

TOP GUN RECIPIENTS

ALTOONA-MIDWAY HIGH SCHOOL TOPGUN

Dalton Smith is the son of Brenda and Dean Smith. He is a sophomore at Altoona-Midway MS/HS, and has earned the High School TopGun Award. He was selected for this recognition because Dalton demonstrates leadership skills and a positive attitude. Dalton is very uplifting and encouraging to his other classmates and shows up every day engaged and ready to work hard. His school activities include participating in football, basketball, StuCo, National Honors Society and band. He is also planning on participating in track this year as well. In addition to school activities, Dalton likes to spend his time playing basketball, video games and hanging out with friends. Dalton's favorite class is band because he just really enjoys playing the trumpet. He also made it into district band this year! After high school, he would like to pursue a career in computer sciences.



ALTOONA-MIDWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 7/8 TOPGUN

William Stackhouse, son of Michelle Morales and Michael Kawik, was selected Middle School 7/8 TopGun by the Altoona-Midway MS/HS staff. William, who is in 7th grade, was chosen for this recognition because he is a solid student who tries his best at every opportunity. Williams' school activities include playing football and basketball. He also participates in band and scholars bowl. In his spare time, he enjoys watching television, especially *Chicago P.D.* He also likes playing video games, exploring outside and searching for deer in the pasture. Williams' favorite class in school is math because he likes how the subject is taught. At this time, William is considering pursuing a career as a police officer.

ALTOONA-MIDWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 5/6 TOPGUN

Colton Harden is the Middle School 5/6 TopGun, selected by the Altoona-Midway MS/HS staff. This 5th grader is son of Wes and Patty Harden. Colton received this recognition because he is always on task and doing what he is asked. He also goes above and beyond to help others around him and shows kindness to others. Colton currently is involved in band and is looking forward to participating in basketball next year. In his spare time, he enjoys watching action movies, playing outside, going golfing with his dad and playing video games. His favorite subject in school is math. He shared that math is his favorite subject because he is good at it. Colton said that his dream job would be to help build golf courses and design golf clubs.



Chelcey Sexton
School Counselor

AMHS LANGUAGE ARTS

High School Language Arts
By Cynthia Dvorachek

It is amazing that the first semester is drawing to a close. By this time, most high school students have read six novels. Reading is a valuable skill that is worth the effort to improve. According to Subdoah Sharma of GladReaders.com, reading brings great benefits along with the joy of discovering a great story. "One of the basic reasons why reading is important is because it helps you grow mentally, emotionally and psychologically. Every book gives you an opportunity to learn new things and explore new ideas. Reading books increases your knowledge and makes you smarter."

This year the ninth graders have enjoyed and learned from *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. We learned that growing up can be difficult, but being yourself makes the process real and interesting. Stargirl joins the Mica High School. Leo falls for her. But as students go from being uncertain of Stargirl, to loving her, to finally disliking her, Leo is caught in the middle of an emotional firestorm. Leo has to take a stand and hope that he's making the right choices.

The Sophomores have read *The Outsiders*, a classic coming-of-age story by S.E. Hinton, and *Whirligig*, by Paul Fleischman. Whirligig is a story about consequences. "We never know all the consequences of our acts. They reach into places we can't see. And into the future, where no one can." In Whirligig, the main character, Brent, makes poor choices while driving his car after a party. He kills a teenage girl. He is sent on a journey, by her parents, to create whirligigs in her honor. In the process, Brent starts to heal the wounds created by his choices.

The Juniors have read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The story is set in New York and Long Island during the 'Roaring 20s.' Nick Carraway, an upper midwestern young man starting his career selling bonds, finds himself in a world of glitz, wealth, and deception. He learns that although everyone seems to want wealth and the 'good life,' wealth does not buy love, loyalty, and true friendship. The twists and turns of the story keep the reader on edge.

The Seniors have read selections from *Beowulf*, *The Canterbury Tales*; *Wife of Bath*, and *Morte D'Arthur*. The gritty and entertaining stories show life in Medieval Denmark, Britain, and France. The themes of glory, loyalty, honesty, and chivalry serve as the foundation for the great classic stories; once the heroic feats were told by storytellers, now we enjoy them in our textbook.

