



ALTOONA-MIDWAY USD 387 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This summer has been a productive one and the start of school is just around the corner. As we near the month of August, plans are being made for the official start of school on August 22nd. The actual enrollment date is Wednesday, August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and from 1-7 p.m.

We have made considerable progress in several areas this summer. The most noticeable is the upgrades of the AC & heating systems at both attendance centers. We are also busy adding window coverings and some tile in several classrooms at the middle/ high school. Other improvements at the high school include a new Interactive Video classroom that enables us to connect to many school districts across the state to send as well as receive classes not typically offered at the high school. When it's all said and done, we'll have a facility that is in many ways superior to many small rural schools.

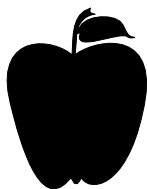
Another upgrade deals with instructional technology. We are making changes to upgrade our district website, making it more reader friendly and more accessible for parents.

Throughout this decade we've seen incredible changes in new technology for classroom instruction, making learning fun and more enjoyable. Schools all across this country have discovered ways to enrich student achievement via instructional technology.

Lastly, and certainly more important, the school district will continue to manage district resources wisely. In the past, the Kansas Legislature has seriously reduced funding for schools. Prior to this year, cuts in school funding have hit us hard. But, we are managing our resources to keep our district "out of" financial crisis. We are beyond the point of having "luxury" items and into decisions about what needs to be kept and what must be eliminated. We've seen tough times before and we have survived. However, it will take continuous foresight to get through this era of dealing with less and providing that same level of service.

Our elementary students have achieved, based upon test scores. On the high school level, our graduation rate is one of the best around. Our facilities and staff are getting better every year with continuous improvement based on the core values we hold. These factors, as well as others, reflect why USD 387 continues to be a strong and sustainable rural school option. It is the goal of this administration to continue to focus on student success through our commitment to every child and every family. We want this school year to be a positive experience that will benefit everyone.

Sincerely,



Dr. Don Grover
Superintendent/Principal USD 387



ENROLLMENT -- AUGUST 8, 2012

9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. AND 1:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012

AUTOMOBILES AND PARKING HIGH SCHOOL

The AMHS parking lot now has the entrance at the north and the exit at the south.

A parking lot for student use is provided for students wishing to drive to school. Please operate your automobile in a safe manner in the parking lot and entering and leaving the campus.

The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 M.P.H. and will be strictly enforced. All student driven vehicles parked on the campus must be registered at the principal's office. Vehicles are to be parked legally in designated parking spaces (ample parking space is available).

The area in front of the building (main entrance) painted yellow is for bus parking and loading only. All student vehicles are to remain parked when school buses are loading and preparing to leave. The front row (nearest the building) from the flagpole south is reserved for faculty and staff.

Any student who does not operate his vehicle in a safe, courteous manner will have his driving privilege on school grounds suspended.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

If ice and snow causes school days to be shortened, we will put the information on the following: During inclement weather Altoona-Midway Schools will be using a CALLSYSTEM to alert parents, guardians and staff of school closures and emergencies. **To avoid not being notified by the system, please contact the office of any phone number changes you may have.**

In case of school closings a phone call will be made to the phone number we have for families. This system will also be used for other information and communication to parents such as emergency closing, changes to a scheduled event and other needed communication needs.

We will still continue to put the information on the following : radio - KKOY 1460 AM and KINZ 95.3 FM in Chanute, KGGF 104.1 FM in Coffeyville, KIND 102.9 FM and 1010 AM in Independence, KKOW 96.9 FM in Pittsburg, WIBW 580 AM and 94.5 FM in Topeka, and KOAM-TV station in Pittsburg. We realize this information may not get on the air at a convenient time for you to hear, so arrangements should be made by parents so youngsters will not be home

alone. It is very doubtful that students will ever be taken home before 12:30 p.m.

FREE PASSES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Board of Education has adopted a district policy to honor our senior citizens. Any senior citizen 62 years or older, who lives in the Altoona-Midway school district, will receive upon request a free pass. This pass allows free admittance to all school activities and athletic events at any school in the district. **(Except KSH-SAA events.)** Senior citizens interested in obtaining this pass should call or stop by the Superintendent's office. Last years' passes will still be honored. A new card does not need to be picked up.

