



Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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Mystical Evening: Junior Senior Prom 2008

Palm trees. Stars. Sounds like a mystical evening to me. Even though the prom got mixed reviews, the general feel for this year's prom was a positive one. Thanks to the DJ, participants danced the Cha Cha Slide and Cotton Eye Joe. It wasn't all choreographed music though; the night was separated with equal parts country, rap, and slow songs. Everyone looked fabulous as they walked down the metaphorical red carpet into the main doors. Walking down the "rock path" lit with street lights from "Paris," you travel through a tunnel, over a bridge and into the new gym, or the "Mystical Evening" ball room. There was a chocolate fountain and plenty of goodies to make even the grumpiest of party-goers happy. Thanks to the junior prom committee and their sponsors for all their hard work.

When asked what their favorite part of prom was, here is what some students and teachers had to say:

Kortney Campbell – "Decorating was loads of fun!" Audrey Peterson – "Midnight."
Mr. Dugan – "Getting to see everyone "snazzyed" up."
Ashley Lynn Hodges – "Going to dinner at Hooters." Mrs. Sieben – "Getting it done."
Ashley Srna and Matt Mundell – "After prom!"



Jake McNally-Knoblauch, Kimmy Miller, and Kolbi Redding giving prom 3 thumbs up!

After Prom

Juniors, seniors and their dates got their "Game On" at after prom this year. They enjoyed the variety of entertainment including Guitar Hero, Rock Band, and Sing Star while others challenged each other to laser tag and the bungee run. Prizes this year ranged from Wal-Mart gift cards, to microwaves, and even a nifty pair of sunglasses. Top prize of the night was chosen by Derek Fike, who took home the game Rock Band, which played throughout the night. A big thanks from the Junior and Senior classes to the after prom committee and especially Robin Knoblauch, Amy Blackwood, and Tamie Redding for all the hard work they put in to make this year's after prom one to remember.



Mike Carstenson and Colin Duncan on the Bungee Run

USD 323 Job Opening

A great opportunity is available for a registered nurse to practice within USD 323. Our district nurse is 'retiring' and applications are now being accepted. The position is for an RN (BSN preferred but not required), 30 to 40 hours per week, serving all three attendance centers. If you know of a qualified nurse, please encourage him/her to contact the district office at 785-457-3732 for more information and a job description. Salary and benefits are competitive. Applications close April 25 or when position is filled so don't wait to call!!

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
4/21	Junior High Track @ St. Mary's	2:00 p.m.
	Junior Varsity Track @ Holton	3:30 p.m.
	Junior Varsity Softball – Riley County	4:00 p.m.
	Junior Varsity Baseball – Riley County	4:30 p.m.
	Jazz Band Concert	7:30 p.m.
4/22	FFA Livestock @ Onaga	9:00 a.m.
	Rock Creek High School Track Invitational	3:00 p.m.
	Varsity Softball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m.
4/24	Varsity Baseball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m.
	Junior High Track @ Rossville	12:30 p.m.
4/25	Softball @ Clay Center	4:30 p.m.
	FFA – Rock Creek Banquet	7:00 p.m.
4/26	Varsity High School Track @ St. Marys	3:30 p.m.
	Varsity Baseball @ Clay Center	4:30 p.m.
4/28	State Solos and Small Ensembles	TBA
4/29	Athletic Banquet	6:30 p.m.
	FFA District Banquet @ Holton	6:30 p.m.
4/30	High School Track @ Nemaha Valley	4:00 p.m.
	Varsity Softball @ Wabaunsee	4:30 p.m.
	Varsity Baseball @ Wabaunsee	4:30 p.m.
5/1	St. George 6 th grade enrollment @ RC	1:30 p.m.
	Westmoreland 6 th grade enrollment @ RC	1:30 p.m.
5/2	Baseball vs Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
	Rock Creek Junior High Track Invitational	3:30 p.m.
5/3	State Speech	TBA
	Junior High Band Festival	TBA
5/5	Pop Concert	7:00 p.m.
5/6	Junior High Track Mid-East League @ Silver Lake	1:00 p.m.
	Varsity Softball @ Rossville	4:30 p.m.
	Varsity Baseball @ Rossville	4:30 p.m.
5/07-5/11	BPA National Leadership Conference	TBA
5/08	Varsity Mid-East League Track @ Rossville	3:30 p.m.
5/09	5-12 Band Concert	7:00 p.m.
5/12	Regional Baseball @ Riley County	4:30 p.m.
	Regional Softball @ Council Grove	4:30 p.m.
5/13	Regional Softball @ Council Grove	TBA
	Regional Baseball @ Riley County	4:45 p.m.
5/14	Senior Graduation Practice	10:00 a.m.
	Booster Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Regional Baseball @ Riley County	TBA
5/15	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Regional Baseball @ Riley County	TBA
5/16	FFA Barnyard @ Rock Creek	TBA
5/17	Regional Track @ Rock Creek	3:30 p.m.
5/22	High School Graduation	3:00 p.m.
5/23	Rock Creek 8 th Grade Celebration	TBA
	State Track Meet @ Wichita	TBA
	State Softball @ Manhattan	TBA
	State Baseball @ Manhattan	TBA
5/24	Last day of school	
	State Track Meet @ Wichita	TBA
	State Softball @ Manhattan	TBA
5/26	State Baseball @ Manhattan	TBA
	Holiday – Schools/Offices closed	
5/27	Teacher Workday	
5/28-5/30	Inservice/Curriculum Writing	

