



USD 270 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017



**Plainville Cardinal 2017 Football Team
Sub-State Runner-up**



Plainville High School Play Senior Cast Members: Elena Hageman, Maeson Dewey, Brooke Werner, Paige Sherraden, Anthony Ventura, Willow Hunt, Wes Higdon, and Madisyn Green. Other members of the cast not pictured: Pearly Birdsall, Justina Merritt, Dante Simmons, Nick Smith, Kate McClellan, Jami Morain, Jenna Morain, Audri Shadle, Emily Norton, Rebecca Bebb, Emi Kniffin, Reagan Hageman, Jonah Smith, Izak Hays, Dalton Ganoung, Maverick Green and Kylie Smith, Sponsor.



Chayse McCullough placed 38th at State Cross Country in Wamego on October 28th. Congratulations!



October Students of the Month

Chandler Cellmer

Jonah Smith

Emalle Berg

Student Safety a Priority While Online By Tom Winters

As our school district moves forward in trying to offer a complete and safe education for all students, we sometimes have to look at making changes, or at least updating certain aspects of our network. This was definitely the case this year. Several years ago, we made the commitment to purchase chromebooks for our students to use in the classroom. We started with an upper level initiative and now have chromebooks throughout the school K-12. This tool has allowed our teachers to have better contact with their students through email accounts and applications such as Google Classroom. It has also opened up the world as far as lessons go. Now information and images are at the fingertips of the students and teachers. Each educator has the ability to decide how they want to use the devices to help with getting their content to the students.

With students having access all day to online learning of some capacity, **the safety of the students becomes even more of a priority.** This year, the school implemented a new content filter

called **Securly**. This tracks what the students are doing while on their chromebooks and while using their accounts on PCs in the computer lab. This system sends out an alert to administrators when inappropriate content is searched or viewed. Most of the content is already being blocked, but it will still alert us on that type of activity. Upper grade teachers also have access to **Hapara**. This gives a 'live' look at what students are doing in the classroom while on their chromebook. We have had Hapara in place for a few years already.

These two were put in place to keep harmful or hurtful content to a minimum. Sadly, not everything can be stopped, but these two products have already helped with issues at school this year. I am excited to learn more as we move forward...including adding a parent portal where you can view the activity of your own child(ren).

Some reminders as the year moves along. You can follow the school district on Facebook and the school website. Also, if you are not getting alert messages that go out for things like school closings etc, please contact the school office or you can email me directly at twinters@plainville270.net.

MCL All League Volleyball
Willow Hunt First Team
Maeson Dewey Honorable Mention



In the Plainville Jr/Sr High Library...

By Karen Wilson

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From the Superintendent
By Lisa Gehring

Hello and welcome to the Plainville Jr/Sr High Library! The library has been buzzing with activity! We have had over 300 student visits to the library and several classes visit the library. These visits include students looking for books to read, working on homework, researching information.. Students and staff have also checked out over 301 books from the library. We also regularly check out Chromebooks for student use in the evenings and weekends and now have headphones that can be checked out.

There are new faces in the library this year. Mrs. Miles was hired as the Library Aide and is in the library in the mornings. Mrs Miles has lots of experiences with books and is an avid reader. She is from Plainville and is happy to be back in her hometown. Mrs. Wilson is the librarian and has Spanish classes in the morning and is in the library in the afternoons.

This year, the library joined the Central Kansas Library System (CKLS). Through CKLS, we are now able to provide Interlibrary Loan to students and have access to books and material the library does not have. We were also awarded a \$5,000 grant from CKLS, funded by the Dane G Hansen Foundation. With this grant, we are able to purchase new books for the library. We have already purchased 20 new books and are looking forward to buying many more.

To help in purchasing books for the library, a teen advisory board of 19 students in grades 7-12 has been formed. The students and Mrs. Wilson will work together to choose books that all students will enjoy reading. The faculty and staff of Plainville Jr/Sr High also have input in choosing books that complement the curriculum. In all, the library will be able to purchase 200-250 new books for the library!

It's an exciting time in the library and has been a great year so far!

I truly believe the phrase, "The older you get, the faster time flies." Time has moved so quickly this school year. In just a few short weeks, we will be wrapping up our first semester of school and saying good-bye to 2017. We have many wonderful memories from the beginning of the school year. The elementary students are enjoying their new playground and are thankful for the beautiful fall days. It was great to follow the fall activities and watch them experience success in many areas. The high school play was earlier this fall, and our junior high students will soon be preparing for their spring performance. Our winter activities are well underway and will keep us busy most evenings. As I travel to many events, I am proud of the way our athletes and coaches represent Plainville.

