

Hello again and greetings from USD 467!

First, two reminders: USD 467 not have school on Monday, February 18, for President's Day. The second reminder is Wichita County Junior-Senior High has rescheduled last Thursday's Parent-Teacher Conferences for Monday, February 25th, from 4:00-8:00.

Whenever the district or your child's school needs to send out a message quickly to parents about an early dismissal, no school, or a school activity, the text and email is sent out through PowerSchool with a program called SwiftReach. If you have not received a text or email about any of these, please contact the Junior-Senior high with a cell phone number; if you do not have a cell phone number as your main contact, you will not receive a message-a land line phone will not receive a text nor an email. We have many days of possible bad weather so please update your contact information! Thanks!

For those of you interested, the weeks of February 18th and 25th will be quite busy for the students and staff at WCJSHS. As is mentioned above, the entire district will not have school on Monday; however, the Junior High Wrestlers will travel to Hoxie for a match on that Monday. Tuesday is the High School's last home regular season basketball game with Syracuse. Thursday the Junior High Wrestlers go to Holly, Colorado for a tournament, while the High School Wrestlers go to WaKeeney on Friday and Saturday for the Regional Tournament. Plus that is the National FFA Week.

The week of the 25th continues the busy time. Again, as I mentioned above, the Junior-Senior High will have the postponed Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday. The Junior High Wrestlers have another home meet on Tuesday, the 26th, and at Cimarron on the 28th-both begin at 4:00. The High School Wrestlers that qualified at Regional will be representing WCHS at the State Wrestling tournament on Friday and Saturday. And if that isn't busy enough, WCHS will be hosting a 2A Sub-state tournament, with games scheduled on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and the Championship games on Saturday. There will be a boy's game here Monday with the WCHS boys competing against Oakley. The WCHS girls will be on the road Tuesday tentatively to WaKeeney. The games on Thursday will be boy's semi-final games with the girl's semi-final games on Friday. The girls and boys winners then on Saturday will compete to earn a trip to the State Basketball tournament the following week.

Unfortunately, the WCHS Scholar's Bowl team came out short at the Regional tournament earlier this month. Although they ended the competition in a 3-way tie for 2nd, due to the tie-breaker system used their final outcome was 4th place, which, sadly, did not allow them to conclude their season at the State tournament. Congratulations never the less!

The Junior High Scholar's Bowl teams are also close to ending their season as well. There are two teams, one 7th grade and one 8th grade, with each having five members plus alternates, so many kids get the opportunity to compete and prepare to potentially be a part of the high school team. These students have also had a successful year so far, bringing home many medals and team placings at the tournaments. Congratulations to these Scholar's Bowl competitors also!

This being the month of February with lots of winter time left, please remember when the mornings are cold to dress your children in layers to keep them warm on the way to school. This is especially true for any walkers and bus riders. And if your child has layers he or she can remove as they warm up, they can also put them back on if the

decision is made to go outside for recess to get some fresh air.

This is also the time of the year that kids and adults are catching colds along with the coughing, sneezing and runny noses. If your child has had symptoms of a cold or flu and has had diarrhea, please keep them home for at least 24 hours. School policy is that if a child has been vomiting, they must stay home for at least 24 hours. If that happens at school, a parent will be contacted to take the child home and we do not expect to see them before that time. Please give your child a chance to get to feeling better before they return.

Thank you for taking the time to read this; 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