

From The Board President:

As you read this newsletter, school is in session and the school year is off and running! We are excited to begin another year with enrollment stabilized at 348 students, one student more than last year.

Lots of action took place over the summer with construction at both Americus (NLC) and Northern Heights. At Northern Heights, we spent approximately \$31,000 to replace the lockers down the main hallway, repair walls in the hallway and lobby area, and install an electronically secured front entry door monitored by a camera. We also repaired the parking lot with concrete approaches and asphalt repair of the huge potholes at a cost of \$75,950. We plan to chip and seal the entire parking lot next summer for approximately \$33,000 that will take care of the lot for several more years.

At North Lyon County Elementary in Americus, we spent \$638,304 to move and remodel the office area to make the entryway a secure entrance into the building. All doors will be locked at 8:10am each day and entry will only be into the office by being buzzed in by the office staff. All classroom doors were replaced with fire rated doors that lock from inside the classroom, making them much more secure. We also replaced a boiler and updated the fire alarm system as well as moved the playground north of the building instead of having to cross the street.

Most of this work was done by KBS construction with several sub-contractors involved, including several local companies. HTK architects designed and led the projects at a cost of \$41,700.

We also hired a local roofing company, Wray Roofing, to do an assessment of all our roofs and present a plan with costs and timeline for replacing or repairing anything that needs to be done. We should get that report by mid-September.

The Board unanimously appointed me as President and Angela Anderson as Vice President for the year. As we begin a search for a Superintendent, our experience will be important as we look for the right person to lead the district. Mr. Mathes, whom we hired on an interim basis, has agreed to stay on until we find the right person. We are hoping to find someone with small rural school experience as a Superintendent.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or any other Board member to get accurate information. We are all here to serve the students and taxpayers of our district. We are all looking forward to another great year for USD 251.

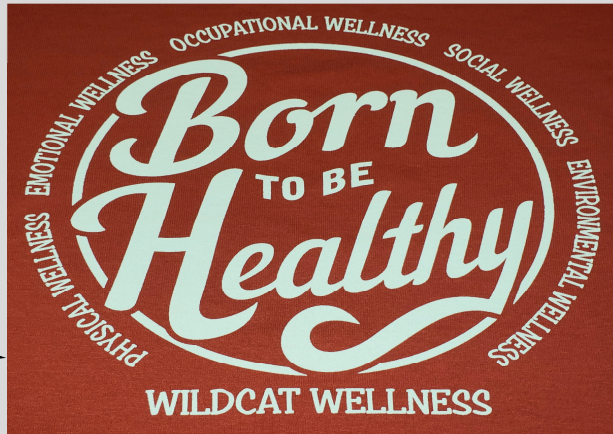
Matt Horton

USD 251 North Lyon County Wildcat Wellness 5k Run/Walk

\$25 Entry Fee

All proceeds go towards
improving our district's
wellness program.

Super Series Event



The Orchard

Saturday, September 7, 2019 — 8am

1128 N Hwy 99, Emporia

Registration forms may also be printed from our website at www.usd251.org, or by stopping by NLC Elementary, Northern Heights High School, or USD 251 District Office. Questions? Call 620-481-2085. Watch our Facebook page (USD 251 North Lyon County) for any information updates.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration forms must be received by August 24 to guarantee a shirt.

One registration form per person. Registration fee is \$25

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ E-MAIL: _____

GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Make checks payable to USD 251 & send payment and registration form to: USD 251, PO Box 527, Americus, KS 66835

In consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs and executors waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against The Orchard and USD 251, race officials, volunteers, and sponsors for any injuries suffered by me in this event. I certify that I am in good physical condition to participate in a sporting event. I understand that race officials reserve the right to pull any competitor from this race due to any physical problem.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Shirt Size (check one): Youth ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large

Adult ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL



Northern Heights High School

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

"If Everyone is Moving Forward Together, then Success Takes Care of Itself"

Peggy Fort

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year at Northern Heights High School. We are off and running with many academic clubs and activities for the year. We have several new teachers and classified staff this year.

1. Cody Lindquist will be our new Business teacher. He will sponsor FBLA and is our assistant boy's basketball coach.
2. Katelyn Dorrell will be our new English teacher.
3. Dani Sisson will be the district school nurse.

Welcome to all teachers and classified staff.

Parents - Every weekend I will send out an email to communicate the week's activities and information you may not receive through other forms of communication. Please feel free to email me any questions you may have for the week's events. If you do not receive an email from me weekly, please contact me with your correct email. My email is fortp@usd251.org. You should receive the first email by Friday, August 30, 2019

Northern Heights just launched their Kansans Can School Redesign Project this year. School Redesign is a process driven by Four Principles.

1. STUDENT SUCCESS SKILLS - An integrated approach to develop social-emotional growth.
2. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP - Partnerships based on mutually beneficial relationships and collaborations.
3. PERSONALIZED LEARNING - Teachers support students to have choice over their time, place, pace and path.
4. REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS - Project-based learning, internships and civic engagement make learning relevant.

