



Vandercook Lake School District

News and Views

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Highlights:

Recent news from Jayhawk Country:

First day of school Wed. September 3rd
Full day of school for all students, NO LATE START.

SCHOOL DAY TIME CHANGE

We will be adding four minutes to the end of the school day in the 2008-2009 school year. This is a result of the State's reduction of allowable professional development hours that can be counted toward a districts 1068 hour requirement. The new HS/MS dismissal time will be at 2:40 p.m. Townsend will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. There will be no change to the beginning of the day.

All Day Kindergarten at Townsend

We are pleased to be offering an All Day Kindergarten program at Townsend Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year. Our all day kindergarten will continue to provide a comprehensive, standards-based curriculum with integrated skills areas. It will be conducted in an environment in which children become excited about learning and developing new skills. Children should be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2008 to participate in the program. Please register at Townsend school or call the school at 784-6133. The Townsend staff is looking forward to working with our kindergartners and their families.

VCL Youth Football Sign-ups

There will be a final sign-up for students in 4th, 5th, & 6th grade that are interested in playing football. Players are guaranteed to play the entire game. Come join the fun. Last sign up day is Monday, **August 18 from 4:30 to 6:00** in the high school library. Cost is \$65.00 that includes all equipment. Mandatory combine day is August 23 at the Vandercook Lake. All sign-ups must attend. Any questions, please call Chuck Swaenepoel at 789-5440.

Physicals for 2008-2009

Any student in grades 7-12 wishing to participate in school sports will need to have a completed physical card on file with the athletic department before they are allowed to participate in any practice, scrimmage, or contest. The physical must be taken yearly. If it is completed after April 15, it is valid for the entire school year. Physical cards are available in the high school office or from members of the coaching staff.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Due to numerous conflicts the annual golf outing scheduled for July 26th was cancelled. Thanks to everyone associated with this event for your support. Future golf outings will be organized by the athletic department with funds to be distributed to support all the involved athletic teams.

Board of Education meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

School Starts Wednesday, September 3, 2008

School will begin in Vandercook Wednesday, September 3. High school and middle school students, grades 6 through 12, should report to their first hour classes at 7:45 a.m. Elementary students at Townsend school, grades K through 5 will begin their day at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 3. This is a full day for all students. Young 5's AM students at McDevitt will begin their day at 8:00 a.m. and PM students will begin their day at 12:00.

The starting time for Wednesday late-start will be the same as last year. It is 9:30 a.m. for middle school and high school and 9:45 a.m. for Townsend Elementary.

Open House Tuesday, September 2, 2008

At this year's open house parents will get a chance to tour the building, locate their child's classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about some of the new programs and improvements which have been made. The curriculum, classroom expectations, and ways in which parents may become involved will be explained. The middle/high school will begin their program with a short general meeting in the high school gym. Elementary parents and students should report directly to the classrooms to meet their child's teacher. We hope this will help make the start of school a little smoother for everyone.

Times:

- 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Townsend Elementary**
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. McDevitt School**
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Middle/High School**

McDevitt Childcare

Childcare registration for the 08-09 school year will begin August 21 and 22 in the McDevitt office from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Children 3—12 years old attending Vandercook Lake Public Schools are eligible to register for childcare. Information regarding fees and times will be available during registration. If you have any questions please call McDevitt School at 782-0342.

Four-Year Old School Readiness & Pre-School

Teacher: Mrs. Karen Barrett
Teacher Assistant: Mrs. Pam Petress
Teacher Aides: Mrs. Wendy Hynes & Mrs. Kim Jackson

Vandercook Lake Schools are still taking registrations for the fall 2008 session. We will have morning and afternoon sessions again this fall. Tuition rates may apply. If you have a child who will be 4 on or before December 1, 2008 but not 5 before the same date, he/she is eligible for the program. Registration packets are available at the McDevitt office. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Mrs. LeFaive in the McDevitt office at 782-0342.

