



Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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Spring Semester Student Teachers at Rock Creek

Ryan Stejskal was born and raised in Larned, Kansas. Ryan has a degree in computer science, which he received from UC Berkeley and is currently working on his second degree in secondary education for mathematics from Kansas State University. Ryan has had many jobs in the past, ranging from a referee to a computer programmer; he even spent three years teaching English to Japanese high school students in Osaka. For fun, he likes to practice and teach Kendo, a Japanese Martial Arts derived from sword fighting. He also likes to play and create computer games. Ryan likes Rock Creek's block scheduling, however skeptical he was of it before, and says that everyone has been very helpful. Ryan has picked up some teaching skills here from his supervising teachers, Ms. Koelzer and Ms. Reitz, and says that setting expectations for students is the best lesson he has learned so far.



Alex McMonaghy was born and raised in Beloit, Kansas. He has two younger brothers who are both in school, the youngest still in high school in Beloit and the older of the two studying psychology at Kansas State University. Alex is currently a senior at Kansas State University studying secondary education, with a content area of social studies. Alex enjoys working with kids and says he likes sharing knowledge about things he thinks students don't know, or want to learn more about. He enjoys sports and is even a coach for the Wabaunsee sprinters. During the summers Alex works as a camp counselor for kids at The Little Apple Day Camp. Alex enjoys watching sports games for KSU and Manhattan City athletic leagues, and he enjoys shows such as *Seinfeld*, *King of Queens*, and *The Office*. Having Mr. Zabel as a supervising teacher has shown Alex that, even though teaching is time consuming, you can still have a full life outside of your career.



Kim Kimpler is from Hutchinson, Kansas. Kim attended Hutchinson and Bishop Carroll High School, and attended Wichita State; she is now enrolled in Kansas State University. Kim has worked with children with disabilities since high school, specializing in autism, however she also works with developmental and behavioral disorders. Other than being an inspiration for young people, Kim likes boating and watching college basketball. Kim enjoys working at Rock Creek and enjoys its friendly atmosphere. Kim, who was afraid she wouldn't be able to relate to Rock Creek students, says that she was refreshed to find out that students here are nice and full of energy. Kim says that the most valuable tip she has learned from Mrs. Vandahl is to make sure students comprehend how to do the work, not just make sure they know the answer.



Bonnie Bauerle grew up on a farm southwest of Sabetha, Kansas. She comes from a hardworking faithful family that believes in giving your best. She is in her fourth year at Kansas State University working on her Bachelor's degree in Human Ecology, and a licensure in Family and Consumer Science Education. Through college she worked at the financial aid office. Bonnie is an outdoors kind of person who has many pets, from horses to ducks. She has a talent for playing the piano, trombone, and guitar. She enjoys cooking and weaving, as well as writing and drawing. She has been very impressed with Rock Creek and thinks the families, community, students, and staff are amazing. She has learned from Mrs. Siderewicz to always have a back up plan, just in case, and that although she wants to be a nice person, you can't say yes to more things than you can handle.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
2/19	JH Boys MEL Basketball Tourney @ Silver Lake	4:00 p.m.
	HS Basketball @ Mission Valley	4:45 p.m.
2/21	JH Boys MEL Basketball Tourney @ Silver Lake	4:00 p.m.
	HS Basketball vs Rossville	4:45 p.m.
2/22	HS State Wrestling @ Hays	TBA
	HS Renaissance Dance	7:30 p.m.
2/23	HS State Wrestling @ Hays	8:00 a.m.
	HS Forensics @ Osage City	TBA
	HS Forensics @ Marysville	TBA
2/25	HS Boys Sub-State Basketball	7:00 p.m.
2/26	HS Girls Sub-State Basketball	7:00 p.m.
2/27	FFA Selection Day @ Holton	9:00 a.m.
	MEL Art @ St. Marys	2:00 p.m.
2/28	HS Boys Sub-State Basketball	TBA
2/29	NO SCHOOL PK-12, Teacher In-Service	
	HS Girls Sub-State Basketball	TBA
3/1	HS Sub-State Basketball	TBA
	HS Forensics @ Wabaunsee	TBA
	HS Forensics @ Santa Fe Trail	TBA
	HS Forensics @ Concordia	TBA
3/4	JH Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
3/5	HS Boys State Basketball	TBA
3/6	HS Girls State Basketball	TBA
3/7	HS State Basketball	TBA
	Lincoln Jazz Festival	TBA
3/8	HS State Basketball	TBA
	HS Forensics @ Mission Valley	TBA
	JH Band/Vocal Festival @ Emporia State	TBA
3/10	FFA Northeast Interview Day	6:00 p.m.
	HS Band/Choir Concert	7:30 p.m.
3/11	MEL Speech @ St. Marys	2:00 p.m.
3/12	MEL Music @ Riley County	8:00 a.m.
	Booster Club Meeting Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
3/14	No School PK-11 Senior Exit Project Presentations	
3/14- 3/15	CFL Forensics @ Junction City	TBA
3/17- 3/21	Spring Break	
3/25	HS Baseball/Softball Pictures	2:30 p.m.
	HS Baseball/Softball Scrimmages	6:00 p.m.
3/27	HS JV Softball vs Rossville	4:30 p.m.
	HS JV Baseball @ Marysville	4:30 p.m.
3/28	JH Track @ Carbondale	2:00 p.m.
	HS Track @ Silver Lake	3:00 p.m.
	HS Varsity Baseball vs Mission Valley	4:30 p.m.
	HS Varsity Softball vs Mission Valley	4:30 p.m.
3/29	HS Forensics @ Belleville	TBA
	HS Forensics @ ACCHS	TBA
	Rock Creek Forensics Tournament	TBA
	Baseball/Softball Mini Camp	9:00 a.m.
3/31	Track Pictures	3:30 p.m.
	HS JV Softball @ Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.