2008-2009 Cheerleaders

Cheerleader tryouts were held immediately following spring break. The following students were selected to represent Rock Creek High School during the coming year:

High School

Shelby Adams
Danielle Area
Alisha Banta
Bailey Elliott
Katie Good
Ashley Hodges
Kait Lohse
Savannah Miller
Lizzie Pitts
Chelsea Renner

Junior High

Crystal Chitwood
Brooke Minihan
Sara Nider
Kelsey Parker
Kelsey Plummer
Megan Srna
Morgan Tiers

National Student Leadership Week

April 13-19 marks the days set aside to recognize student leaders. The theme this year is “**Stand up and Be Counted.**” To put this theme into action, Rock Creek’s Student Council selected officers for 2008-09. The students who **stood up** are: *Kortney Campbell*, president; *Monica Ebert*, vice president; *Amanda Oakley*, secretary; *T.J. Andrade*, reporter. Two of these students will also be attending leadership camp at Emporia State University in July.

Dr. Stufflebeam took part in honoring student leadership by speaking to the Council on April 7. He emphasized the importance of **character, communication, courage, and creativity** in leaders. Additionally, he shared the ways students can achieve the greatest actions in leadership.

Kid Club Wrestling

The following spent their Spring Break representing RC Kid Club Wrestling Team at Sub-Districts in Manhattan on March 15 and placed to go to Districts in McPherson on March 22.

<i>Trey Basa</i>	2 nd place
<i>JT Weers</i>	2 nd place
<i>Levi Anderson</i>	3 rd place
<i>Trevor Sutton</i>	3 rd place
<i>Colin Duncan</i>	4 th place

JT Weers placed 4th at Districts and will be wrestled in the State Finals March 29 and 30. *Trey Basa* placed 5th.

Counselor's Corner

by Kevin Sullivan

Students ages 14 – 17 who are interested in health services careers may want to participate in the Volunteering summer program at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. The program provides students an opportunity to volunteer their services in the following areas: medical unit, emergency room, birth and women's center, gift shop, information desk, and mail delivery. See me for applications and more information or visit www.mercyregional.org (volunteer section).

RCHS juniors and seniors will be afforded an opportunity to complete Highland Community College concurrent credit American History, US Government, and Psychology classes at Rock Creek during the 2008-2009 school term. Currently qualified students may enroll in Anatomy, Physics, and Public Speaking dual credit classes. The expanded concurrent credit program is intended to provide broader access to college credit options.

Juniors may be interested in attending a three-day summer "Youth Civic Leadership Institute at the University of Kansas July 16-18, 2008. The program, which is sponsored by the Dole Institute of Politics, will include a variety of speakers, workshops, and brainstorming sessions all center on the concept of encouraging interest in civic engagement. See me for program applications which are due by April 30, 2008.

The MASTER IT program at Emporia State University is designed for 7th and 8th grade girls interested in math and/or science. The week long summer program encourages girls meet and associate with successful women from mathematical and scientific professions. The registration deadline is April 28, 2008.

Congratulations to Regan Baker for being recognized as a Kansas ACT Scholar for her performance on the ACT Exam. Those seniors demonstrating exceptional academic performance on the ACT exam are presented certificates from the Kansas Board of Regents.

