

Haysville USD 261 School News



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Student Astronauts Learn About Space At Camp

When Dwight Johnson and Shane Rogers were asked “What did you do on your summer vacation?”, their answers could include space ships and rockets, simulators and phrases like “cap com” and “man maneuvering unit”. The Haysville Middle School students were among 200 students from throughout the U.S. and several foreign countries who were selected to participate in the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Space Academy for Students. The program is a collaboration between NASA and Honeywell Corporation.



Dwight Johnson during Space Camp training.

Shane and Dwight were on the “Orville Team” with ten other students from Arizona, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia. Their sister team was the “Wilbur Team”. Students were at camp for a week and during that time they built and launched rockets, trained on a variety of equipment including a Multi-Access Trainer, Moon Simulator, and Man Maneuvering Unit (MMU). The MMU simulated movement in space outside of the shuttle. The Multi-Access Trainer spins in all directions and the Moon Simulator allowed students to feel what it is like to be on the moon at 1/6th of the Earth’s gravity.

Each team also completed a shuttle mission. Dwight served as the “Endeavor Station Commander.” He oversaw the completion of various experiments and redirected the team in the event of anomalies. Shane was the “Cap Com” and handled communication between “Endeavor” and “Mission Control.”

Seventh grade Science teacher Christy Vavra accompanied the boys to camp. She was awarded a student scholarship last year when she at-



(L-R) Shane Roger, Dwight Johnson and HMS teacher Christy Vavra.

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District Happenings

Campus Students Improve ACT Scores

Haysville Campus High School students saw significant gains on their 2006 ACT scores. The district had 156 students taking the test which was up eleven percent from the previous year. The district made gains in every area. The average English score was 20.9 up from 19.3. The average Mathematics score increased 2 points at 22.2 up from 20.2. The average Reading score was 22.2 up from 20.5. The average Science score was 21.7, a gain of one point from the previous year. The USD 261 average composite score was 21.5 up from 20.3. "We are very pleased with gains our students made," said Haysville superintendent John Burke. "They are a reflection of the hard work our teachers have done and the academic support programs put in place by the Haysville Board of Education," Dr. Burke added.

Oatville Launches News Network

Eight Oatville Elementary fifth grade students spent several days prior to the start of school learning the skills they would need to produce a daily news program for the Oatville News Network (ONN). They learned to operate various pieces of equipment used for the broadcast and the different roles needed to produce the daily morning announcements and news via the schools closed circuit broadcasting system. The team will be responsible for running all the equipment and serving as daily lead or anchor reporters as well as roving reporters who conduct interviews and remote broadcasts. Students serving on the ONN team are Christian Livingston, Cera Magana, Aaron Hein, Bret Inger, Marie Shaver, Kayla Shipman, Kim Widener, and Morgan Wegner. Carol Omenski, Andi Shipman, and Pam Williams are the ONN sponsors.

USD 261 Leadership Academy Kicks Off Second Year

The USD 261 Administrative Leadership Academy has accepted eight candidates for the 06-07 year. They include Brad Hoy, Jill Rausch, Shane Dent, Westina Fields, James Walker, Cindy Long, Michelle Powers, and Perry Warden. The program

is for teachers who aspire to become administrators. The seven sessions cover a wide range of topics and issues related to educational administration. Some of the topics for this year are school law, interviewing techniques, crisis planning, administrative uses of technology and running effective meetings. The Teacher-Leader Academy is also underway. Heathor Bristor, Robyn Darbyshire, Haileigh Hansen, Angie Bielefeld, Andrea Pettigrew, Sue Kierl-Carpenter, James Stenholm Vicki Wilcox, Marcia Craft, Diania Pile, Kathleen Patterson and Lori Kanaga are the participants. Topics for this program include instructional leadership, team building, advanced instructional strategies, time management and other matters that will help as peer leaders. The Leadership Academy is a program of the Haysville USD 261 Learning Center. Penny Hobkirk is the director of the center.

Haysville BOE Elects New Officers

Greg Fenster was elected president of the Haysville Board of Education on August 28. Mike Alexander was elected vice president. Other board members include Glenn Crum, Phil Harris, Seth Konkel, Susan Walston and Barb Walters.

Corporate Gifts Target Science & Technology

The Haysville School District received two corporate donations recently that will enhance the district's science programs and provide additional technology resources. Oxy Wichita, a subsidiary of Occidental Chemical, donated \$3000 for the purchase of scientific equipment to be used at Campus High School and Haysville Middle School. Among the items made possible through the corporate grant are laser pointers, magnets, scales, variable power supplies, microscopes, hot plates and magnetic stirrers. On September 12, Air Products presented the district with twelve laptop computers. The IBM ThinkPad T21/T22 Notebook computers will expand the resources available for use in classrooms.

