three different sessions during the fair. More information will be available at a later date. There will be several fundraising events to help bring the fair to town, but the fair board would appreciate any donations to help make this possible for our community and families. If anyone would be interested in helping to organize any events for the fair, it would also be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at either Lyndon State Bank (Melvern Branch) or with Linda Irey. Other fair board members are Shannon Anschutz and Dan Bowers, Troy and Angie Treinen, Jim and Linda Irey, and Darrel Schultze.

### HS Track

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	@Lyndon	3:00pm
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	@Yates Center	3:30pm
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	@SCC	9:30am
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	@Burlington	3:00pm
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	@LaCygne	3:30pm
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	@Burlingame	3:00pm
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	LCL Track Meet @ Emporia	3:00pm
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Meet	TBA
May 26-27 <sup>th</sup>	State Track	TBA

### **Pancake Feed**

The MdCV JH STUCO is hosting a fundraiser to help a family in our community with funeral expenses on an unexpected passing of a mother to one of our junior high students. They will be holding a pancake fundraiser Saturday, April 8, 2017, at the Melvern Community Center from 7-10 a.m. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, and juice. Any donations for this family or help with the pancake feed would be greatly appreciated.

### **FBLA/FCCLA Krispy Kreme Fundraiser**

Can you help us raise some dough?

The MdCV FBLA and FCCLA are raising money for their annual organizational field trip to Kansas City on April 19<sup>th</sup>. One dozen Krispy Kreme donuts will cost \$7. We will be attending a couple business tours and a Royals game. The last day to place your order is Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and they will be delivered on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> by noon at the high school. If you are interested in purchasing a box, please call Karen Phelon or Tammy Vanderpool or place an order at the MdCV School office.

### **National Honor Society**

National Honor Society Induction will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the small gym.

### **Trojan Basketball Summer Camp**

From June 19-22<sup>th</sup> Duane Colwell will conduct a Little Trojan Basketball Camp for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades that will focus on developing basketball fundamentals. Each player that registers for the summer camp will receive a t-shirt. If this t-shirt is worn during a high school basketball game, they will receive free admission. The registration forms and waiver statement will be sent home with the students. All forms need to be returned to the schools by May 12, 2017.

### **Dr. Seuss Day**

On March 3, the Marais des Cygnes Valley Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' 113th birthday. Special guest, Scott Novosel, author of Fieldhouse, shared his story of how he participated in the Annual Walk-On Tryouts for KU Basketball Team at Allen Fieldhouse. He captivated the kindergarten through fifth grade students' attention during his entire presentation. He also autographed his book for students who purchased one.



### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to MdCV Elementary at Quenemo. The Buy-One-Get-One free book fair will be open Wednesday-Friday, April 5-7 and Monday and Tuesday, April 10-11. During the school day, students may make purchases from 12:15-3:30. We are including two special programs this year "One for Books" and "Classroom Wish List". Scholastic will match any funds donated in the "One for Books" canister. This money will be used to buy additional books for the school. This is an ideal time to buy books for summer reading.

### **Children's Literature Festival**

Four students traveled with Mrs. Garard to the Children's Literature Festival in Warrensburg, Missouri. On Sunday, March 19, Brianna Huffman, Jorjia Kitselman, Olivia Lacey and Kelsey Rice visited with various authors and illustrators. There were more than twenty authors and/or illustrators at the festival. The children viewed many books written or illustrated by the authors and illustrators that were for sale. Several students purchased books and had the authors autograph the books.

The students returned to the Festival on Monday, March 20 to listen to a different author each hour talk about how they started their career as an author. Gennifer Choldenko, Stephen Johnson, Christine Taylor-Butler, Kate Milford and Stephanie A. Bodeen were the authors that shared information with the children.

### **Elementary School Carnival**

The annual MdCV Elementary School Carnival will be on April 22, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. There will be a cake walk, games, raffle, silent auction, and a concession stand. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Games and activities for all ages require tickets which are 25¢ each or five for \$1. It will be held at the Quenemo School.

### **Message from the Superintendent**

The goal for MdCV School District is to have 100% of our students graduate from MdCV. Along with the KS State Board of Education, we believe it is imperative to increase the percentage of students who earn at least a HS diploma to meet projected education requirements for our future workforce. By 2020, 71% of all jobs in KS will require postsecondary education and training. People without a HS diploma qualify for only 17% of all jobs, primarily sales and office support, food and personal services and blue-collar jobs, many of which may not provide a living wage or health care benefits. A HS diploma offers students many opportunities for success.