Registration

The registration of Grades 6-12 at the high school will begin Monday, August 18. During registration, students will be assigned classes and lockers and will pay required deposit. Students can make lunch deposits to their account at this time. The price will be \$8.75 for one week. The price for breakfast is \$1.00 a day. All lunch periods will be approximately 25 minutes in length for the school year. Students are not allowed to leave the school building for lunch.

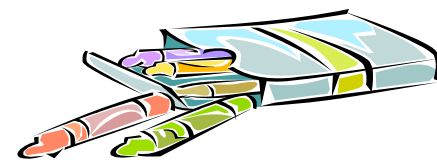
At the time of registration, high school students are to pay a \$5.00 deposit fee which will be returned at the end of the school year if proper procedures are followed. All students in Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 are required to take physical education unless written excuse is presented, signed by a physician. Each student enrolled in a physical education class will be required to secure a lock for his/her gym locker through the high school. A lock deposit fee of \$5.00 will be refunded when the lock is returned in good condition at the end of the school year.

Registration will take place on the following dates from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the high school: Families with more than one high/middle school student may enroll at the same time.

Monday	August 18	6th grade
Tuesday	August 19	7th grade
Wednesday	August 20	8th grade
Thursday	August 21	9th grade
Friday	August 22	10th grade
Monday	August 25	11th & 12th grades

Young 5's at McDevitt School

Teacher: Mrs. Rene' Smith
Teacher Assistant: Mrs. Sherri Harvey
This year we are providing an AM and PM session of Young 5's at McDevitt. The AM session is from 8:00—11:00 Monday—Friday except for late start Wednesday 9:45—12:00. The PM session is 12:00—3:00 Monday—Friday except for late start Wednesday 12:45—3:00.



New to the school?

Parents of Kindergartners not enrolled at the round-up last spring and all elementary students new to the district should call Townsend Elementary School and arrange to have their children register sometime during the week of August 18. Immunization cards and birth certificates must be presented when beginners enroll.

All students who are enrolling in Vandercook Schools for the first time are required by law to present a birth certificate to the school. Please bring this information at the time of registration along with enrollment records and immunization records. All students owing fees should have payment available at registration.

Summer Childcare

The summer daycare at McDevitt School had 82 children enrolled in the program and 5 hard-working staff members. The children had fun with art activities, playing on the playground, playing games, and going on field trips. The field trips included: trips to Michigan Theatre for movies and prizes, Nixon Pool to cool off, Ella Sharp Park for mini golf and a sack lunch, the library to hear a storyteller, bowling at Summit Lanes, and All Skate to try out their skills at roller skating. Both children and staff members enjoyed the time they spent together in childcare.



Hot Lunch Menu



High School \$1.75 daily or \$8.75 weekly
Townsend \$1.50 daily or \$7.50 weekly

September 3:

HS: Pizza or Hot Dog on WW Bun

Townsend: PB & J on WW bread or Hot Dog on WW Bun

Both: Baked Hashbrown, Applesauce, Milk

September 4:

HS: Pizza or Chicken & Gravy

Townsend: PB & J on WW bread or Chicken & Gravy

Both: Mashed potato, Multigrain roll, mixed fruit, Milk

September 5:

HS: Pizza or Grilled Ham & Cheese on WW bread

Townsend: PB & J or Grilled Ham & Cheese on WW bread

Both: Carrots & Celery Sticks, Pears, Milk

September 8:

HS: Pizza or Ravioli

Townsend: Hamburger on multigrain bun or Ravioli

Both: Green beans, Multigrain roll, Peaches, Milk

September 9:

HS: Pizza or Vandy Rib on multigrain bun

Townsend: Hamburger or Vandy Rib on multigrain bun

Both: Corn, Pineapple tidbits, Milk

September 10:

HS: Pizza or Chicken Nuggets

Townsend: Hamburger on multigrain bun or Chicken Nuggets

Both: Mashed potato w/gravy, Multigrain roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk

September 11:

HS: Pizza or Taco Salad w/meat & beans

Townsend: Hamburger on multigrain bun or Taco Salad

Both: Peas, Pears, Milk

September 12:

HS & Townsend: Pizza or Mac & Cheese

Tossed Salad, Multigrain roll, Applesauce, Milk

Student Harassment Policy

Harassment of a student(s) by other students or any member of the staff is contrary to the Board of Education's commitment to provide a physically and psychologically safe environment in which to learn and may be in violation of federal or state law. Anyone found to have violated this policy and /or the Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the district.