Scholarships

Name	Qualifications/ Amount	Deadline
United Tribes of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska, Inc.	Native American ancestry	See counselor
American Legion Scholarships	Qualifications/amounts vary	1/05 – 7/15/08
Wamego Dutch Mill Scholarships	Females, vocal music, activities, \$300	4/26/08
Bill Spaniol Scholarship	3.0 GPA, environmental science studies, \$500	5/31/08

FFA News

The Rock Creek FFA recently attended the Fink Livestock Judging Invitational and the Spring Super CDE Day. These contests consisted of: Ag Communications, Ag Mechanics, Agronomy, Dairy Foods, Floriculture, Food Science, Livestock, and Poultry Judging. Our FFA chapter was well represented. The following members placed:

Ag Communications: *Bridget Hoover*, 8th

Agronomy: *TJ Minihan*, 2nd; 1st place team: *TJ Minihan*, *George Dille*, *Chase Minihan*, *Skylar O'Shea* and *Nate Plummer*

Food Science: *Chyann Ebert*, 6th; 8th place team: *George Dille*, *Amy Eshelman*, *Tyler Gardner* and *Chyann Ebert*

Livestock: 10th place team: *Pake Ebert*, *Monica Ebert* and *Tyler Sutton*

Poultry: *William Trieb*, 2nd

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22: Livestock @ Onaga April 23: Envirothon
April 24: Chapter Banquet April 28: District Banquet
May 4-6: State CDEs May 15: FFA Barnyard
May 27-30: State FFA Convention

FCA and RC Club Clean Up!

Ice Storm Debris Cleared

Sunday, March 30 dawned gray and damp, but that didn't keep members of the Rock Creek FCA and RC Club from coming out to help! Twenty students and six adults worked all afternoon cutting branches, loading trailers, raking sticks, hauling and dumping loads of branches and debris collected around the community of Westmoreland. Students really stepped up and gave a terrific effort and managed to clear multiple yards of ice storm damage. Thanks to all those that participated! A second community clean-up day may soon be planned. Talk to Coach Beam or Coach Schmitz if you can help!



WHAT THE ROCK IS COOKIN'

Junior High Emporia State University Music Festival

I Rating

Shane Adams, Eric Willard, Randall Thomas, Girls Ensemble: Katie Zimmerman, Kiley Brown, Paige Miller, Lauren Overkamp, Ashtin Lee

KMAN Player of the Week

Kegan Rawhouser

FCCLA STAR EVENTS

Senior Illustrated Talk:
Morgan Eichman, Silver

Junior National Programs in Action:
Chelsea Renner, Morgan Umscheid, Chelsea Ebert, Gold

JV Track

Boys & Girls, 1st Place, Silver Lake

Junior High Track

8th Grade Boys, 1st Place, Carbondale
8th Grade Girls, 2nd Place, Carbondale

All-Flint Hills Basketball

First Team: Dana Elliott
Second Team: Amy Yenser
Honorable Mention: Taylor Ebert
Second Team: Colter Suther
Honorable Mention: Josh Camacho

Kansas Shrine Bowl: Andrew Meyer

League Junior High Scholars' Bowl Rock Creek, 2nd Place

Team Members: *Dylan Meyer, Jacob Miller, Josh Roberts, Brandon Goehring, JT Weers, Mason Swenson, Sam Wilson, Karl Thompson, Shane Schaaake, Ben Peterson, Cody Liming, Michael Parker*

April StuCo Parking Space

Chris Wahl

Mid-East League Music Festival Choir Results

I Rating

High School Mixed Choir, Women's Ensemble, Kait Phillips, Brittany Willard, Justin Fronce, Derek Saueressig

II Rating

Men's Ensemble, Kortney Campbell, Kallie Siderewicz, Becca Snapp, Taylor Blackwood, Rachel Nider, Savannah Miller, Brian Sixbury

Mid-East League Music Festival Instrumental Results

I Rating

Band, Flute Ensemble, Sax Ensemble, Trombone Ensemble, Low Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jana Havens – Flute Solo, Sam Cott – Tenor Sax Solo, Colby Helget – Trumpet Solo, Jordan Frank – Trap Set Solo