Our district continues to work on our implementation of MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support). Many of our in-service days are devoted to the process. Teachers administered a new assessment this fall called Fast Bridge. The assessment is given again in the winter and in the spring. Teachers monitor student's progress and provide interventions throughout the year as needed. We are also implementing a new SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum throughout the district. It supports our Behavior Expectations Matrix that was started last school year.









Another focus for the year is the Kansas accreditation process referred to as KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation). Our district is in year one of the five-year accreditation cycle. Our district leadership team meets monthly to discuss district goals and to review implementation procedures. Multiple districts in the area are working with the Smoky Hill Service Center as a way to support one another. I am extremely proud of the progressive nature of USD 270. Our faculty works extremely hard to provide the best education possible for our students.

In regard to, "The older you get...", the students and staff helped me celebrate my birthday before Thanksgiving break. They surprised me in the Cardinal Gym with a special shirt, banners, and popcorn treats. I loved the special black clothing all the students and staff were wearing that day. It was such a fun day and one I will always cherish. I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with these beautiful children and this amazing staff. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season with your families, and I wish you the best in 2018.



December 2017 Breakfast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				I. Bagels w/toppings Cheese Stick (9-12) Or Cereal Banana Milk
4. Yogurt Toast Or Cereal Pineapple Milk	5. Breakfast Bites Or Cereal Pears Juice Milk	6. Cereal Choices Apples Juice Milk	7. WW Banana Mini Loaf String Cheese Or Cereal Oranges Milk	8. Waffle Sticks Sausage Links Or Cereal Peaches Milk
11. Cereal Choices Pears Juice Milk	12. Oatmeal Breakfast Round Or Cereal Pineapple Milk	13. Cooks Choice	14. Cooks Choice	15. Cooks Choice
18. Cooks Choice	19. Cooks Choice	20. No School Teacher Work Day	21.  No School Christmas Break	22.  The Kitchen Staff wishes you and yours a Very Merry Christmas! 
25.  No School Christmas Break	26.  No School Christmas Break	27.  No School Christmas Break	28.  No School Christmas Break	29.  No School Christmas Break

All Menu Items are subject to change. Meals served w/1% White Milk or Skim Chocolate Milk

ALL STUDENTS will be served 1 cup fruit or 1/2c juice AND 1/2c fruit

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Merry Christmas

December 2017 Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				I. Chicken n Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans WW Roll (6-12) Kiwi Milk
4. Hamburger on a Bun Romaine/Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Oatmeal Cookie Apples Milk	5. Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes n Gravy Broccoli WW Roll (6-12) Strawberries Milk Option: Side Salad One (6-12)	6. Chili Celery/Carrots Cinnamon Roll Pears Milk	7. Baked Ham Baked Beans Seasoned Potatoes Roll Mandarin Oranges Milk Option: Side Salad One (6-12)	8. Meatloaf Squares Mashed Potatoes Peas Roll Rosy Applesauce Milk
II. Bierock Potato Wedges Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit Milk	12. Taco Burger Shredded Romaine Tomatoes Refried Beans Salsa w/Chips (9-12) Pears Milk No Side Salad	13. Apricot Chicken Rice Pilaf Green Bean Casserole WW Roll Cinnamon Apples Cake Milk	14. Italian Pasta Bake Fresh Baby Carrots WW Bread (9-12) Oranges Milk No Side Salad	15. Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn WW Roll (6-12) Grapes Milk
18. Beef n Bean Burrito Romaine/Tomato Mexican Corn WG Tortilla Chips W/Salsa Cinnamon Apples Milk	19. Cheese Pizza Italian Romaine Salad Banana WG Sugar Cookie Milk Fresh Carrots (6-12) No Side Salad	20. No School Teacher Work Day~	21. No School Christmas Break 	22. No School Christmas Break
25. The Kitchen Staff wishes you and yours~ A Very Merry Christmas!! 	26. No School Christmas Break 	27. The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in eachother. - Burton Hillis 	28. No School Christmas Break 	29. No School Christmas Break

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ALL students will have choices of fruit (K-12)

ALL BREADS made/used in the USD 270 Kitchen are Whole Grain

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