Bus Safety

The mission of the transportation department is to safely and efficiently transport students to and from school. Student behavior that interferes with this mission cannot be tolerated. Misbehavior may result in students being denied the privilege of being transported.

Bus rules will be given to each student riding the bus. If rules are broken and students do not behave appropriately on the bus, the driver will talk to the student and that student's parent or guardian, if warranted. The next step could be a written warning or removal from the bus and copies sent home by the appropriate principal.

A student who normally does not ride a bus must have written permission from the parents and approved by the principal to ride a bus. Parents please discuss the importance of bus safety with you children.



Bus Vandalism Sanctions Strengthened

H.B. 4155 (bus vandalism) was signed by Governor John Engler on August 1, 1995. P.A. 13 (H.B. 4155) establishes a five-year prison term and a fine of up to \$5,000 for creating a health or safety hazard by damaging a bus. Previously such conduct was punishable as a malicious destruction, carrying a prison term of up to four years and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Drug Free Schools Notice

The Vandercook Lake School District attempt to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of its students and patrons. To this end and because the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful, the district complies with the Federal Drug Free School Act.

In accordance with this federal law and Board of Education policy, the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs or alcohol by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event is prohibited. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process, up to and including expulsion from school and prosecution. Compliance to these standards by students is mandatory.

The district is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which he/she receives help through programs and services available in the community.

Non-students who violate the provisions of the Drug Free School Zone subject themselves to serve penalties under the law.

Construction Progress

Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe that school is getting ready to start and summer is drawing to a close. Many changes have taken place over the summer. It will appear that students will be entering a different building than they left back in June at the close of school.

One of the biggest changes will be entering the Middle School/ High school. All students are to enter the school through the Middle School gym door. The main entry to the school is undergoing construction and is not ready to have students in that area. The Middle School entrance will be used by everyone until the new entry is completed and ready for use. We hope to have this ready after the Christmas break.

The circle drive is also undergoing major changes. The new part of the building is extended out to the old circle drive; and therefore, it was necessary to reconstruct the circle and that should be ready to be used by late December.

Special precautions have been taken to insure the safety of our students during this construction period. The areas that will be undergoing construction will be petitioned off to insure that students will not be in the construction areas.

At the time of this writing, school will start at the regular scheduled date, and the school year will be an exciting time for our students. They will find many energy efficient changes to make the building a bright and exciting place for learning. The students will have classrooms that are renovated, brighter, and more comfortable than before. The hallways are now bright with the new lighting and the new ceilings that have been installed. Many of the classrooms have new flooring that will be a real improvement for them to enjoy. A new heating system will make their day much more comfortable.

One of the biggest changes is the new renovated Library/Media center. This room is completely changed to include new furnishings, new design, new ceilings, new flooring, and a remarkable new window to the outside. You will hear a lot about the changes in this area.

The most noticeable addition is the new cafeteria area in the front of the school. This area will be a real improvement for all of our students. With the addition of this area we are now able to separate the middle school students from the high school students during the lunch periods. This will allow us to run a more efficient hot lunch program.

The Townsend school also had some improvements made including the resurfacing of the walking track and the installation of the new computer lab for the students. There were also considerable improvements made to the infrastructure which included the heat and water pipes in the building. Each classroom also received a new heating unit to improve the comfort level of the classrooms.

There are just too many changes to list each one at this time. One area you will notice immediately will be the entry to the stadium and the new look that facility will have. You will be proud of everything you see.