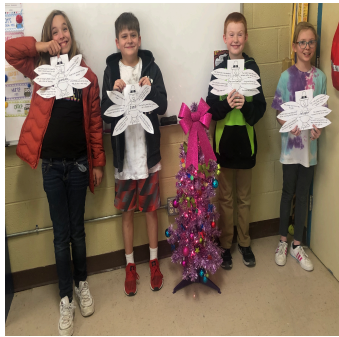
Along with reading, students have explored and practiced essay writing of short answers, expository, and informative. Next quarter, we begin cause and effect essays and argumentative writing. We end next quarter with debates.

Reading and writing are so very important to reaching our goals of life-long learners. Hopefully, this holiday season will provide lots of opportunities to enjoy the wonder of reading.



Mrs. Parra's 5th/6th Grade ELA

The 5th and 6th grade book worms are having a fun time in English Language Arts. Students have been increasing their skills in comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, spelling, and writing. This past week, the 5th and 6th grade classes made Figurative Language Thanksgiving Turkeys! Students have been enjoying class parties. We recently celebrated Halloween and now have an upcoming holiday party. Students have also been enjoying reading in the classroom tipi!



Altoona-Midway Elementary News

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For the Christmas Concert the Kindergarten through 4th students presented Elfis and the Frozen Princesses.

Preschool preformed Mittens and Gloves and We Will Jingle

The afterschool Boomwhackers group preformed Frere Jacques and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the students.

We have continued to have our WILD Wednesday's the last Wednesday of each month. The last one for 2019 the students made picture frames using items collected from nature. We have more exciting WILD activities planned for the rest of the school year.

Our 2nd nine weeks pastries for parents and awards assembly will be held January 11th.

Exciting things are happening at our school and if you should need anything please feel free to stop by anytime.



Mrs. Kim Reazin
AMES Principal

SCHOLARS BOWL

This years high school scholar bowl students are:
Kylee Wade, Abby Reaves, Alyssa Relph, Tiffany Kuhn,
Shia Bennett, Caden Carter, Dawson Ashmore,
Jackson Ashmore, Joshua Meigs, Dalton Smith,
Kyra O'Conner, Mariah Stackhouse, Abi Elsesser,
Lilly Tarlton, Summer Tarlton, Brandie Allen, Dallas Drake,
Sophia Willard, Caleb Sims, Chase Nalley, and
Memphis Calonder.



Mr. Steven Dixon

Winter HoCo 2020 Dance

Date: Friday, January 10th

*Time: 30 minutes after the basketball game
for 2 hours*

\$3 per person

or

\$5 per couple



Come Join the Winter Fun!

Winter HoCo Spirit Week

Monday, January 6th- America Monday

Tuesday, January 7th- Color Day

- 12th Grade: Blue
- 11th Grade: Yellow
- 10th Grade: Black
- 9th Grade: Red
- 8th Grade: Orange
- 7th Grade: Purple
- 6th Grade: Green
- 5th Grade: White
- Staff: Pink

Wednesday, January 8th- Camo Day

Thursday, January 9th- Throwback Thursday

Friday, January 10th- Blue and Gold Day

AM JET

SCHOOL
SPIRIT

12-10-2019

Altoona-Midway USD 387
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wilson County

Board Meeting Date: December 9, 2019

Meeting Held At: District Office

Board Members Present:

President – David Hutchison
Vice President – Rita Drybread
Member: Sharon Frankenbery
Member: Wendy Wade

Member: Lynsee Relph
Member: Bill Graham
Member:

The regular meeting of USD 387 Board of Education was held December 9th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the District office. All board members were present. Others that attended were Kim Reazin, Brent Kaempfe, and Reyna Almond, Board Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Rita Drybread moved, Lynsee Relph seconded the motion to **approve the agenda** striking Agenda item number XIV. Carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Sharon Frankenbery moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to **approve the Consent agenda consisting of November minutes , Claim Vouchers and Treasurers Report.** Carried 6-0.

