



Congratulations Retirees!

Annual Retirement Banquet is May 16

The district will host its annual Employee Recognition Retirement Banquet at 6 p.m. Friday, May 16 at the Reardon Convention Center. Employees who have announced their retirement or who have retired this school year will be recognized by the Board of Education at the event.

The district has 96 retiring employees. The complete list of retirees is as follows:

Jeanne Leonard and **Sally Saucedo**, Argentine Middle; **Alberta Zink**, Arrowhead Middle; **Carolyn Lewis**, **Charles Knapp**, **Deb Reynolds**, **Sue Sanford** and **John Kessler**, ATS; **Mary Jane Frison**, Banneker Elementary; **Jessie Guess**, Bethel Elementary; **Cutie Williams** and **Lynn Blomberg**, Caruthers Elementary; **Jean Parrett**, Caruthers/Grant; **Camille Harris** and **Julie Mathews**, Central Kitchen;

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Bernard Bialek and **Sherilyn Simmons**, Central Middle; **Jan Remund** and **Marianna Willis**, Central Office; **Ivan Smith** and **Linda Scammahorn**, Coronado Middle; **Steve Bock** and **Charles Crouss**, Education Center; **Marsha Cowan**, **Nancy Norris**, **Pam Jasinskis** and **Patsy Jones**, Eisenhower Middle; **Carolyn Mayfield**, Emerson Elementary; **Joe Spencer**, Emerson/Argentine Library; **Wanda Ervin**, Grant/Lindbergh; **Elaine King**, **Marion Dangerfield**, **Nellie Allen**, **Pauline Avila**, **Sharon Barnes**, **David Cowart** and **Sonja Felder**, Harmon High; **Judith Rhea**, J.F. Kennedy Elementary; **Winona Lynch** and **Paul Welch**, John Fiske; **Berneice Williams**, **Catharine Hendricks**, **Charles Perdue** and **Helen Prater**, Library – Main

Branch; **Ilene Fahring**, Library – West Branch; **Horace Watson**, McKinley Elementary; **Phyllis Cason**, New Chelsea Elementary; **Sharon Barnett**, Noble Prentis; **Aril Green** and **Sylvia Smith**, Northwest Middle; **MaryAnn Van Dine**, Noble Prentis/Silver City; **Janice Spratling**, Nutritional Services; **Norma Monroe** and **William Bedell**, Rosedale Middle; **Deborah Payton-Bagby**, **Gary Dercher**, **Jeffrey Latz** and **Kathleen Clark**, Schlagle High; **Allan (AJ) DeVriese**, **James McCombs**, **Frank (Pete) McKay** and **Ken Williams**, Shop Office; **Velma June**, **Janet Manley**, **Lavera Tolson** and **Gwen Edmiston**, Wyandotte Comprehensive Special Education Cooperative; **Betty Springfield**, Stony Point South Elementary; **Anita Hatton**, **Edward Lane**, **Helen Redmond**
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Wyandotte Wins Athletix Makeover

Wyandotte High School has been named the winner of an Athletix Makeover from AthletixNation.com.

The announcement came from Wyandotte Athletic Director **Kerry Kubicki** during an all-school assembly on Friday, May 2.

The entire student body roared when she told them, “Only one school can say, ‘grand champion.’ Only one school is receiving, from AthletixNation.com and their sponsors, an extreme basketball makeover!”

As winners of the makeover, the school will receive new uniforms for their boys’ and girls’ basketball teams, basketball training equipment (including basketballs and practice gear), and new shoes. They also will receive training from leading basketball coaches, trainers and star athletes. And the Wyandotte cheerleaders were not forgotten. They have won a half-day cheerleading camp experience from the KC Brigade Girls, one of the sponsors of the program. Other program sponsors include Sports Radio 810, Metro Sports, 68’s Inside Sports,

Francis Sporting Goods and the NAIA Champions of Character program.

The Athletix Makeover contest was open to public and private high schools in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Schools entering to win were required to write a 200-word essay describing why their team should win; upload photos of their team, facility, uniforms, shoes, etc.; and upload at least one creative video about the team and why it was best qualified to be chosen. This information was posted online and the public was allowed to vote for their favorite. The combination of votes, and information submitted was used as judging criteria.