In the event there are any immediate changes in our plans, we will make every effort to make sure that you are up to date on our progress. We will use the Citizen Patriot, the radio, our Synre Voice system and our website to keep you informed. Please feel free to contact the administrative offices at any time with your questions. See you this fall.....Ronald Bennett, Owners Representative

Superintendent's Corner Status Report: Vandercook Lake Public Schools "A Major Face Lift"

PRIDE

Our community should share a sense of extreme pride as they view the numerous changes and upgrades made to our facilities. Together we have upgraded an aged campus to a more user-friendly, secure and energy efficient facility. We are known county-wide as a community that supports its school system. We have come together again in difficult financial times to plan, organize and overwhelmingly support this project. For this we remain proud!

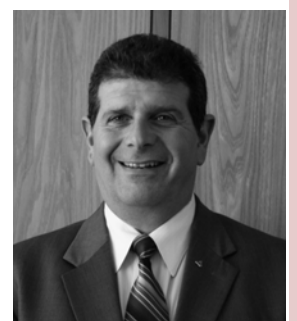
PERFORMANCE

The students of Vandercook Lake deserve to have the best educational environment in which to learn. In fact the link between student learning/performance and the learning environment is well documented in research. Well designed, high quality learning buildings and grounds improve student learning and behavior. According to the Council of Education Facility Planning International: "Facility condition may have a stronger effect on student performance than the combined influences of family background, socioeconomic status, attendance and behavior."

PATIENCE

There's still much work to be done before our entire project is completed. The high school cafeteria, entrances and offices along with the choir room will not be completed until the end of the first semester. Without a doubt many of us will be inconvenienced in one way or another. Until then, we thank everyone in advance for their patience.

Anthony Hollow
Superintendent of Schools





Townsend Elementary School Starts

School will begin in Vandercook Wednesday, September 3rd. Elementary students at Townsend School Grades K through 5 will begin their day at 7:55 a.m and end at 3:15. This will be a full day for students.

The Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. Parents and students may visit their classrooms and meet their teachers.

Reminder: Procedures for Entering the Building at Townsend Elementary

All students who arrive and return home by car are to enter and leave the school through the front door. The exception is that all 3rd and 4th grade students will enter through the front door but will exit out the west end door.

Please use the circular drive for drop-off only. Parents who wish to enter the school, please park in one of the parking lots in front of the school, along Floyd Avenue. There will be adults inside the front entrance who will help students find their classrooms the first week of school.

Students who are eating breakfast may arrive after 7:30 a.m. and go directly to the lunchroom. All other children should not arrive at school until 7:55 a.m.



Afternoon Pick-up Procedure:

*Students whose classrooms are in the west wing are to be picked up at the southwest exit. You may reach it by way of the drive at the west end of the building.

*Students in the east wing and the fifth grade classrooms in the south wing are to be picked up at the southeast exit. Enter the east drive and follow the arrows to the rear of the school. Stay in right hand lane to pick up and used the left lane to pass other cars, then exit door to walk him/her to your car.

*If you have children in more than one wing, instruct all of them to meet you at the exit assigned to your youngest child. The southwest and southeast exits will be open at 2:50 p.m. for student dismissal.

*The busses will be using the circle drive in front of the school. The parking lot inside the circle drive will be for staff parking only.

