

To the parents and patrons of USD 467-

First, I'd like to thank the Leoti Standard for providing the opportunity to share with you some of the things happening in USD 467 that you might not hear from your students. The school year is now into its second month of classes and hopefully you and your children are into the school routine; finding out what their teacher is like, what they are learning in class, what their favorite subjects are. From my past experience, most of the WCES student's favorite subject is recess! And as they get older, our hope is that they find reading or math or science or all the other areas are becoming more interesting and they become more curious about those areas of study.

Always important to a parent and to us in the school district is the well-being and safety of the kids at school. The state has changed the make-up of the safety drills the students take part in each year. In the past, the buildings would have one fire drill per month and three or four tornado drills. Now we have to have sixteen emergency preparedness or crisis drills per year; here has to be four fire, three tornado, and nine crisis drills for the students to take part in. So if your child comes home some afternoon and tells you that they did an evacuation drill for a natural gas leak in the building, you won't be upset and worry that your child was in any danger! As I said above, there will be some kind of drill every month during the school year. Also, if you have a change in your contact phone number, please contact your child's school to update the number. We use a PowerSchool feature called SwiftReach that will text and email valuable information to you that concerns your child's building or if we need to run bus mud routes or have a late school start or need to call school off due to bad weather.

Extra-curricular activities are also in full swing. While you will see articles every week in the Standard about our athletic and other programs, both junior high and high school, occasionally I will mention teams or perhaps individuals that I feel deserve an extra pat on the back. This time I'd like to mention that both the junior high and high school football teams started the year off in the win column, the Braves defeating Satanta and the Indians putting up big numbers in a win over Pretty Prairie, which, due to the distance between the two schools, was played at Otis. Our players on both sides of the ball had a great first game as touchdowns were scored by running and passing on offence, and also from defensive interceptions. A great way to start the season! Also, the Cross Country teams hosted our home meet at the Leoti Golf Course. I don't have all the Braves and Indians results, but two of the Indians guy harriers finished in the top ten. Great job to all the runners!

Thank you for taking the time to read this; I won't focus on sports every time, and I hope to share the good things that are happening at USD 467! If you have specific questions or want more information about what's happening in the buildings or district, don't hesitate to contact Lori Maxwell, WCES Principal, at 375-2314, Delbert Schmidt, WCJSHS Principal, at 375-2213, or me at 375-4677. Thanks!

Educationally,

Keith Higgins, Superintendent