

Superintendents Message



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Superintendent Ramblings

More budget information! Budget again? Isn't there something else that you can write about? Those were but a few of the statements I heard when I shared my ideas with my office staff. Their thoughts made me think about the positives that continue to go on in our system, even though I must give you a bit of budget news. The principals will share more as all the data becomes known and all of the testing is complete but our students, AGAIN, are doing great on state assessments; a big THANKS to the students and teachers for their daily "in the trench" efforts. Also, thanks goes to the parents, classified staff, and building administration for their support.

Now the budget news: As of this writing, the budget remains unsettled at the state level. Several legislators have determined that it is NOT in the best interest of Kansas to accept the stimulus money from the federal government—that Kansas would be helping the federal government by not accepting the dollars. I am of a different belief. My thought is that the federal government will award the stimulus money that would have gone to Kansas to someone. That we as taxpayers will have that bill to pay regardless, so shouldn't we latch on to that money in order to maintain our schools appropriately? Not taking the dollars will be truly devastating to our kid's education and to local taxpayers. Let's hope those thinking it's a bad idea to take the money are in the minority.

Another positive: Our newly established 3 Year Old Early Childhood Education Program is flourishing. The students are doing great and the program is exceeding all of my expectations. Changes in the building are note worthy as well. Lots of moving of things and people occurred, in order to make the situation work. Also, painting, remodeling, and reworking rooms' remains in progress as well. Those changes are taking place on a shoe string budget. I have district staff (thanks Ferrell) doing the remodeling in addition to completing daily duties and it looks great. Come by, see the changes, and, if it is at all possible, we will have a cup of coffee and visit a few moments.

Until next time.

Area Library Hours

Frankfort Library 292-4320

Hours: Monday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Corning Library 868-2755

Hours: Monday: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Centralia Library 857-3331

Hours: Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Vermillion Library 382-6224

Hours: Monday: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Tuesday: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am