Vandercook Lake High School Calendar 2008—2009 School Year

AUGUST	18	6 th Grade Registration	9:00-11:00 a.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
	19	7 th Grade Registration	9:00-11:00 a.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
	20	8 th Grade Registration	9:00-11:00 a.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
	21	9 th Grade Registration	9:00-11:00 a.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
	22	10 th Grade Registration	9:00-11:00 a.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
	25	11 th & 12 th Grade Registration	9:00-11:00a.m.; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m
	26	HS Tailgate Party	6:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER	1	LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL	
	2	Staff Only	
		Open House	7:30-9:00 p.m.
	3	School Starts - Full Day – NO DELAYED START	
	9	MS Tailgate Party	6:30 p.m.
	26	End of 4 weeks	
OCTOBER	2	School Pictures	
	3	Homecoming (Addison)	
	7	Awards Night	7:00 p.m
		Middle School/High School Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER	5	End Marking Period	
	8	Apple Pie Sale Pick-up	
	12	Parent-Teacher Conferences	6:00-8:00 p.m.
	13	Parent-Teacher Conferences	3:30-7:00 p.m.
	14	½ Day-School dismissed at 11:00 a.m.	
	14	Downtown Christmas Parade	6:00 p.m.
	14	School picture Re-Takes	
	27-28	Thanksgiving Break	
DECEMBER	5	End of 4 week Marking Period	
		Winter Band Concert	7:00 p.m.
	22	Winter Break Begins	
	22-Jan. 5	Winter Break	
JANUARY, 2009	5	School resumes	
	19	MLK Day - No School	
	20	Exams -	
	21	Exams ½ Day – No Delayed Start	
	22	Exams ½ Day Dismissal 11:00 a.m. Students Only	
	23	Exams ½ Day - Dismissal 11:00 a.m. Students Only	
	23	End of First Semester	
	26	Second Semester Begins	

Smoke-Free School District

The Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake Public Schools adopted a resolution that there will be no smoking on school grounds at any time. The policy took effect in the 1999-2000 school year. This smoke-free policy affects athletic contests. If someone needs to smoke between games or half-time, they must leave the school grounds. This resolution is not intended to inconvenience too many people; however, it will benefit the entire community to be smoke free. Use of tobacco products includes:

1. The carrying of a lighted cigar, pipe or other lighted smoking device.
2. The inhaling or chewing of a tobacco product.
3. The placing of a tobacco product within a person's mouth.

(Tobacco-Free School Law-Enrolled Senate Bill 459, 1993)

OSHA Regulations

The Vandercook Lake School District is subject to federal regulation from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace. These regulations are designed to protect employees of the district who are, or could be, exposed to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties.

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the district is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment.

Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the district request the person who is bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV or HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

The law does not require parents or guardians to grant permission for the examination of their child's blood, but it does require the district to request the consent. Although we expect that indications of exposure will be few, we wanted to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way, if the situation does develop, you will understand the reason for our request and will have an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper precautions and cooperation, we can prevent them from spreading.

Asbestos Management Plan Notice

The school district has conducted an extensive asbestos inspection of all buildings. This survey and a follow-up management plan were completed by state certified inspector-consultants. Insulation on pipes, furnaces, hot water tanks, etc. are encapsulated according to EPA recommendations. The survey and plan indicate no friable materials in school buildings.

To ensure the health and safety of building occupants, surveillance by local certified personnel is conducted every six months. Re-inspections by state qualified inspectors also are required and made every third year.

The plan is available for inspection at the central office in the high school, and if requested, it will be supplied to school patrons within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Pesticide Control Act Required Notice of Pesticide Application

At the beginning of each school year, administrators shall notify parents and guardians of children attending that school of the right to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide at that school.

The notice described in the previous paragraph shall contain information, obtained from the person applying the pesticides, which includes a statement that pesticide will be applied, the approximate location, and the date of the applications.

Contributors Appreciated

Two noteworthy contributions have been made to the Vandercook Lake Public Schools.

Zelma Rifkin a former Vandercook Lake education of 22 years recently passed away and left the district \$70,000 to establish a scholarship. This generous donation will be deposited with the Jackson Community Foundation who already administers two scholarships funds for the school. Future graduates of Vandercook Lake High School will benefit greatly because of Zelma's generosity.

Superintendent Emeritus Ron Bennett and retired Athletic Director and Coach Chuck Miller have now raised over \$31,000 in their brickyard project for the new stadium entrance. The profits from the selling of the engraved bricks are being used to purchase a new scoreboard, landscape the area, buy new flags and poles for each Cascade Conference school and to pay for the labor needed to complete the project. Thank you Ron and Chuck for all of your donated time and efforts.

