

A bit of play each day keeps the doctor away...



The American Youth Soccer Organization started practice in Norton last week. Kids boned up on their skills to get ready for the first game, which will be Saturday. Play starts at 9 a.m. at the soccer fields next to Eisenhower Elementary School. The kids will be starting their Butter Braids Bread fund raiser also on Saturday. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

State board adopts restraint policy

Editor's note: Often we wonder what our Kansas State Board of Education is doing Here is the latest monthly meeting summary. We anticipate receiving further meeting reports and passing them along for your information. -td

TOPEKA — The Kansas State Board of Education held its regular monthly board meeting on March 13 at the State Department of Education. They then reconvened March 14 at 9 a.m., at the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe, and at 1:15 p.m., in Kansas City, at the Kansas School for the Blind.

Following are highlights of the two-day meeting.

- The Board recognized Dr. Brenda Dietrich, the 2007 Kansas Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Dietrich, superintendent of Auburn-Washburn School District, was one of four finalists for the National Superintendent of the Year.
- By a 9-0-1 vote, with Steve Abrams abstaining, the board delayed voting on the K-12 Health Education Standards in order to give the committee that originally wrote the standards time to review their recommendations.
- Board members, by a 7-2-1 vote, with Ken Willard and John Bacon voting no, and Kathy Martin abstaining, adopted the policy guidelines for seclusion and restraint rooms. Board members

asked that the Task Force continue to monitor parental complaints. The new guidelines come with the requirement that school districts submit an annual report to the state director of special education containing the following information: The name of the school and the grades offered at the school; the length, width, and height of each of the seclusion rooms located in the school. Each school must also submit a quarterly report to the state director of special education that includes the following information: The number of students placed in seclusion during the reporting period; the maximum amount of time any child was in seclusion on a single occasion; the maximum number of times during a single day that a student was placed in a seclusion room.

The guidelines recommend:

- Seclusion to be used only as a behavior intervention strategy.
- Seclusion rooms to be used only if part of a student's IEP, or if the student is posing an imminent danger to self or others.
- Seclusion rooms have a ceiling of comparable height to other rooms in the building and comparable heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting.
- School employees have proper training in restraint to prevent harm.
- Dr. Nancy Kraft, director of the

Kansas Parent Information Resource Center, shared with the board how the Center is working with Kansas schools to promote parental involvement and to provide resources for educators and families on how children can be successful in school.

- Dr. Tom Foster, deputy commissioner, Division of Learning Services, reviewed the work of the writing committee in developing accountability targets for the Kansas Writing Assessments. The committee, composed of Kansas educators, was charged with developing a series of performance targets for use with student results on the writing assessment under the performance criteria of the Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) system. The committee's draft featured a stable accountability target based on statistical data from student writing assessments in Kansas, a challenging standard for student achievement, technical assurances for large-scale assessments, an index to reward significant growth in student achievement, and other components that will maintain quality in writing programs while encouraging growth in student achievement.
- The board received an update by Linda Oborny, assistant director, state and federal programs, on the status of the Kansas Career Pipeline

(KCP). An overview of changes within the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education legislation was also presented.

- The board received information on the twenty-one approved charter schools petitions from Dr. Larry Englebrick, deputy commissioner, Division of School Innovations. The current Charter Schools Grant allows for 10 petitions to be funded for the 2007-08 school year. The 21 petitions were reviewed by a committee and scored according to a new rubric. The maximum score was 188, and a charter school had to receive a minimum score of 144 points for it to be recommended to the State Board. The board will review the recommendations and take action on the proposal at the April meeting.
- Two Wichita educators were co-named as Educator of the Year. Nancy Rose works with children who have severe behavior disorders at the Greiffenstein Special Day School, and Susan McHugh works in east Wichita with early childhood and adolescents who have moderate to severe mental retardation. As adaptive music educators in the Wichita public schools, Rose and McHugh have served students with all types of disabilities from ages 3-21. They have also mentored many student teachers.



JoAnn Apple looks over the shoulder of her husband, Hugh Apple, as he works on his most recent book. — Courtesy photo

Man writes about God

Hugh Apple has written the first volume of "God's Masterplan" for daily Bible study. His wife, the former JoAnn Antrim, lived in Norton where she was a Norton Community High School graduate. Mr. and Mrs. Apple lived in Norton from 1963-1969 where he worked for Newbury Lumber Company before moving to Dallas. They live in Pensacola, Fla., where he plans to write a four-book series. Mr. Apple earned his bachelor's degree in Bible studies from Bob Jones University

and his master's in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife served churches in Kansas, Missouri and Dallas. Mr. Apple said, "When I was preparing and studying my sermons, I was working towards what I have written in this book. I collected these notes and put them in theological order. God put it on my mind to organize my Bible teachings in a structured sort of way." Book One is available online at Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Senior High:
 Saturday — Regional Music Solos and Small Ensembles, Oberlin, TBA
 Sunday — FCCLA State Leadership Meetings, Wichita April 1-April 3
 Monday — FFA Livestock Judging, Norton, 9 a.m.; Jay Singers, a.p.; Junior Varsity Track Meet at Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Reading Party, Cafeteria, a.p.; Forensics at Phillipsburg, 2:45 p.m.; Varsity Golf at Smith Center, 3 p.m.
 Wednesday — FFA Livestock Judging, Hutchinson, 9 a.m.; S.A.C., a.p.; KAY Board, a.p.; Dance Team Sign-Up, a.p.
 Thursday — Dance Team Try-Out Practice, Stull Gym, 7 a.m.; Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; NCHS Golf Meet, PDRA, 9 a.m.; NCHS to dismiss early for NCHS Track Meet, 2:40 p.m.; NCHS Track Meet, Travis Field, 3 p.m.
 Next Saturday — Livestock Judging at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.
 Next Monday — Livestock Judging at FHSU, 8:30 a.m.
 Next Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; KAYS, a.p.; Golf at Goodland, 2 p.m.; Golf at Ellis, 3 p.m.; Track at Smith Center, 3 p.m.

Junior High:
 Monday — STUCO, a.p.; MCEL Scholar's Bowl at Plainville, 4 p.m.
 Tuesday — NJHS Invitational Track Meet, 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday — NJHS Team meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Eisenhower:
 Wednesday — Bus Safety Assembly, Grades EC-2, 1 p.m.; Faculty Meeting, 3:40 p.m.
 Thursday — IEP Day; Grade Level Meeting, EC-2, 3:40 p.m.
All Schools:
 Wednesday — Admin. Team Meeting, Supt. Office, 9:30 a.m.
 Thursday — Dismiss NCHS early for Track Meet, 2:40 p.m.
 Friday — NO SCHOOL

High School Menus:
 Monday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Burrito, shredded cheese, lettuce and chopped tomato, Spanish rice, hot roll, peaches, chef salad, milk
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage gravy, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti with shredded cheese, garden salad, bread sticks, pears or chef salad, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes hot roll, carnival salad, autumn spice bar or chef salad, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Egg muffin sandwich, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with country gravy, carrots, hot roll, pineapple chunks or chef salad, milk
 Friday — No School

Eisenhower Menus:
 Monday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad peaches, garlic bread, milk
 Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby

carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk
 Wednesday — Breakfast; Banana bread, peaches, milk; Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, sweet-heart pears, celery stick, dinner roll, milk
 Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage patty with biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies, milk

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