



# Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

April 2009

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## Prom Memories

On April 4, 2009, the big, wooden, double doors opened for the first time this year as each couple walked down the runway to a night that will forever be a memory for them as they "Sail Away With Me" at Rock Creek's Junior/Senior Prom. As you made your way to the doors, Mr. Harshbarger opened them while Mr. Dugan introduced the couples walking in. The theme was set right as you walked in, with lanterns lining the runway giving you the feeling of walking onto a boardwalk. When you walked along the walkway onto the boat, Captain Post was there to hand you your table ticket for seating on the boat. The night was filled with dancing as couples rushed onto the floor to dance to their favorite songs. The boat sailed away as every couple had a wonderful night and was able to enjoy each other's company.



## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
4/20	High School Track @ Wabauunsee	3:00 p.m.
4/21	Junior High Track @ Frankfort High School Track @ Jeff West High School Baseball/Softball @ St. Marys	1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
4/22	FFA Livestock	9:00 a.m.
4/23	JV Baseball Tournament @ Wamego JV Softball vs Council Grove	TBA 4:30 p.m.
4/24	High School Baseball/Softball @ Osage City	4:30 p.m.
4/25	State Solos/Ensembles JV Baseball Tournament @ Wamego	TBA 10:00 a.m.
4/27	JV Baseball @ Riley County FFA District Banquet Jazz Concert	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
4/28	High School Baseball/Softball vs Riley County	4:30 p.m.
4/29	St. George 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Enroll @ Rock Creek	1:30 p.m.
4/30	Junior High Track @ Rossville Westmoreland 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Enroll @ Rock Creek High School Softball vs Southeast of Saline FFA Banquet	12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
5/1	High School Track @ St. Marys High School Baseball vs Clay Center	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/2	State Speech Softball/Baseball Mini Clinics Junior High Band Festival @ Wamego	TBA 9-3 TBA
5/3 - 5/6	FFA State CDEs	TBA
5/4	Activity/Athletic Banquet	6:30 p.m.
5/5	High School Track @ Nemaha Valley High School Baseball/Softball vs Wabauunsee	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/6 - 5/10	BPA National Leadership Conference @ Dallas	TBA
5/6	Rock Creek Pop Concert	7:00 p.m.
5/7	Rock Creek Junior High Track	3:30 p.m.
5/8	High School Baseball/Softball @ Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
5/9	Music in the Parks @ Worlds of Fun	7:00 a.m.
5/11	5-12 Band Concert	7:00 p.m.
5/12	Junior High MEL Meeting @ St. Marys Junior High Track MEL @ St. Marys High School Baseball/Softball vs Rossville (Senior Night)	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
5/13	FFA Barnyard Board of Education Meeting	TBA 7:00 p.m.
5/14	High School Track MEL @ St. Marys	3:30 p.m.
5/16	Rock Creek Graduation	3:00 p.m.
5/18 - 5/21	Regional Baseball/Regional Softball	TBA
5/22	Last Day of School Regional Track	TBA
5/26 - 5/29	FFA State Convention	TBA
5/29 - 5/30	State Track State Baseball/State Softball	TBA TBA

## Trip to Disney World

The Rock Creek Band members are planning on going to Disney World next year during Spring Break. Anyone in the band who is planning to go on this band trip needs to send a \$50 deposit to Mr. Bradley by May 1.

## Baseball Concessions

Starting on April 28, the 2009-2010 junior high cheerleaders will host a concession stand at the baseball games.

## New Cheerleaders

The following students were elected to represent Rock Creek for the 2009-2010 school year. Junior high cheerleaders are *Shannon Caffrey, Macy Hawkins, Lyla Lenauer, Brooke Minihan, Kelsey Parker, Kelsey Plummer,* and *McKenzy Umscheid*. High school cheerleaders are *Shelby Adams, Danielle Area, Alisha Banta, Crystal Chitwood, Katie Good, Kait Lohse, Sara Nider, Dawn Nowakowski,* and *Chelsea Renner*. Congratulations!

## Costa Rica Trip

During the summer of 2010, Rock Creek Spanish teacher Sara Miller will be sponsoring a trip to Costa Rica for high school Spanish students. Students who have taken at least one year of Spanish are eligible to participate. The eight day trip includes visits to a coffee plantation, rainforests, hot springs, a volcano, and a Pacific Coast beach. Students will stay with families in Costa Rica in order to practice their Spanish. In addition, they will learn how to salsa dance and cook Costa Rican food.

This will be Mrs. Miller's fifth trip with students and Interact Travel, the company which organizes the tour. The cost for the trip is \$1,995, and includes lodging, meals, travel, and entrance fees. Students will be responsible for paying for the trip themselves, and we will not do fundraisers.

If students are interested in enrolling, early bird enrollment forms are due to Mrs. Miller on May 1 along with a \$350 deposit. If parents have questions, they may call Mrs. Miller at Rock Creek or email her at [millers@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:millers@rockcreekschools.org). Information about Interact Travel is available at [www.interact-travel.com](http://www.interact-travel.com).