Open Comments from the public

None

Reports and Presentations

Sharon Frankenbery: ANW Co-op

Report to USD#387 BOE on November 13, 2019 ANW mtg
Sharon Frankenbery, Rep to ANW

- Doug Tressler reported on attending a Tri-State Law Conference where he received a “healthy dose” of fear!
- Shelia Coronado said she had been doing staff evaluations and is very impressed with the ANW staff.
- Lynette Brungardt discussed working with the preschool team on MTSS progress monitoring. The preschool program continues to grow with birth – 3 students.
- Harry Heppler reported that we have 205 paras. He has some critical para positions open. Three buses are being returned on the lease program.
- Anne Brewer talked about the dyslexia workshop she attended and the Kansas Suicide Prevention session she attended. KS had the 5th largest increase in suicide deaths between 1999-2016 at 45%.

New Business:

- Approved KSDE audit.
- Approved an updated BOE Clerk job description. KASB will assist in the search. The start date for the clerk will be March 30, 2020
- Medicaid changes were discussed. Local boards will discuss this at their next mtg.
- KASB voting delegate will be Mark Spillman.

Also had executive session regarding a student issue.

District-Wide Issues-Brent Kaempfe

- Collaborative CTE meeting-another will be scheduled soon
- The Board of Regents are working on new Admissions Standards

Darrin Ashmore: Mr. Kaempfe reported:

- The Holiday music program was really nice. The students and Mr. Carter did a great job.

12-10-2019

Altoona-Midway USD 387

Kim Reazin: A-M Elementary School

- *November 18th-Family Science Night was a success. Curious Minds Discovery Zone from Parsons had all of the activities.
- *December WILD the students did an arts and crafts activity using nature.
- *Christmas Program, December 10th
- *Several of the teachers have the Elf on the Shelf and the kids are very excited to see where it will be when they come to school.
- 1st grade is trying something different for December-North Pole Ninja's. Ms. D read a story to the class and they have sensei Max, they were able to name him and he gives them new missions every day. When they complete the mission they get a check by their name and they will have a surprise at the end of the month. The missions are doing something nice for others such as smiling at everyone you see. The missions also include activities that students can do at home like getting ready for school without being asked.
- *After school ends this week.
- We will start our 3rd nine weeks activities on January 21st.
- *Our next Pastries for Parents and awards assembly is January 10th
- *Our next family night will be February 11th

Special Board Recognition

Mr. Kaempfe presented Sharon Frankenbery and Bill Graham with a plaque for their years of service on the Board of Education.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution for Medicaid and Co-op Reimbursement

Sharon Frankenbery moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to Adopt the Medicaid and Co-op Reimbursement Resolution. Carried 6-0

12-10-2019

Altoona-Midway USD 387

Resolution # 213

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 387, Buffalo/Altoona, Kansas (hereinafter "School District") that ANW Special Education Cooperative, Interlocal No. 603 (hereinafter "ANW") is hereby designated to (a) process Medicaid Claims for the School District under the Kansas Medical Assistance Program, School Based Billing Program, and (b) receive the School District's Fee for Service and Cost Settlement revenue for such Medicaid Claims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any Fee for Service and Cost Settlement funds for the Medicaid Claims are received by the School District these funds will promptly be forwarded to ANW.

Adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 387, Buffalo, Altoona, Kansas the 9th day of December, 2019.

Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

David Hutchison moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. Carried 6-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m. David Hutchison moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. Carried 6-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m. David Hutchison moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. (Included Superintendent) Carried 6-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m. David Hutchison moved, Rita Drybread seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. (Included Superintendent) Carried 6-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m. Sharon Frankenbery moved, Bill Graham seconded the motion to extend Superintendents contract to June 2022. Carried 6-0

Personnel

Rita Drybread moved, Lynsee Relph seconded the motion to hire Julie Zalenka as Head cook for the MS/HS. Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Announcements


Next meeting: January 13th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. District Office

