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The Bluebird Post *A USD 411 Newsletter*

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Upcoming dates

- Aug. 13 1st day of fall sports practices
- Aug. 15 Fall Sports Pictures, 10 am
- Aug. 17 Fall ACT Registration deadline
- Aug. 20-23 Teacher In-service and work time.
- Aug. 23 First day of school for students
- Aug. 24 BBQ at 5:30 and Fall Sports Preview
- Aug. 27 Elementary Open House
- Aug. 28 VB Quad at home
- Aug. 30 CC at Clearwater and JH VB and FB at Hope
- Aug. 31 FB at Centre

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USD 411 Welcomes New Staff Members Onboard

Two new teachers will be joining our staff at USD 411 for this coming year. Mrs. Brittany Hiebert will be the Junior High Language Arts teacher and Miss Allison Krehbiel will be teaching a second section of third grade.

Mrs Brittany Hiebert is an alumni of Goessel High School graduating in 2007. She went to Bethel College where she earned her degree in elementary education and completed her student teaching through the Urban Life Center in Chicago at Sawyer Elementary School. In addition, she has gained valuable experience leading adapted physical education classes in Newton and taught summer day camp for grades 5-12 as well for Newton. She looks forward to working with middle school aged students and is completing her state endorsement as a highly proficient teacher in middle school language arts. Mrs. Hiebert will also be the Junior Class sponsor for the HS and also assist JH girls basketball. This past summer she married Garrett Hiebert, also a Goessel alum, who will be coaching the HS football team.

Allison Krehbiel will be teaching third grade along with Dale Wiens. Miss Krehbiel is a graduate of Tabor College where she majored

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Brittany Hiebert– JH Language Arts Teacher



Allison Krehbiel– Third Grade Teacher

New Staff Members Bring Skills and Talents to USD 411

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in elementary education. She is also a graduate of Central Christian High School in Hutchinson. Miss Krehbiel did her student teaching at Marion Elementary. Here at Goessel, she will also assist coaching JH volleyball with head coach Susan Saunders. She also brings with her some training in signing for deaf students.

Finally, Mr. Morris Ewert joins the staff as a bus driver for USD 411. He will be taking over the route previously driven by Sarah Simington. Mr. Ewert was most recently employed at Lowe's but will be covering a combination of duties as bus driver and part-time custodian at the elementary school later this fall when Mr. Londell Duerksen takes a partial retirement. Mr. Ewert is married to Linda Ewert, assoc. Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.



Mr. Morris Ewert— Bus Driver and part time custodian at the grade school

Changes in Lunch Program

Under guidelines from state and federal authorities, the Child Nutrition and Wellness department is requiring several changes in school lunch programs across the state. To meet these requirements, our school will be serving more fruits and vegetables with the lunches. Fruits and vegetables have been shown to help reduce obesity and provide healthy nutrition. The state is also seeking to reduce the intake of starchy foods. Servings for bread and pasta will be reduced.

Another change in the lunch program will be how second servings are handled. In the past, there were no charges for seconds. However, this coming year, there will be a charge for seconds. Bread will be .40 and main dishes \$1.00. There will be no charge for fruits and vegetables.

A final change you will see in the food program is a change in the lunch prices. Elementary lunch prices will go from \$1.95 to \$2.05 and Secondary lunch prices will go from \$2.20 to \$2.25. All other prices remain the same including breakfast.

Clarifications in Dress Code

In an effort to clarify interpretations in the dress code, the administration and BOE have approved some wording changes in the dress code for the handbook. Regarding shorts...Bicycle shorts, yoga pants, or other form fitting clothing by themselves are not acceptable, but they may be worn under other shorts. In addition, the following was added... The shortest part of the apparel must be at least as long as the tip of the index finger when arms are relaxed at the side. Finally, the following was clarified... Tops should have at least 2" of cloth across the top of the shoulder. Cleavage should not be visible. For a full reading of the dress code, refer to page 13 in the student handbook/calendar.

The personal appearance of every student is an important component of establishing a safe environment for learning. Students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed for learning with proper attention given to personal modesty, cleanliness, grooming, and neatness.

Fall Sports Preview

Volleyball

The 2012 Volleyball Season will be a test of blending seniority with youth. With 4 All-League selection seniors and no Juniors on the roster, the team will need to rely on younger players to fill roles and balance out the Bluebird attack. The team looks to defend its Wheat State League title again and make another deep run into the post season. Tough tournaments will prepare the team well, with competition from Sedgwick, Halstead, Olpe, Hillsboro, and Moundridge. An exciting note for this season will be the scheduling of 5 home playing dates. The first matches at home will be August 28th. The Goessel Invitational will be held on September 8th.

Football

The high school football team has had a good summer and the coaches and players are looking forward to the beginning of practice. Summer workouts and conditioning have gone well and many players have gotten stronger and faster. This year, the team will be led by captains Trey Schmidt, Nic Buller, Shane Goerzen, and Brian Hiebert. Many players with past experience are returning and the coaches are also excited about the contributions of the incoming freshmen and new players.

This year, the high school football team is starting a new schedule rotation and everyone is excited about playing some unfamiliar opponents. District opponents for the Bluebirds include Tescott, Burrton, Chase, Southern Cloud, White City, and Hope. The schedule begins with a two-a-day practices on Monday, August 13. The Fall Sports Preview will be on August 24, and our first game will be at Centre on August 31. We look forward to your support throughout the season and we hope to see you on Friday nights!

Cross Country

Look for this year's Bluebird cross country team to come out ready to compete. With a strong core of letter winners returning from last year and the addition of a few newcomers, this group has the foundation to be successful. Grant Flaming (Sr), Dan Smucker (Sr), Nathan Czarnowsky (Jr), Heath Goertzen (Jr), Jake Herrel (Jr), and Ben Wiens (Jr) will provide leadership and great attitudes. The Bluebird's kick off the season on August 30 at Clearwater and come close to home for a meet at Hesston on September 6. Find rosters, results, and more information under the Jr./Sr. High tab on www.usd411.org. We hope to see you at the meets supporting the team!

Come out and support our athletes!



Grade School Open House

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The Grade School will hold their Open House on Monday, Aug. 27. It will begin at 7:00 with a presentation in Kindergarten and move up a grade, every 15 minutes, concluding with 5th grade at 8:15. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to hear an overview about the curriculum. We encourage you to attend.

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