II Rating

Clarinet Ensemble, Chyann Ebert – Trumpet Solo, Brenda Stevenson – Clarinet Solo

Regional Solo and Ensemble Choir Results

I Rating

Women's Ensemble (Savannah Miller, Brittany Willard, Kallie Siderewicz, Kortney Campbell, Katie Good, Kait Phillips, Taylor Blackwood, Shelby Adams, Chelsea Renner, Becca Snapp, Rachel Nider, Lora Blackwood), Kait Phillips, Kallie Siderewicz, Brian Sixbury, Justin Fronce, Derek Saueressig

II Rating

Men's Ensemble, Brittany Willard, Savannah Miller, Taylor Blackwood, Kortney Campbell, Becca Snapp

III Rating

Rachel Nider

Regional Solo and Ensemble Instrumental Results

I Rating

Jana Havens – Flute Solo, Brenda Stevenson – Clarinet Solo, Sam Cott – Tenor Sax Solo, Jordan Frank – Trap Set Solo, Flute Quartet, Clarinet Quartet, Saxophone Quartet, Low Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble

II Rating

Colby Helget – Trumpet Solo, Trumpet Trio, Trombone Quartet

State Music

I Rating

Band

II Rating

High School Mixed Choir

CAUGHT YA! CARDS

Logan Lauer

Travis Heideman

Adam Krause

Blaine Ridder

Katie Zimmerman

Dylan Havenstein

Jana Havens

Brad Heideman

JT Weers

Chanlebr George

Patrick O' Connor

Lynette Bellinder

Morgan Eichman

Colby Helget

TJ Miniban

Calvin Riney

Adara Leonard

Luke Goodenow

Sara Slocum

Wes Thierolf

CJ Walsh

Justin Fronce

Charlie Frazier

Brittany Chasser

Forensics

Clifton/Clyde: *Audrey Peterson, 1st, Oration, 1st, Dramatic Solo Acting; Morgan Eichman, 1st, Prose, 1st, Poetry; April Norton, 2nd, Poetry, 5th, Dramatic Solo Acting; Colby Helget, 2nd, Prose, 3rd, Poetry; Brian Sixbury, 1st, Informative, 3rd, Duet; Amanda Oakley, 1st, Extemporaneous; Sara Liming, 3rd, Dramatic Solo Acting; Laurel Lauer, 4th, Humorous Solo Acting; Greg Pushee, 5th, Informative*

Junction City: *Rock Creek Forensic Team, 2nd Place; Audrey Peterson, 1st, Oration (national qualifier), 5th, Dramatic Solo Acting; Colby Helget, 1st, Oral Interpretation of Literature (national qualifier); T.J. Roberts, 3rd, Oral Interpretation of Literature (national qualifier); Torrey Peterson, 2nd, Oration (national qualifier), 5th, Duet; Sam Cott, 8th, Extemporaneous (national qualifier), 5th, Duet; Morgan Eichman, 6th, Dramatic Solo Acting (national qualifier); Brian Sixbury and Adara Leonard, 7th, Duet (national qualifier); Mandi Blenn, 8th, Oral Dec.; Nolan Fike, made semi-finals in Oral Dec.; Monica Ebert, 11th, Student Congress; April Norton and Brian Sixbury, Lincoln/Douglas Debate (national qualifier)*

Wamego: *Rock Creek Forensic Team, 4th, Adara Leonard, 3rd, Humorous Solo Acting; Nolan Fike, 5th, Humorous Solo Acting; Greg Pushee, 6th, Dramatic Solo Acting; April Norton, 5th, Prose; Alex Hennigh, 2nd, Prose; Sam Cott, 3rd, Poetry, 6th, Extemporaneous; Amanda Oakley, 5th, Extemporaneous*

Beloit: *Rock Creek Forensic Team, 4th, Alex Hennigh, 2nd, Prose; Morgan Umscheid, 2nd, Oration, 4th, Extemporaneous, Justin Fronce, 3rd, Extemporaneous, 6th, Informative; Skylar Myers, 7th, Humorous Solo Acting; JD Garetson, 3rd, Oration, Humorous Solo Acting, Poetry*

Washington: *Rock Creek Forensic Team, 3rd, Morgan Umscheid, 6th, Extemporaneous; Justin Fronce, 5th, Extemporaneous; Skylar Myers, 6th, Humorous Solo Acting; Courtney Schooler, 6th, Poetry, 4th, Prose; Greg Pushee, 5th, Serious Solo Acting, 5th, Informative; Justin Hollingshead, 1st, Oration, 1st, Serious Solo Acting*