M.S./H.S. FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

High School athletic practices will begin, August 13, 2012. Middle School volleyball practices will be held in Altoona beginning August 22, 2012, after school. Middle School football practice will be in Yates Center. (See next article.)

Students must have a Kansas State High School Physical form completed and signed by a medical attendant. The physical must have been taken on or after May 1, 2012. Also, students must meet local eligibility guidelines to participate. Please bring athletic practice materials (gym clothing, etc.) to school for the first practice.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Due to the lack of participation in Middle School Football, our players will be joining the Yates Center Football team. **Joe Arell** will be the assistant coach and transport our students to Yates Center for practice and games. More information will be given to participating students.

ALTOONA-MIDWAY ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

Kindergarten through fifth grade students and parents are invited to attend an "Open House" at Altoona-Midway Elementary School on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a time to meet the teachers, and put your school supplies away. We will all meet in the Elementary School Gym at 6:00 p.m.

for a short introduction of staff and then be dismissed to individual classes.

NEW ENROLLMENT FORMS

New enrollment forms have been included in this newsletter. Please completely fill out this form for each student and bring to enrollment **Wednesday, August 8.** Three forms have been included. Forms are also available at www.altoonamidway.org. If you have more than 3 students and need additional forms please call 620-568-5725 or 877-596-8556 for additional copies. If you have any questions about completing the form please call us.

NUTRITION PROGRAM BENEFITS

Dear Parents:

In this newsletter you will find the **2012-2013 Application for Child Nutrition Program Benefits.**

Please take time to review the information and **bring your completed application with you when you enroll your children Wednesday, August 8.**

If you have any questions or need help in completing the form do not hesitate to call either school office. **Midway Attendance Center - Toll Free - 877-596-8249 or 620-537-7711. Altoona Attendance Center - Toll Free - 877-596-8556 or 620-568-5725.**

SCRIMMAGE/BACK-TO-SCHOOL

August 24, 2012, will be the Blue/Gold Scrimmage at 6:00 p.m. for Volleyball, and 7:00 p.m. for Football. Following the scrimmage will be an Open House. The teachers will be available in their rooms in an informal manner to meet and greet you and answer any questions you may have.



Dear AMHS/MS Parents:

The start of the school year is always an exciting time. In order to be prepared for the start of the 2012-2013 school year we have been very busy this summer. Every day we get closer to finishing up on multiple projects around the school. While you might not be able to immediately see all the improvements, it will be noticed by our students, staff and parents once you spend a little bit of time in the school. The heating and cooling systems have been updated and replaced by new more energy efficient models. The gym has a new roof and all of the lighting throughout the school has been updated to new and more energy efficient lighting. There have also been numerous projects requiring painting or tile work, and finally the completion of our new IDL (interactive distance learning) room. The custodians have been working hard to clean and prepare the building for the start of school and have done a great job!

As many of you know we will be welcoming a few new classes this year to Altoona Midway MS/HS School. First at the high school we will be offering a Creative Writing class through our English Department. **Ms. Kynda Faythe** will be the instructor. Also we will be offering a few elective classes online this year through a program called E 20/20. The final new class will be Encore, this will be offered to both high school and middle school students. This class will be offered twice a week throughout the year as an elective and for a grade and credit. The primary focus of this class is to assist students that are struggling in math and reading. For those students not falling into that category they will be able to choose something they would like to learn about. In cooperation with their teacher the student and teacher will work together and create a student driven learning experience that is hopefully engaging and enjoyable!

If you are a new parent or even a veteran parent at Altoona Midway and would like to be more involved with the school, one of the best ways is through our Booster Club; they are always looking for people to help out.

I would also like to welcome on our new Activities Director **Mr. Orville Brown**, if you have a child involved in activities please don't hesitate to contact him regarding any question ranging from physicals to eligibility.

As always please feel free to contact your child's teachers, or me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great year!

Proud to be a JET!

Brent Mumford

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parents:

Summer vacation is almost over! It's time to be thinking about getting ready for school in August.

Those students that are needing shots over the summer need to remember to bring a record of them to the school office before school starts. Wilson County Health Department will provide an immunization clinic during enrollment for any student still needing shots.

Kindergarten and preschool parents need to make sure your child is ready to start school. A copy of a physical, an official birth certificate from the state, social security number, and completed immunizations must be turned into the school office so your child may start school. I would encourage you not to wait until the last minute, as

you may not be able to complete everything before school starts.