As winners of the makeover, the school and all its students also will have the chance to take part in an Athletix Makeover reality show being aired by Metro Sports.



Stained Glass Donated

A stained glass panel has been donated to the KCK School Foundation for Excellence by Washington High School art teacher, **Chuck Watson**.

A nationally known glass artist, Watson is also a Washington graduate.

"The KCK schools have given a lot to me," Watson said, "And this is a way I can give back to the students."

The panel will be a part of the Silent Auction at the *Reasons to Believe* Gala set for Friday, May 9.

Fitness Day at SPS

Stony Point South Elementary will host a fitness day Monday, May 12. Several fun events are scheduled to support the school's fight against childhood obesity.

"This is a part of our Healthier Schools Generation plan," said **Lacie Wiebke**, physical education instructor. "Among other activities, we've invited a kickboxing instructor to do kickboxing lessons with our students."

Preschool Holds

Hop A Thon

Preschool students at the Education Center Preschool participated in a Hop A Thon April 14-18 to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Students raised more than \$755.

Maralyn Robinson, para educator, coordinated the effort.

Seniors Receive POP Scholarships

Twelve graduating seniors have been selected for the Promise of Possibilities (POP) Scholarships. The scholarships are funded by revenue generated through the beverage contract the district has with American Bottlers.

The scholarship recipients are: William Bowles, Vonda Sayavongsone and Terrence

Kennedy, J.C. Harmon High School; Eric Copeland and Mee Vang, F.L. Schlagle High School; Terra Hill and D'Leon McCord, Washington High School; Seth Irving, Maria Ramirez and Joshua Wright, Wyandotte High School; and Ricky Randle and Andrea Vertz, Sumner Academy of Arts and Science.

Sumner Forensics Students Place Third in State Tournament

Congratulations to the Sumner Academy forensics squad which placed third at the recent Kansas State High School Activities Association's State Forensics Championship tournament. The tournament was held at Shawnee Heights High School in Topeka, Kan. Stephanie Pounds, junior, placed first in the state for Poetry Interpretation. The following students also medaled:

- Jazmyne Preston- third place, Poetry Interpretation
- Daja Bresette- third place, Serious Solo Acting
- Marcus Banks- fourth place, Serious Solo Acting
- Alyssa Jones- second place, Prose Interpretation
- Sade Parker- sixth place, Prose Interpretation
- Shahnna Campbell and Marcus Banks-fifth place, DUO Interpretation

Congratulations also to all of the forensics students who competed in the State Speech and Drama Festival at Kansas City, Kansas Community College. **Jamelle McConnell-Brown** is the Sumner Academy head forensics coach, and **Dan Duncan** is the assistant coach.

Quindaro Staff Reunion Planned

A faculty and staff reunion for Quindaro School will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the Willa Gill Center, 630 Nebraska.

The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are due May 15. Contact Marcia Hayes, (913) 281-0485, R. Frazier, (913) 287-7838, or Florence Mays (913) 321-8041.

Retirement Receptions

- A reception honoring school nurse **Sigora Massey** will be held by the staffs of West Middle School and William Allen White Elementary School on Thursday, May 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at West.
- The staffs at Silver City Elementary School and Noble Prentiss Elementary School will host a retirement reception for **MaryAnn Van Dine** from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 at Silver City.
- The staff at John Fiske Elementary will recognize **Winona Lynch** at a retirement reception from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 13.
- J.C. Harmon staff will honor retirees **Nellie Allen, Sharon Barnes, Sonja Felder, Elaine King** and **Dan Schmidt** with a reception at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 in room 204.

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Lois Nicklin, **Samuel Cofield** and **Susan Miller**, Welborn; **Sigora Massey**, West/William Allen White; **Thomas Whipple**, Whittier Elementary; **Arlene Adams**, **Janell Engelhardt**, **Jocelyn Gaitan**, **Lee Brown**, **Linda McGee**, **Martha Cowart**, **Sam Thomas** and **Timothy Johnson**, Wyandotte High.



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