



# STAFF NOTEBOOK

A Newsletter for All Employees

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## United Way Campaign Begins Monday

School and department United Way coordinators attended an orientation session Tuesday in preparation for the annual campaign to support the United Way effort. The district's United Way campaign will be conducted from October 10 through 21.



United Way  
of Wyandotte County

Employees pledged or donated more than \$82,000 last year to support United Way agencies providing programs and services in our community.

Staff who contribute or make annual pledges of \$144 or more to the United Way's Community Care Fund will receive a personalized Caring Club card that offers discounts by participating merchants.

During the next two weeks, United Way coordinators will be asking you to contribute to the campaign through payroll deductions or one-time contributions.

Dear Staff:

During the next couple of weeks, you will be asked to contribute to the district's annual United Way Campaign. Money pledged and collected supports local agencies that help our children, their families, and our co-workers who may be in need.

I know that many of you responded compassionately when asked to support those displaced by the hurricanes that ravaged Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. Now, however, I ask that you join with me in supporting our local agencies that need our help.

An easy way to support United Way is through payroll deduction. For nine months beginning in December, the amount you designate is deducted from the second paycheck of the month. A few dollars from our raise once a month will go far in meeting the needs of youth and families.

United Way makes a positive difference in our community and school district. I sincerely wish that you would join with me in pledging and donating a higher amount of money than last year. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Shackelford,  
Superintendent of Schools

## Sumner Named to National Register of Historic Places

The vast history of Sumner High School and its Athletic Field is being recognized by the state of Kansas and the nation. It has been named to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

### Centennial Events Planned

Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private (Continued on back)

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### Student Places in BizFest

Luis Panameno, a senior at Harmon, placed third in the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce BizFest Competition held Sept. 15-17 in Milwaukee. He will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship, renewable each year for four years.

BizFest is a workshop series that equips Latino students, ages 17-25, with the tools to be successful in both business and life. Panameno took first place in the local BizFest competition held last spring, and was one of two Harmon students to progress to the national finals.

### THANK YOU Physical Therapists!

October is National Physical Therapy month, a time to recognize physical therapists and their contributions to our district.

There are three physical therapists who provide services to students from birth to 21 years of age in the Wyandotte Comprehensive Special Education Cooperative's school districts. They are **Sandy Jarratt, Pat Monaghan** and **Renee Bockelman**.

## Northwest Student Teacher Recognized

**Victoria Luhrs**, a student teacher from Kansas State University who is working at Northwest Middle, has been named a College of Education Teacher of Promise. She is one of two KSU student teachers to receive this honor. She will be recognized at the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet set for November in Wichita.

Luhrs also has been asked to speak at K-State's graduation in December.

## Sumner Forensics Chapter Honored

Sumner Academy's National Forensic League (NFL) chapter has received the Leading Chapter Award in the Three Trails District. The award is based on student participation and is the highest honor the NFL can bestow on any chapter. The school is one of only 103 nationwide to receive the award this year.



## Teacher Rides for a Good Cause

**Susan Washburn**, math teacher at Wyandotte, recently completed the MS 150 Bike Tour, a fund raiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She surpassed her fund raising goal and collected \$2,200.

This is the second year she has participated in the event with her husband.

# KSHB-TV Conducting Survey for Sweeps Week

Teachers may have received an electronic survey from KSHB-TV this week asking about attitudes toward the teaching profession.



Late last week, Keith King, NBC news investigator, requested e-mail addresses of teachers in the district under the state Open Records Act. In addition, he requested incidents of weapons in schools and information about the district's Reading First grants.

We cannot ask why a person is making a request for information. However, there was speculation that a survey would be forthcoming.

In early November, TV stations will begin "sweeps week" when the number of viewers are determined for the station. During that week, stations attempt to find controversial and sometimes sensational stories to boost viewership.

Of course, teachers do not have an obligation to respond to the survey request. Those who do respond are encouraged to tell the compelling story of the hard work they have done to increase the achievement level of students districtwide. More than likely, 41 will hear from a few who might be unhappy over some issue.

## Sumner

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efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Listing of the property provides recognition of the community's historic importance.

This recognition is timely as the school is marking its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A number of activities are planned.

Homecoming will have a centennial theme and will include an assembly with representatives of the various decades taking part in a panel discussion with current Sumner students. The assembly will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7 at the school.

During Black History Month in February, current and past Sumner students will collaborate on a theatrical production on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9 and 10.

The year-long celebration will be capped off at graduation in May with former graduates from each decade serving as guest speakers.

A date has not yet been set for the erection of a historical marker at the site of the original school at 9<sup>th</sup> and Washington (near the current Douglass Elementary School). However, the committee is taking donations for commemorative bricks that will be used to construct a patio around it. The minimum donation is \$100. Send your donations, including what you would like to have inscribed on the brick, to:

**Sumner Education Foundation**  
PO Box 1123  
Kansas City, KS 66110-1123

## Students Enrolled From Hurricane Areas

The number of students who have enrolled in our schools due to displacement by the hurricanes continues to grow.

**Milla Massey**, liaison for the district's homeless program, has been involved in helping these students and their families. She has assisted with needed housing, gift cards for clothing, food and more.

Schools enrolling the students include: Harmon, Schlagle, Sumner Academy, Washington, Wyandotte, Argentine, Central Middle, West, Bethel, Frances Willard, Hazel Grove, Kennedy, Mark Twain, New Chelsea, New Stanley, Stony Point North, Welborn and W. A. White.