Weapon Free School Zone Policy

The Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake Public School District, as both an employer and a public school district, is concerned with and interested in protecting the health, safety and welfare of students, employees, and visitors. The Board recognizes that school buildings, facilities, vehicles, grounds and other school property are best utilized in the educational process in the absence of threats to physical well-being and safety, by individuals possessing weapons.

Accordingly, the Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake School District shall permanently expel a pupil from attending school district if the pupil possesses a weapon or commits arson or rape in a weapon free school zone.

This law continues to be discussed at the state legislature. Vandercook Schools will maintain a policy in full compliance with this law.



Vandercook Lake Public School Staff

Townsend Staff

Paul Chilcote	Principal
Diane McQuillan	Asst. Principal
Support Staff	
Penny Blossom	Breakfast/Lunchroom
Ellen Bos	Lunchroom
Joy Cichy	Computer Lab Aide
Amanda Curtis	Inclusion Assistant
Mindy Dingmon	Inclusion Aide
Beth Fritz	Inclusion Aide
Amy Hildebrand	Playground
Judy Hinton	Teacher Assistant
Kim Jackson	Teacher Assistant
Geolyn Jacobson	Playground
Sue Jennings	Playground
Deb Jensen	Teacher Assistant
Carla Kelly	Lunchroom
Tanya Keyes	Teacher Assistant
Dawn Kimball	Special Ed Teacher Assist.
Kelly Lawton	Bkfst/Lunchroom Cashier
Dottie Lawson	Special Ed Teacher Assist.
Jenny Meade	Dishwasher
Terry Middlebrook	Breakfast/Lunchroom
Teresa Milinazzo	Playground Aide
Wendy Morgan	Inclusion Teacher Assist.
Renee Myers	Teacher Assistant
Mary Neeley	Playground
Pam O'Connell	Library Aide
Walt Ostrander	Custodian
Carol Perdeu	Teacher Assistant
Jamie Radford	Secretary
Sarah Swaenepoel	Secretary
Terri Slater	Nurse
Tracey Strong	Teacher Assistant
Mary Taliaferro	Teacher Assistant
Sharon Taliaferro	Breakfast/Lunchroom
Bill Orrison	Custodian
Wendy Tripp	Teacher Assistant
Cathy Trowbridge	Teacher Assistant
Jack Trumble	Kgn Bus Aide
Sherry Vincent	Time Out Room

Middle / High School Staff

Mark Schonhard	Principal
Les Essex	Asst. Principal
	Athletic Director
Renee Rudloff	Asst. Principal
Support Staff	
Pat Blossom	Secretary
Jackie Hunter	Secretary
Jodi Negus	Secretary
Denise Wolcott	Special Ed Teacher Aide
June London	Special Ed Aide
Katie Wilcox	Special Ed Aide
Christine Johnson	Special Ed Aide
Carolyn Rink	Instrumental Music
	Teacher Aide
Cynthia Harris-Barker	Teacher Aide
Dayna Schweda	Teacher Aide
GlendaWells	Teacher Aide

Teaching Staff

Valerie Alexander	Mathematics
Marney Alley	Counselor
Claire Bacigal	Health
Mark Bareis	Social Studies; Psych.
William Beadenkopf	6th Grade English
Karen Benson	Learning Disabled
Marcia Bigger	Librarian
Chris Blackledge	7th Grade Math
Barbara Blair	Physical Education
Elizabeth Boldt	Art
Erin Buehrer	Learning Disabled MS
Brenda (Johnson) Cavanaugh	Special Education
John Faber	Art
Trevor Goedert	English, Social Studies
Joan Hofer	Social Studies
Debra Holton	MS English
Eric Jacobson	Science, Chemistry
Wendy Klintworth	7th Grade Science
Marion Koetsier	Counselor
Dawn Knight	8th Grade Math
Jacob Konkel	Vocal Music
Karen Laura	7th Grade English
Christine Leindecker	Special Ed MS
Debra Long	Alt. Education MS
Bradley Manders	Physical Education
Shelly Mannor	6th Grade Social Studies
Heather Mergener	Spanish
Rita McVey	Special Education
Matthew Markwart	Business Education
Tammie Neeley	Business
Pete Powers	English
Timothy Pryor	8th Grade Science
Kate (Decker) Richards	English
Lyman Robertson	Technology Lab
Daniel Roggenbaum	Mathematics
Peggy Sayre	Mathematics
Chris Sexton	6th Grade Math
Patti Shafer	Business—Career Prep Coordinator
Erin Slater	8th Grade Social Studies
Steven Tucker	English, Journalism
Paul Varner	Physical Education
Lisa Weber	6th Grade Science
Gerald Williams	Instrumental Music