We will continue to educate our patrons on our redesign projects through our newsletters as our students continue to succeed in their many projects and the redesign system.

Enjoy the last days of summer and welcome back to a great year!

Peggy Fort



WELCOME TO USD #251



Dani Sisson

My name is Dani Sisson. I grew up in Council Grove, KS, and I now live there with my husband and our 2 dogs. I graduated from Emporia State University and have been working as a nurse for the past 5 years. I am excited to dive into the school nurse profession. I enjoy knitting, reading, gardening, and watching sports in my spare time. I look forward to meeting everyone in the USD 251 community and working with you all this school year.

I grew up in Emporia, KS and graduated from Emporia High in 2011. I then attended Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 2015. After a few years of continuing to live in Los Angeles, I moved back to Emporia about a year and a half ago and decided that I wanted to pursue my passion for teaching. This year, I will be teaching business classes at Northern Heights High School and I am excited to teach there because it is such a fun, close-knit community and the students and faculty are all really great people to be around. It has already been such an exciting experience getting to know everyone and working with them so far. I look forward to getting to know the students, staff and their families more as the year goes on! Outside of school, I enjoy working out, playing basketball, watching whatever sports are in season, and spending time with my family and my bulldogs.



Cody Lindquist

My name is Katelyn Dorrell and I am teaching English at Northern Heights this school year. Growing up, I split my time between Newton, Kansas and Highland, Kansas. I graduated from Newton High School, then secured Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in English at Emporia State University. While at ESU, I had the privilege of playing alto saxophone in the ESU Jazz Band and serving in several positions on the student literary organization Quivira. I taught Creative Writing and Composition at Emporia State, then taught Composition at Barton Community College. During the summers, I worked four seasons at Camp Wood YMCA in various positions, including Leadership Director and Adventure Coordinator. Having spent the last seven years in the Emporia area, I'm excited to share my knowledge with students at Northern Heights, as well as learn about their passions and what makes them unique. Here's to a great school year!



Katelyn Dorrell



Dakota Nightingale

My name is Dakota Nightingale and I am so excited to be the new 5th grade teacher at NLC. I come from the small town of Galva, Kansas but have lived in Emporia for the last 5 years while attending Emporia State. This is my first year teaching and am eager to start the journey in North Lyon County! When I am not in my classroom I love to read, craft, and jam out to music. I can't wait to have an awesome school year.

I am Jeremy Michelbook and I will be teaching first grade at North Lyon County Elementary. I moved from New Mexico where I have taught first grade for the past 9 years. In 2009, I graduated from Emporia State University with my Bachelors in Elementary Education. In 2018, I graduated with my Master's in Elementary Education from Eastern New Mexico University. I am really looking forward to working with the families at North Lyon County Elementary.



Jeremy Michelbook

I am Sarah Secord and I am originally from Topeka, Kansas. I moved to Emporia in 2010 when I started attending Emporia State University. I graduated in 2015 with my Elementary Degree and a minor in coaching. Upon graduating I was hired at Emporia Public Schools at Turning Point Academy. I taught Kindergarten through second grade at Turning Point Academy for the first four years of my career. When they closed my program this past May, I was excited to have an opportunity to be part of NLC's Redesign school. I am excited to not only be the new Kindergarten teacher but also to be one of the new cheer coaches at the middle school. This past summer I celebrated my fifth year anniversary with my husband, Kyle. Together we have four fur babies, two dogs and two cats. In my free time I love to dance, swim, travel and spend time with my husband.



Sarah Secord

My name is Marah DeLong and I will be serving as the school social worker. I am a 2013 graduate from NHHS. I live on a farm with my spouse and our two dogs, Benjamin and Theodore. I attended the NLC school district for the majority of my K-12 education. I left the area after graduating high school in 2013 to pursue an undergraduate degree at Kansas State University and then a graduate degree at the University of Kansas, both in Social Work. I returned to the community in 2018 and worked for a year in child welfare. I am excited to return to my roots and to serve the community that gave me so much.



Marah DeLong

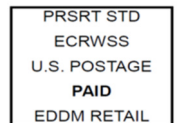
USD 251 Preschool Tuition Assistance Program



USD 251 is pleased to offer preschool tuition assistance to families in the North Lyon County school district whose children attend a qualified preschool, and will be 3 years old by August 31, 2019. Preschool tuition assistance is made possible through the Mobilizing Literacy Grant and our efforts to increase the number of children who are Kindergarten Ready.

The Kansas State Department of Education defines Kindergarten Readiness as: “Early childhood experiences, birth to kindergarten entry, that ensure health and physical well-being and the development of cognitive, communication and social-emotional skills necessary for school success and have a direct influence on future success....”

Please call the USD 251 District Office (620-481-2085) if your child is attending preschool, or if you would like to discuss preschool options in the surrounding areas. We want to discuss the USD 251 Preschool Tuition Assistance with you!



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