

MAHAFFIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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**“HOME OF THE
KNIGHTS”**

MAY 2009

PARENT NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

The end of the 2008-2009 school year ends Friday, May 22. This time of year brings mixed emotions for everyone. We are all looking forward to vacation time and a slower change of pace, but we will also miss our students, parents and staff. I, for one am not ready for the year to be over. We have gained such momentum in our learning. I would like to keep going and going.

We are busy preparing for the opening of school in August. We ask that you notify the school office if you do not plan to return to Mahaffie in the fall. It is important that we have accurate information regarding student numbers so that we can secure the appropriate number of staff. Enrollment packets will be sent home in student envelopes on the final day of school. Students in grades K-6 may enroll online using your student ID number. All students must re-enroll each year. Official enrollment will be held at Mahaffie on Tuesday, July 28th from 8AM-7PM. If you enroll online you do not need to come to walk-in enrollment unless you wish to do so. Information will be available at enrollment regarding Site Council, PTO, and activities for the year. Students will be notified of their teacher assignment the weekend prior to the beginning of school. Please remember that we do not accept specific requests for teachers. Our teachers know the children very well. Thank you for having confidence in us to make the best placement decision for each student.

Let's have a great end to the school year! *Mrs. Head, Principal*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MAHAFFIE STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING!

*Peggy Sharp, Quest
Lyle Gibbons, Grade 6*

PEGGY THARP-QUEST



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 4-8: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7: Mahaffie Young Authors-7:45AM
- May 13: Grill Out For Lunch Day
School Skating Party-6:30PM
- MAY 18: FIELD DAY (STUDENTS WEAR TENNIS SHOES/SUNSCREEN)
- MAY 20: PREK AND KDG LAST DAY OF CLASSES
REPORT CARDS GO HOME TODAY
- MAY 21: ½ DAY OF CLASSES GRADES 1 -6
SCHOOL RELEASE AT 11:40AM
- MAY 22: LAST ½ DAY OF SCHOOL GRADES 1-6
6TH GRADE FAREWELL
SUMMER VACATION BEGINS AT 11:40AM!!!!
Report Cards and 2009-2010 Enrollment Packets
Sent Home Today

Superintendent Podcast on School Funding Situation

In light of the worsening state economy and its impact on school funding, the Olathe School District has created an "information station" on the Web. Go to the district Website at www.olatheschools.com and click on the School Funding Updates button to hear a podcast from Dr. Pat All, read Frequently Asked Questions, view charts of how the district spends its money, and submit questions. The podcasts will be regularly updated as more information is available.

NURSES NOTES:

The State of Kansas has made some important changes in immunization requirements for 2009-2010 school year Early Childhood through 9th grade students. Some Mahaffie student(s) who will be in grades EC through 6th grades in the fall may receive a letter from the school nurse regarding missing immunizations. The note will come to you in the mail. This will give you time to have your student immunized to meet the new State requirements. Call me if you have questions, or my record is in error. 913-780-7536. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Linda McGill RN – Mahaffie School Nurse

A BIG "Thank You" to our MAY Watch D.O.G.S.

Emilio Marrouin, Kelly Lauffenberger, Hugh Sawyer, Jeff Oprisu, Matt Saluto, Bill Govero, Frank Raines, Scott Harper, Pete Flood, Jim McCallson, Paul Smith, Ezra Berkenwald, Carl Lovern, Dan Devoe, Craig Gable, Dan Bolz, Roger Schuetz, Jack Emry, Brian Huber, Lloyd Harris, Brian Holzmark, Steve Waddell

Please check the overflowing Lost and Found in the front lobby of school before school is out. Currently the Lost and Found is full of very nice hoodies, winter coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, lunchboxes, and lots more. When the school closes for the summer, ALL REMAINING ITEMS FROM THE LOST AND FOUND WILL BE DONATED TO JOHNSON COUNTY FOSTER CARE. So please check to see if your child is missing anything from home and check the Lost and Found. Thank You.

Elementary:

"The opportunity to pay fees in advance for next school year will again be available this Summer. Information concerning this early fee payment option will be sent home with your elementary student on the last day of school in the progress report envelope. Fees for next school year may be paid online starting Wednesday, July 8th or in person at Registration Day on July 28th."

SUMMER MOVIE TICKETS:

In the next several weeks, parents will be receiving information and order forms to purchase movie tickets for this summer. Each punch ticket consists of 8 viewings for the low price of \$12.50. \$5.00 goes to support Mahaffie.

Each week features one G rated movie and one PG movie to view. The purchaser selects which movie at which Dickenson theatre to attend. A few of the movies included are: "Hotel for Dogs, Inkheart and Nim's island.

If you need further information, please call Caye Yurchak at 764-7812.

2009 Mahaffie Carnival ---Thank You!

This year's Mahaffie Carnival brought in \$8,624.41 for the PTO. We could not have done it without the support of our Mahaffie families, teachers and staff.

Special thank you to this year's Carnival Committee who worked so hard to plan and organize the carnival games and prizes, basket raffle, teacher and silent auction items. Thank you to the following: Lynda Albrechtsen, Dena Alexander, Karen Burr, Karen Cunningham, Laurie Emerson, Carey Iennaccaro, Megan Lee, Dianne Lux, Denise Massey Lori Oprisu, Tracie Phillips, Shelly Todd, and Sherri Wildoner and all of our kids who helped out too.

Thank you to the following parents, students, and teachers who helped with set up and clean up of the carnival: Paul and Jacob Howard, Greta Ryan, Jen Bruse, Melissa Tobaben, Chris and Ben Goff, Heather Lowe, Jennifer and Kylie Melton, Frank and Laura Raines, Roger and Matthew Schuetz, Kristi Neal, Justin Rumps, Wendy Dunwiddie, Larry Lux, Dwight Solis, and Brett Wildoner.

School Lunch Information

Monday, May 11, is the last day that lunch charges may be made. Students who do not have a positive balance in their lunch account will need to bring a sack lunch, or will be asked to call a parent to bring a lunch to school for them. No exceptions may be made beginning Tuesday, May 12th.

Please know that your student will need bring a lunch from home beginning Tuesday, May 12th until their lunch account balance is current. Students without a lunch will have to call parents to bring money, or lunch to school.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Weather Assembly 2-3:00PM	2
3	4 PTO/Site Council END OF YEAR DINNER 5:30-6:30PM	5	6 YOUNG AUTHORS BREAKFAST 7:45-8:15AM	7 AM KDG TO EAT IN LUNCHROOM 10:45 PM KDG TO EAT IN LUNCHROOM 1:00	8 10:30AM KDG PROGRAM 2:30PM PM KDG PROGRAM	9
10	11	12 STRINGS AND BAND TOUR TODAY 8:45-Performance @MA 7:00PM BAND CONCERT @ SFT	13 GRILL OUT FOR LUNCH 6:30-8:00PM SKATING PARTY	14	15	16
17 DISTRICT GRADUATION CEREMONIES 7:00PM	18 FIELD DAY	19 BAND/STRINGS LAST DAY	20 REPORT CARD ENVELOPES GO HOME TODAY 3 RD GRADE FIESTA EK/KDG LAST DAY	21 1.2 DAY CLASSES GRADES 1-6 DISMISSAL AT 11:40AM	22 LAST ½ CLASSES GRADES 1-6 DISMISSAL AT 11:40AM SUMMER BREAK BEGINS!!!!	23