## FFA Results

The FFA chapter has had a busy spring. Here are the results of several different competitions:

Envirothon A Team finished fifth and qualified for state at Winfield, May 13. Team members are *Dustin Miner, Tyler Umscheid, Tyler Sutton, Logan Lauer,* and *Kegan Rawhouser*. *Nate Plummer* is the alternate.

Dairy Foods A Team placed ninth. *Dylan Treadwell* (second high individual), *Amy Eshelman, Lucas Swoyer, TJ Minihan, Chelsea Ebert* were the A Team. B Team placed third and consisted of *Travis Briggs* (high individual), *Luke Commerford, Levi Anderson, Nick Cooper, Chase Minihan,* and *Jade Marsh*.

Food Science A Team was sixth. *Dylan Treadwell* (eighth place individual), *Amy Eshelman, Lucas Swoyer, Chelsea Ebert,* and *Marie Chasser* were A Team. The B Team was second with *Luke Commerford* placing second individual. Also on the team were *Travis Briggs, Levi Anderson, Nick Cooper, Chase Minihan,* and *Jade Marsh* (placed tenth).

*William Trieb* placed third individual in Poultry.

Floriculture A Team placed eighth and the B Team placed sixth. No individual placed in the top ten.

*Monica Ebert* placed seventh in the Job Interview.

*Danielle Duncan* was seventh in Ag Communications.

At the Blue Valley Livestock Judging, the Greenhand Team placed twelfth out of 24 teams. *Shane Schaaake* was fourth in Greenhand. The A Team was twelfth out of 27 teams.

## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
TBA	Students in grades 9-11 may attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy at the University of Kansas from May 31 – June 4. Information available from Mr. Sullivan.
TBA	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> grade students interested in engineering, physics, chemistry, biology, or math may want to attend the 44 <sup>th</sup> annual KSU Engineering and Science Institute in Manhattan from June 1-5. The five day residential program will include career discovery activities, unique lab sessions, and various team projects. Visit <a href="http://www.engineering.ksu.edu">www.engineering.ksu.edu</a> for details.
TBA	Seniors seeking full-time summer employment may be interested in positions with Big Lakes Developmental Center, Inc. in Manhattan (entry level wages – \$9/hour). Call 776-9201 or visit <a href="http://www.biglakes.org">www.biglakes.org</a> .
TBA	Students ages 14-17 considering health careers may want to participate in the Summer Volunteer Program at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. Visit <a href="http://www.mercyregional.org">www.mercyregional.org</a> .
TBA	Juniors interested in enhancing their leadership skills and learning more about public service/civic engagement may apply to attend the “Youth Civic Leadership Institute” at the University of Kansas from July 15-17. The expense free/residential program will consist of a variety of speakers, outings, workshops, brainstorming sessions, and a trip to the State Capitol in Topeka to meet with our state leaders.
TBA	Students ages 14-17 interested in summer volunteering opportunities at the Sunset Zoo in Manhattan should contact Jared Bixby (Sunset Zoo Education Curator) at <a href="mailto:bixby@ci.manhattan.ks.us">bixby@ci.manhattan.ks.us</a> or (785) 587-2737. Teens will be opportunities to contribute to their community, obtain first-hand experience working with animals, mentor youth via education programs, and develop public speaking experience.
4/28/09	Senior girls presently enrolled in choir may be interested in applying for the Wamego Dutch Mill Scholarship. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a qualified student; see me for applications/more info.
4/30/09	Students ages 12-18 may participate in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> KDOT Sobriety Rocks Scholarship Contest., which encourages Kansas youth to resist peer pressure and abstain from alcohol consumption. Three \$1,000 awards will be presented to the most qualified submissions in the following categories: music, art, and video/writing. Visit <a href="http://www.sobrietyrocksk.net">www.sobrietyrocksk.net</a> for more information/registrations details.
5/1/09	2009 KACT Scholarships available for seniors pursuing chemistry, chemical engineering, or chemical education degrees. Visit <a href="http://222.kschemteach.org">222.kschemteach.org</a> .
10/1/09	Juniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average, who have participated in high school athletics, may be interested in registering for the 2009 Wendy's High School Heisman competition. Applications are available at <a href="http://www.wendysheisman.com">www.wendysheisman.com</a> .

## Kansas Youth “Make the Band” at FCCLA State Leadership Showcase

Rock Creek FCCLA Members recently participated in the 2009 FCCLA State Leadership Showcase “Making the Band: SLS Edition” production held March 29-31, 2009, in Wichita, Kansas. Attendees participated in individual or team competitions, as well as workshop and sessions that challenged members to get informed, and involved through the power of FCCLA. The FCCLA State Leadership Showcase meeting was attended by chapter members, advisors and guests from throughout the state.