Teaching Staff

Sharon Elzinga	Kindergarten
Lisa Osypczak	Kindergarten
Colleen Stapley	Kindergarten
Joy Stewart	Kindergarten
Sue Allen	First Grade
Beth Jones	First Grade
Yvonne Rininger	First Grade
Becca Bradley	Second Grade
Corrie Castle	Second Grade
Jennifer French	Second Grade
Sue Hause	Second Grade
Kathy Higgins	Third Grade
Terri Siegrist	Third Grade
Sheryl Waite	Third Grade
Jaime Warren	Third Grade
Jill Cripe	Third Grade
Elise Fish	Fourth Grade
Mark Spaan	Fourth Grade
Chris VanEpps	Fourth Grade
Jill Arcaro	Fourth Grade
John Myers	Fifth Grade
Jon Packer	Fifth Grade
Patti Vass	Fifth Grade
Suzanne Richardson	Art
Mark Snyder	Gym
TBA	Media Specialist
Jessica Flickinger	Music
Kim Jones	Special Ed
Jeannette Sobota	Special Ed
Kate Glead	LD Teacher
Marianne Berkemeier	Reading Recovery
Michelle Boorman	Social Worker
Peggy Patrick	Teacher Consultant
Reaney Sheehan	Speech Therapist
Marta Skiba	Psychologist
Denise Bjorklund	OT/PT
Donna Gonzelez	Occupational Therapist

Maintenance

Norman Masters	Director of Operations
Shelly Holderman	Custodian
Vicki Nadell	Custodian
Kay Seffernick	Custodian
Eric Radford	Utility
Rich Cichy	Utility
Jenny Altobello	Custodian
Dennis Rose	Custodian

Transportation Department

Martha Futrell
Gloria Rose
Kathleen Rochefort
Debbie Hubbell
Cathy Kapuga
Roger Kaywood
John Parker

Hot Lunch Staff

Dave Center	Food Services Director
Cathy Conaway	
Linda Honsinger	
Stacey Bailey	
Katie Stoddard	
Charlene Strickrodt	
Carol Finley	

McDevitt Staff

Aaron Bush	Curriculum Director,
	Building Administrator
Donna LeFaive	Curriculum/Building
	Secretary
Rene' Smith	Young 5's Teacher
Sherri Harvey	Young 5's Teacher's
	Aide
Karen Barrett	PreSchool Teacher
Pam Petress	PreSchool Teacher
	Assistant
Wendy Hynes	PreSchool Aide &
	Childcare
Kim Jackson	PreSchool Aide
Terry Coulombe	Custodian
Katie Stoddard	Custodian
Bonnie Harvey	Childcare Supervisor
Gina Hagopian	Childcare
Mindy Dingmon	Childcare
Mary Neeley	Childcare
Gloria Sanford	Childcare

Central Administration

Anthony Hollow	Superintendent
Ronald Bennett	Superintendent
	Emeritus
Phillip Garrison	Technology Director
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Athletic News.....

The following Jayhawk athletes earned all conference honors during the Spring season. Baseball: Josh Clark—infield, Lee Vickers—infield Softball: Kalie Lamb—outfield, Tori Calkins—infield, Jessica Luty—pitcher Girls Track: Samantha Ritter—100 meter, Quinn Fischman, Sharon Morgan, Michelle Burke & Kelly Morgan—3200 meter Relay Boy's Golf: Ken Strohm. Congratulations to everyone especially graduating seniors.