Haysville Student's Poetry in Kansas Book

Sophia Langerman, Ashton Farrar and Solomon Spillman were among students honored at the Great Plains Nature Center on August 26. Their poetry was included in "Kansas Critters: Mammals". The wildlife book was written and illustrated by Kansas students. Nearly 1500 entries were submitted and only 224 were selected for the book. Sophia wrote about the Grasshopper Mouse. Ashton wrote about the Eastern Cottontail. Solomon wrote about the Eastern Mole. Sophia Langerman is the daughter of Ricky and Susan Langerman. Ashton Farrar is the daughter of Renee Farr and Mike Trimmel. Solomon Spillman is the son of Dale and Veronica Spillman.



Shown left to right: Ashton Farr, Sopia Langerman and Solomon Spillman winners of poetry competi-

Rex Elementary Announces New Program

Rex Elementary students will have the opportunity to earn "Roadrunner Bucks" for attendance, effort, behavior and their math and reading work. When students are at school and in their classroom on time, have neat work, respond appropriately to peers, follow directions the first time, turn in complete, accurate and on time work, then they earn Roadrunner Bucks that can be spent for a variety of items at the Roadrunner's Nest. Student may also choose to accumulate their Roadrunner Bucks to purchase more expensive items such as Movie/Pizza Party. The school is looking for volunteers to work in the Roadrunner's Nest. Interested persons should contact Lee Pernice at 554-2281.

CHS Student Is Natl. Merit Semifinalist

Campus High School senior Anne Burke was one of thirty-seven area students named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Program. The students in Sedgwick, Butler and Harvey counties are among 16,000 named nationwide, based on their scores on the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. About 90 percent of semifinalists nationwide are expected to be named finalists, based on their academic record SAT score and a principal's recommendation. Approximately half of the finalists will be selected as Merit Scholarship winners. That entitles them to scholarships underwritten by colleges and universities, corporations and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in four cycles beginning in April of 2007. She is the daughter of Dr. John and Sherry Burke of Haysville.



Anne Burke



Ruth Clark Elementary has a new mascot. Students enjoyed meeting "Jags" during the school's Open House. The Ruth Clark PTO purchased the costume.

Why A Wellness Program?

The National Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in three children born in 2000 ultimately will develop diabetes because of eating too much and not exercising enough. During the past two decades, the percentage of American children who are overweight has more than doubled for children aged 6-11 (increasing from 7% to 15%); and tripled for adolescents aged 12-19 (increasing from 5 to 15% of children in this age group). Approximately one-fifth of the calories consumed by children and adolescents in a day comes from added sugars such as those found in soft drinks and candy.

Perhaps the most disturbing facts associated with the health of America's children is that one quarter of children ages five to 10 years, now show early warning signs for heart disease (e.g. elevated blood cholesterol and high blood pressure). Type II diabetes, (a potentially life-shortening disease) was formerly considered an "adult-onset" diabetes, but now is increasingly being diagnosed in overweight children.

A Healthy Dozen

- Be a good role model
- Eat dinner with your child
- Hike or ride bikes together
- Reduce junk food in your house
- Give your child fat-free or low-fat milk
- Be selective when eating fast food
- When grocery shopping, read the food labels with your child
- Eat vegetables with your child
- Replace white bread with whole wheat bread
- Remind your child to drink lots of water
- Encourage eating fruits as snacks
- Help your child to be physically active for 60 minutes a day

Because of these alarming trends, the U.S. Surgeon General released a Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity in 2001. Part of that action was a public law which reauthorized School Child Nutrition Programs requiring new guidelines be implemented for school food service. To comply with this law, the Haysville Board of Education adopted a Wellness Policy. The nutritional guidelines required under the law are now reflected in the Haysville School District breakfast and lunch menus.

In addition to eating better, students and staff are finding new ways to add physical activity to their day. One new program that has proved very popular is the Parents as Teachers "Move and Groove" class that meets at Haysville Community Library on Monday mornings. The sessions incorporate music, movement and instrument exploration. Parents participate with the children making it a fun family activity.



Parents As Teachers Move & Groove is Fun!

Students at Oatville make at least 2 laps around the playground, before they play at recess, logging the number of laps completed to accumulate miles for the Oatville Mileage Club. Several students have already logged 5 and 10 miles on their mileage cards. Cards are redeemed for feet charms which go on individual necklaces and prizes such as water bottles and T-shirts.



Fourth grade students displaying the student mileage cards are: Payton Craig, Angelica Wood, Aubrey Reisch, Tina Phothisene, Daniel Boomer, and Karlie Resendez.

Community Programs Target School Families

Haysville Community Outreach

is an ecumenical non-profit organization made up of local churches. They have been providing Thanksgiving and Christmas food and toys to local families for over 10 years. HCO will provide holiday assistance to residents of the Haysville School District. Application for assistance is limited to one time per year. To apply, the following information must be provided: Social Security card for each member living in your household (including children); proof of income for the last 60 days for each adult member of the household (2 months of payroll checks, SRS/Social Security statements, medical cards, copies of unemployment checks, etc.); and proof of address such as current drivers license or utility bill mailed to you in the last 39 days.