The “Make the Band: SLS Edition” theme was reinforced by FCCLA members rocking it out to make FCCLA . . . The “Bass” of Life by recognizing members and chapters for their participation in their families, careers, and communities over the past year. *Anna Jilka* was installed as the District D treasurer for the school year 2009-2010.

Members had the opportunity to listen to keynote speakers. Students also had the opportunity to “rock it out” by attending track sessions during the morning session.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Science Education. FCCLA has more than 225,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945. Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only in-school career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.



# Rockin' at the Rock

**Travis Briggs had a perfect score on his State Reading Assessment!**

## Mid-East Junior High Boys' Basketball

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team, Champion

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team, Runner-Up

## State Wrestling Qualifiers

### RC Kids Wrestling

Jacob Reiss, Dalton Carley, Mark Reiss, and JT Weers

### Wrestling All-American Academic Team

Colin Duncan, Justin Weers, First Team  
Andrew Wahlmeier, Honorable Mention

## Forensic League Tournament

TJ Robert, 1<sup>st</sup>, Prose and Poetry

Morgan Eichman, 1<sup>st</sup>, Serious Solo Acting

Torrey Peterson, 1<sup>st</sup>, Informative

Mandi Blenn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Extemporaneous

Sam Cott, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Poetry

Josh Camacho, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oration

Nolan Fike, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Humorous Solo Acting

Adara Leonard, 4<sup>th</sup>, Humorous Solo Acting

Sara Liming, 4<sup>th</sup>, Serious Solo Acting

Eric Willard, 4<sup>th</sup> in Prose

Nolan Fike and Morgan Eichman, 4<sup>th</sup>, Duet

Acting

William Trieb, 5<sup>th</sup>, Oration

Alexa Ukena, 5<sup>th</sup>, Informative

Justin Fronce, 5<sup>th</sup>, Extemporaneous

Alexa Ukena and Chris Wahl, 6<sup>th</sup>, Improvised

Duet Acting

Sam Cott and Torrey Peterson, 6<sup>th</sup>, Duet Acting

## Anderson County High School

### Forensic Tournament

TJ Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup>, Oral Interpretation of Literature

Morgan Eichman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dramatic Performance

Nolan Fike, 7<sup>th</sup>, Dramatic Performance

Morgan Eichman, Nolan Fike, 5<sup>th</sup>, Duo Interp

## Washington Tournament

Rock Creek, 1st

## State Music Results

### I Rating:

Rock Creek Band

### II Rating:

Rock Creek Choir

## Regional Music Results

### BAND

### II Rating:

Colten Smith – Alto Sax

Brenda Stevenson – Clarinet

Cody Liming – Trap Set

DJ Denzien – Trombone

Brad Duncan – Trombone

Sam Cott – Alto Sax

Nolan Fike – Tenor Sax

Brass Choir

Flute Ensemble

Clarinet Ensemble

### I Rating:

Lizzy Herrs – Alto Sax

Jana Havens – Flute

Josh Unruh – Tuba

Sax Ensemble

Percussion Ensemble

### CHOIR

### III rating:

Kyron Case

### II rating:

Mixed Ensemble

Brian Sixbury

Justin Fronce

Brittany Willard

Rachel Nider

### I rating:

Kallie Siderewicz

Kortney Campbell

Becca Snapp

Women's Ensemble:

Kallie Siderewicz, Kortney

Campbell, Savannah Miller,

Brittany Willard, Katie Good,

Bailey Elliott, Chelsea Renner,

Shelby Adams, Becca Snapp,

Rachel Nider

## KANSAS ACT SCHOLARS

Megan Jilka, Jake Newkirk, and Brian Sixbury

## GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Rock Creek, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## STATE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Rock Creek

## ALL-LEAGUE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Amy Yenzer, Dana Elliott, and Taylor Ebert

Monica Ebert, Honorable Mention

## 2009 FLINT HILLS GIRLS' COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Zabel

## 2009 FLINT HILLS GIRLS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Dana Elliott

## ALL-FLINT HILLS GIRLS' TEAM

Dana Elliott, 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Taylor Ebert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Becky Lightfoot, Amy Yenzer, Honorable Mention

## ALL-CLASS 3A BASKETBALL

Dana Elliott, 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Taylor Ebert, Honorable Mention

## ALL-KANSAS

Dana Elliott, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team

## ALL-LEAGUE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Josh Camacho, Kegan Rawhouser

## ALL-FLINT HILLS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Josh Camacho, 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Kegan Rawhouser, Honorable Mention

## Junior High Scholars' Bowl League Meet

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team, Third

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team, First

### Team Members

Tal Hutson, Chance Maginness,

Katherine Culbertson, Jacob Milham,

Jackson Meyer, Josh Roberts, Jacob

Miller, Hanna Ruder, Dylan Meyer,

Mason Swenson, and JT Weers

## Kansas State Scholars

Graham Briggs, Morgan Eichman, Jacob Haverkamp, Megan Jilka,

Jake Newkirk, Caleb Schmitz, Brian Sixbury, and Tyler Umscheid