Any student who will have special medical needs at school needs to have a doctor's order for special health care services on file in the nurse's office. This includes special diets, snacks, or procedures done at school. This form can be picked up at the school office. It will need to be filled out and signed by their doctor and returned to the school.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Medication should be given at school only when the time between doses requires it to be given at school or if it is a medication that has a "when necessary" order. If at all possible, doses should be given at home. If it is necessary to give a medication at school, the following guidelines **MUST** be met:

1. The school must have a written authorization to give the medication from a doctor, dentist, nurse practitioner, PA, or optometrist. The authorization must contain:
 - a. Student name and birth date
 - b. Name of medication
 - c. Dosage
 - d. Route of administration
 - e. Reason medication is prescribed
 - f. Times to be administered
 - g. Duration of administration (how long medication is to be given)
2. A parent request form (available at the school) must be on file at the school for prescription medications or over the counter medications.
3. All prescription medication must be in the original container that has the name of the student, name of medication, and directions for administration
4. Over the counter medication must be in the original container with standard dosing information.
5. All medication will be kept in the school nurse's office.

Students that need to carry an inhaler or epi pen (for allergic reactions) must have a "permission for self administration" form on file in the school nurse's office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Wilson County Health Department at 421 N. 7th (378-4455).

REMEMBER THAT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE TURNED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO START SCHOOL.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Judy Sims

ALTOONA-MIDWAY USD 387

ENROLLMENT

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Middle School and High School

Seniors and Juniors - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

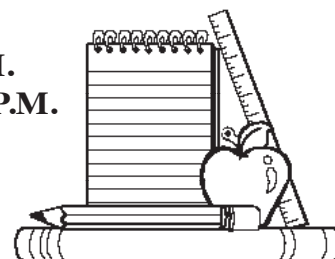
Sophomores and Freshmen - 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Middle School and New Students - 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Elementary School

Grades Pre-K - 5

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Students will enroll at the attendance center where they will attend. Enrollment will be held on **Wednesday, August 8**. If you cannot enroll on the designated day please notify the appropriate office and make an appointment for enrollment. The middle school and high school office phone number is 537-7711 or 877-596-8249 and the elementary school office phone number is 568-5725 or 877-596-8556.

Altoona-Midway High School students unable to enroll at the time above may enroll from 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. on August 8. A student may enroll early if a brother or sister is scheduled for the morning.

Any student desiring to participate in athletics or cheerleading, must have a physical on file before the first day of practice. The first day of practice for high school football and volleyball is August 13, and the first day of practice for middle school football and volleyball is August 22.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT FEES 2012-13

The school furnishes all hardback textbooks/workbooks. Students will not be charged a textbook rental or student fee for the 2012-2013 school year.

Students will continue to be responsible for the supplies as listed for each grade level. Students will also be responsible to return all workbooks and textbooks in good condition. **Students must pay for books not returned in satisfactory condition.**

Exception - High School Driver Education - Fees will be determined before spring enrollment for summer classes.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Prices for school meals are as follows:

| | Paid GS | Paid MS/HS | Reduced | Free | Adult |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Breakfast | \$.90 | \$.90 | \$.30 | \$.00 | \$1.05 |
| Lunch | \$1.55 | \$1.65 | \$.40 | \$.00 | \$2.70 |
| Extra Milk | \$.40 | \$.40 | \$.40 | \$.40 | \$.40 |

Breakfast and Lunch will be served the first day of school

August 22, 2012

Remember to fill out the Child Nutrition Benefits application.

ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

Remember to bring:

- Enrollment Form - completed for each student.
- Child Nutrition Benefits Application
- Authorization to Publish

All these forms are included in this newsletter.

BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

WHO: Any student needing immunizations
WHEN: August 8, 2012 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
WHERE: Altoona-Midway High School

PAYMENT:

We can bill the following insurances:
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Preferred Health
Unicare
Children's Mercy
Medicaid

Credit/Debit card (there will be a 2.5% service fee charged to card)

Check/Cash (driver's license required for check)

If no insurance or if insurance does not cover immunizations, cost will be \$14 for each injection

PROVIDED BY
WILSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CLOSET

The Children's School Closet located at High Prairie United Methodist Church 17979 1800 Rd. has been awarded a grant through SEK-CAP Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Funding. This grant



may be used to provide school supplies, clothing, shoes and coats for children in the school district whose family income meets income guidelines for free or reduced cost meals. The Children's School Closet will be open during school enrollment on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., at High Prairie Church located on 75 HWY and 1800 Rd. You must enroll your child before you visit the School Closet. School staff will

provide enrollment verification which you must bring with you. If your child/children need school clothing and/or shoes, please contact Cindy Miller at 620-431-7469 by August 1, 2012, to inform us of your child's needs and sizes. Clothing and shoes will be purchased prior to enrollment and you may pick them up when you pick up school supplies. We plan to have free hair cuts available for a portion of the day.

We have a large selection of used clothing available to anyone in need. If you have any questions, you may contact Cindy Miller at 620-431-7469.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

www.altoonamidway.org

ALTOONA-MIDWAY JET BOOSTER CLUB 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The A-M Booster Club would like to invite you to be a part of the community's effort to help support the youth of USD 387. The booster club is active throughout the year. The following list of activities may help you learn what the booster club does:

1. Serve a hamburger fry at a football game to help raise funds for activities throughout the year. **(This year's cookout will be September 7, before the first home football game at 5:30 p.m.)**
2. Mementos are given to each Queen throughout the year, Top Gun, and to seniors at graduation.
3. Sponsor hospitality rooms at functions held at our school, such as Scholar Bowl, Forensics, and sports tournaments hosted by A-M.
4. Many fund raisers are planned throughout the year to help support the booster club activities.
5. The big project for the year is the After Prom Party.

As you can see the booster club supports all high school student activities. We hope you will join us. Membership dues are: \$10.00 per family or \$5.00 for an individual.

Officers for the 2012-2013 school year are: - **Shane and Andrea Fiene** - Co-President, 537-2091; **Steve and Chelcia Lour** - Vice President, 433-2846; **Lea Chickadonz** - Secretary, 537-2535; **Billy and Susan Browne** - Treasurer, 568-3261. You may contact any of the officers for further information.

NOTICE

We ask for your help in sharing our enrollment information with anyone that has just moved into the school district. Please tell your new neighbors to notify the school as soon as possible of any new enrollees. This will help us to arrange the bus routes for our students.

NEEDED

Substitute Teachers - Substitute Bus Drivers - Substitute Cooks - needed. Anyone interested please notify the superintendent's office at 620-568-5725.

READING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

The 2003-04 school year was a year of school-wide change and growth in the district's reading curriculum and practices from Kindergarten through grade 12. Teachers in grades K-5 implemented different types of reading assessments and instruction to help strengthen their students' reading achievement. The middle school and high school teachers developed and implemented instructional frameworks to improve student comprehension of text within each particular content area. As a result, students in each grade, K-12, demonstrate significant improvement.

The reading across the curriculum is funded and supported by a grant through the Board of Regents and Emporia State University. As the district continues this curriculum improvement project, members of the professional staff are being asked to present information about our efforts at a variety of conferences. Teachers would like to include video presentations and photographs showing teachers and students performing various academic tasks. We have included a **“Release/Authorization Form”** below. This will allow us to include your students in the videos and still photos. If you have more than one child in school, please write all of their names on one form, or you may request additional forms. **Please return the form at enrollment August 8.** If you have any questions, please contact the building principals, or Dr. Grover. Thank you for your cooperation.



RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH

I hereby give **ALTOONA-MIDWAY USD 387 SCHOOLS** full unrestricted rights to publish, copyright, distribute electronically and/or use any still or motion pictures, photograph of myself for use in editorial content, art, advertising, trade or any other lawful purpose. I understand my likeness may be used in advertising and/or promotions. I hereby release and hold harmless the above named, its successors, employees, agents, and assigns from any liability or claims of damage whatsoever in connection with said use of my likeness. I waive any right to inspect and approve final use of materials covered hereunder. I certify that I am 18 years of age, or if a minor, have included as signatory to this release my parent or legal guardian, whose name and signature appear below. I have read and understand this Release, and certify that the information provided is true and accurate.

(Print name if 18 years of age)

By: _____
(Signature of student if 18 years of age)

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

Student Names (Under 18 years of age)

(Print name of parent or legal guardian)

(Signature of parent or legal guardian)

(Date)