Applications for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance will be taken at the following location: West Haysville Baptist Church, 141 N. Lamar Haysville, KS 67060

Applications must be made in person on the following dates:

Saturday, October 21 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 28 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Application for Christmas only (if the first two dates have been missed) is November 25 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Pickup:

Saturday, November 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Christmas Pickup:

Saturday, December 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.



West Haysville Food Ministries

allows families to purchase deeply discounted food packages that include meat and fresh items for \$25 per package through the Angel Food Program. There is no application or qualifications to participate in the food program. Items in the food package change each month. The October package includes:

- 2 lbs. of Chicken Breast filets
- 10 4 oz. beef & bean burritos
- 4 lbs. chicken thighs
- 1.5 lb. pork roast
- 3 lbs. chicken tenders
- 2 lb. fully-cooked meatballs
- 7.8 oz. lasagna dinner
- 16 oz. bean soup mix
- 28 oz. pasta sauce
- 16 oz. pasta
- 16 oz. rice
- 2 lbs. potatoes
- 2 lbs. onions
- 7.5 oz. pancake mix
- 11 oz. box breakfast cereal
- One dozen eggs
- One dessert item

More than one food package may be purchased. Orders must be placed and paid for in advance. The October food package order must be placed on October 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at West Haysville Baptist Church, 141 N. Lamar. The October order may be picked up on October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Orders that are not picked up by noon will be donated to others in need.

For more information about the program and for future sign-up dates, call Jennifer Holmes at 209-2303.



Bond construction throughout the district is going well and on schedule. Safe rooms at Freeman and Rex are shown in the photos above.

Brown Bag Lunch — Free Parent Workshops



Communities In Schools and the Kansas Children's Service League are partnering to offer free parent workshops. All sessions will be held from Noon to 1:00 p.m. and include lunch. The workshops are free but a reservation is required.

Topics that will be covered include: What they need — Beyond a Roof and Food on the Table; Personality and Temperament Types; What to Expect at Their Age; Setting and Keeping Fair Limits; How to Build a Closer Family; Family Communication; Dealing with Anger; and The Five Love Languages. There will be opportunity for questions at each session.

Sessions will be held at the following times and places:

October 13	Campus H. S. Conference Room
November 10	Haysville Community Library
December 8	Campus H.S. Conference Room
January 12	Haysville Community Library
February 8	Campus H. S. Conference Room
March 9	Haysville Community Library
April 13	Campus H.S. Conference Room
May 11	Haysville Community Library

Campus H.S. is located at 2100 West 55th Street South. The Haysville Community Library is at 130 West Grand. For reservations or more information call LaKrisha Paschal at 806-3935.

2006 Campus Grad Wins Scholarship

Mandy Adams, a 2006 graduate of Campus High School was awarded one of 50 KFC Scholar awards. Over 109,000 entries were received. Mandy was selected as the Kansas award winner. The \$5000 scholarship is renewable for four years for a total value of \$20,000. Mandy Adams is attending Wichita State University. Mandy is the daughter of Steve Adams and Kim Adams. Mandy is shown below with CHS principal Myron Regier.



Coming Soon

**Campus H.S. Mane Stage
Thespian Troupe #573
Presents**

Bye Bye Birdie

November 9, 10 & 11

Adults — \$5

Students — \$4

**Children under twelve and
Senior Citizens over 65 are free.**

(Tickets available at the door)

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tended Space Academy for Educators and won the “Right Stuff Award” for outstanding leadership. The scholarship allowed one HMS student to attend the camp. Vavra and the Seventh Grade Teaching Team #3 decided to raise funds to send a second student to camp this summer. Their efforts were successful and two HMS students were able to participate in this special educational opportunity. Dwight and Shane were selected by team members based on their leadership abilities and interest in learning.

“It was great meeting students from other places and making new friends,” commented Dwight Johnson. “My favorite part was building the rockets and shooting them off,” he added. “It was also nice to have a fellow HMS student along. It made being away from home and visiting a new state easier.”

“I was really surprised when I got to do this,” said Shane Rogers. “I am glad and grateful for being chosen. I feel I learned a lot. My favorite part was doing the simulations, also meeting kids from other states,” Rogers said.

“We hope to involve other seventh grade teaching teams and develop opportunities to take other interested HMS students to Space Camp,” said Christy Vavra. The scholarship that allowed Vavra to attend the educators camp was made possible through Honeywell Corporation.

Dwight Johnson is the son of Donovan and Laura Johnson of Wichita. Shane Rogers is the son of Ruth and Howard Johnson of Haysville. Both boys are currently eighth graders at Haysville Middle School.



Shane Rogers tries “moving in Space”.

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