**Congratulations to Memphis Calonder and
Conner Houghton for receiving the ServSafe
Food handler Certification.**

CATHY CAYLOR



JANUARY 2020

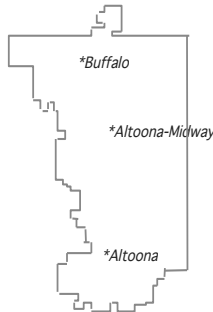
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
This institution is an equal opportunity employer		1 	2	3
	Menus subject to change without notice			
6 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Choice	7 Coffee Cake Fruit Juice Milk Choice	8 Cereal Muffin Fruit Juice Milk Choice	9 Pancake on a Stick Fruit Juice Milk Choice	10 W.G. Iced Donut Fruit Juice Milk Choice
Pizza Tossed Salad Cherry Tomatoes Orange Ranch Potato Wedges Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Taco Burger Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Refried Beans Fruit Fluff Milk Choice (5 th -12 th Tortilla Chips & Salsa) (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Breakfast for Lunch Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links French Toast Bites Hashbrown Salsa Applesauce Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Lasagna Garlic Bread Green Beans Apple Cookie Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Chicken Rings Whole Wheat Roll & Jelly Potatoes Broccoli/Cauliflower Mix Pears Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)
13 PB&J Fruit Juice Milk Choice	14 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk Choice	15 Cereal Muffin Fruit Juice Milk Choice	16 Banana Split Juice Milk Choice	17 Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk Choice
Chicken Enchilada Spanish Brown Rice Romaine Lettuce Tomato Slice Cucumbers Fruit Freeze Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Cookie)	Super Nachos Refried Beans Apple Salad Red Pepper Strips Milk Choice (5 th -12 th Cinnamon Roll) (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Mac Flatbread Carrots Pineapple Potato Shapes Cherry Crisp Milk Choice (5 th -12 th Build a Salad) (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Pulled Pork Sandwich Creamy Cole Slaw Baked Beans Strawberries & Bananas Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Chicken Alfredo Breadstick Broccoli Kiwi Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)
20 No School	21 Egg & Sausage Tornado Fruit Juice Milk Choice	22 Cereal Muffin Fruit Juice Milk Choice	23 Oatmeal Muffin Square Fruit Juice Milk Choice	24 Mini Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk Choice
	Cheeseburger Lettuce & Tomato Smiley Fries Clementine Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Chili Cinnamon Roll Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices Banana Milk Choice (5 th -12 th Build a Salad Whole Grain Saltines) (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Baked Chicken Drumstick Savory Rice Soft Pretzel Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Pineapple Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Grapes Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)
27 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk Choice	28 Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk Choice	29 Cereal Muffin Fruit Juice Milk Choice	30 Combo Bar Graham Crackers Fruit Juice Milk Choice	31 French Toast Sticks Fruit Juice Milk Choice
Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Broccoli Florets Peaches Royal Brownie Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Chicken Crispito Tortilla Chips Tomato Salsa Refried Beans Cinnamon Apples Milk Choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	BBQ Beef on a Bun Celery Baked Beans Summer Fruit Salad Milk Choice (5 th -12 th Build a salad) (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Steamed Broccoli Fruit Freeze Milk Choice (5 th -12 th Whole Wheat Roll & Jelly) (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)	Mini Meatball Sub Ranch Potato Wedges Corn Cobbettes Applesauce Jello Milk choice (9 th -12 th Fruit Choice)

Altoona-Midway Unified School District 387



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Happy New Year.

As we begin the second half of our school year, I wanted to inform all of our patrons about some upcoming changes with our monthly newsletter.

We will be printing and mailing out a paper copy for the months of January and February. Beginning in March, we will only be delivering the newsletter through electronic formats. More specifically, we will post the newsletter online and send out a notification when it has been posted. If you do not have our District App., you can get it for free by going to your respective application stores on your mobile devices or computers by searching for Altoona Midway USD 387.

We will also be emailing it out to anyone that requests to receive it in the form of an email. To get on this email list, please send an email request to twinder@usd387.org. Ms. Winder will compile an email list and send it out every month.

Lastly, we will produce a few paper copies to be on hand in both USD 387 attendance centers and the district office, as well as the Buffalo Library and Altoona City Offices. We greatly appreciate your support and interest in our kids and schools. Please contact me at 620-537-7721 if you have any questions.

Yours In Education,

Brent Kaempfe
Superintendent USD 387
Altoona-Midway

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