A special congratulations to senior athletes of the year Kalie Lamb and Josh Clark. In addition to making all conference teams, both were honored by making all district, all Regional, and all State teams in softball and baseball, respectively. Kalie was also recognized by the Detroit Free Press as a Scholar Athlete and by the Jackson Citizen Patriot as position & Player of the Year. Best of luck to these great seniors as they continue to their academic and athletic careers at Jackson Community College.

Also earning All State recognition in track was senior Samantha Ritter. Samantha earned the chance to run in to the finals of the 100 meter dash. Her 8th place finish capped a great season. Samantha will continue with track at Albion College.

Practices for the Fall 2008 season will begin on the following dates:

- JV and Varsity Girl's Golf—Thursday, August 7
- JV and Varsity Football—Monday, August 11
- JV and Varsity sideline Cheer—Monday, August 11
- JV and Varsity Volleyball—Monday, August 11
- High School Cross Country—Monday, August 11
- 7th & 8th grade Football—Wednesday, August 27
- Middle School Volleyball—Wednesday, September 3
- Middle School Cross Country—Wednesday, September 3

Coaches will contact athletes concerning practice times and locations. Call the High School 782-8167 with any questions.

Note—All athletes must have a current physical card on file with the athletic department before participating in any practices.

Admission prices to Athletic Contest will remain the same as last year. Pricing is as follows: \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students (K-12) to Varsity football, JV-Varsity basketball & volleyball, HS track. \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students (K-12) to JV football, Freshman basketball, Varsity baseball, Varsity softball, and all Middle School events. Money saving options are as follows: Advance purchase tickets in the athletic office before 2:00 p.m. of game day \$4.00 Adults and \$3.00 Students (K-12), 10 pack of Adult tickets \$30.00 and 10 pack of Student (K-12) tickets \$25.00, Family pass for entire season \$175.00. Contact High School office with any questions.

During registration athletic contracts will be available to be signed by athletes and parents of 7th, 9th and any student participating in sports that does not have a current contract on file with the athletic department. Parents/Guardians of high school athletes will be asked to complete a survey concerning possible ways to control the cost of sports transportation.

Patron's Page

On Tuesday, August 19 the Fall sports teams will be collecting names for the patron's page of the program. Donations of \$1.00 per name will make you a member of the White club. Donations of \$5.00 per name will be included as a Red club member. Times will be from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Athletes will be wearing team clothing. For as little as \$15.00 you can purchase a 1/10 page personalized message in the program showing your support of Jayhawk athletics. Call 782-8167 to speak with Les Essex or Jodi Negus for more details.

Tailgate Party

The annual high school tailgate party will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot near the bus barns. The middle school tailgate party will be Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Food and drinks will be furnished. Those attending the high school tailgate party are reminded to bring their own tables and chairs. Athletes and coaches will be introduced following the meal. These parties are sponsored by the Athletic Boosters and the Vandercook Lake Lions Club.

Senior Citizen Passes

Passes are available to all Vandercook Lake School District senior citizens compliments of the Board of Education. This pass will allow our senior citizens the opportunity to attend Vandercook Lake School sponsored events held in any of our district facilities free of charge. Exceptions to the free admission include but are not limited to MHSAA tournaments, non-school sponsored programs and events, fund-raising activities, and school plays/dramas requiring admission due to royalties. Passes are available from the Superintendent's office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Senior citizens are at least 60 years of age.

Special Education Services

Vandercook Lake Public Schools provides learning opportunities for eligible students with special education needs through a continuum of services and programs. If staff members or parents suspect a student to be in need of special education services, a referral should be made to the Student Assistance Team (S.A.T.). The S.A.T. may recommend a special education evaluation or they may develop a general education intervention plan to address the needs of the student. Once a student is formally evaluated, an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) team meeting is held. Determination of special education programs and services is made at the I.E.P.T. Special Education programs and services for Vandercook Lake Public Schools are operated and administered through the local buildings and in out-of-district facilities in collaboration with the Jackson County Intermediate School District.