After Prom News

The After Prom Committee is still in need of parent volunteers. Any junior or senior parent that is interested in helping is more than welcome to help. Please contact Robin Knoblauch at (785 -457-3607) or rknoblauch@pottcounty.org, or Amy Blackwood at (785-564-1750) or amyjo_83@hotmail.com. There will be a meeting on February 20, 2008, in the RCHS cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

Booster Club

You can still purchase Booster Club apparel. We have t-shirts, stadium blankets and other items for sale. For more information, contact Robin Knoblauch at 457-3607.

Congratulations to the Rock Creek Debate and Scholar's Bowl Teams for their successful seasons. The 4-team Debate and 2-team Debate were second in 3-2-1A and the Scholar's Bowl team was League and Regional Champions. Way to go!

Good luck forensics team, junior high boys' basketball, high school wrestling and high school boys' and girls' basketball as you prepare for your upcoming competitions. Please get out and support your students. See the district calendar on the Rock Creek web site at www.rockcreekschools.org for dates and times.

Reminder to Silver Booster Members: Your silver booster membership includes 1 free ticket to either the activity banquet (April 14) or the athletic banquet (April 28). When tickets go on sale in April, you will need to let Jodi Cott in the Rock Creek office know which banquet you will be using your free ticket to attend.

If you'd like to get involved in Booster Club, please contact Tamie Redding (565-8019), Robin Knoblauch (457-3607) or Sue Yenzler (494-2597).

StuCo Hosts a Sweet Celebration!

The King and Queen of Winter Royalty were crowned on Friday, February 8 during half time of the varsity boys basketball game with Silver Lake. The 2008 Winter Royalty Queen and King are *Taylor Blackwood* and *Derek Fike*. The members of the royal court this year were *Jake McNally-Knoblauch*, *Jarrid Lauer*, *Courtney Schooler*, and *Dylan Havenstein*.

Last year's King, Bryant Umscheid, and Queen, Sarah Woodruff, returned to crown the new emperors. They were assisted by Griffin Miner and Mahalia Pope. After the basketball game Rock Creek High School students enjoyed a semi-formal dance that lasted until midnight.

On Senior Night, February 12, StuCo collected funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The crowd attending the basketball game with Riley County looked under couch cushions, emptied pockets, and brought loose change to toss into the "sheet collection" between games.



Taylor Blackwood & Derek Fike

Counselor's Corner

by Kevin Sullivan

Congratulations to *Regan Baker* who has been selected to represent Rock Creek at the annual Governor's Scholar Award Program in Topeka, Kansas, on May 4, 2008. Students from across Kansas who have excelled scholastically will be honored at the event which will be conducted at Washburn University.

Eight RCHS seniors recently completed their initial semester of the inaugural Career Education Program. The program, which provides interested/qualified students an opportunity to explore various educational/career pathways, has been a popular option for those seeking a part-time alternative to the regular classroom setting. Areas of interest have included: aviation technology, automotive collision repair, small engine repair, automotive service, residential electrical technology, building trades, law enforcement, early childhood education, and elementary education.

Students are reminded about the March 7 regular registration deadline for the April 12 ACT exam, which will be administered at RCHS, at 8:00 a.m. Online registration is available at www.actstudent.org. Those persons interested in completing the ACT on June 14 at either KSU or Wamego High School should register no later than May 9.

Via an arrangement with Highland Community College, qualified juniors/seniors enrolled in RCHS Public Speaking, Anatomy, and Physics classes have been extended an opportunity to generate college credit for their academic efforts. Students pursuing the concurrent credit option are able to accelerate their college studies within the high school setting. Plans are to continue and possibly expand the program for the 2008-09 school term.

Juniors/Seniors may be interested in attending a "U-Speak" session at KSU on March 3. The event will provide participants an opportunity to share their political/social views via an open forum format. For more information or to download the application, visit www.k-state.edu/bluekey. Registration deadline is February 18.

Seniors are reminded about applying for the various 2008 local scholarships which may be downloaded via the counselor section of the Rock Creek High School webpage.

Local Scholarships

American Legion Post 260	ECOS Opportunity	Eugene Plummer Memorial
Express Personnel Service	FCCLA	FFA Alumni
James Calvin Magnett	Kenneth Pete Ebert	Michael D. Vaughan
National Honor Society	Raymond Scritchfield Memorial	Raymond Scritchfield Wrestling
RCEA Teacher of the Future	Rock Creek Boosters Club	Rock Creek Starz
Shirley York Art	Student Council	Tindall Orthodontics
Troy Ebert Sports	Wayne Dunafon	Westmoreland H. S. Alumni
Westmoreland Scholarship Fund	Frankie B. Sumners BPA Scholarship	

Scholarships

Name	Qualifications/ Amount	Deadline
Best Buy Scholarships	Academics, community service, apply at www.bestbuy.com/scholarships	See counselor
Gore Scholarships, Wichita State University	Minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA, 24 ACT Score, 2/\$48,000	See counselor
American Legion Scholarships	Qualifications/amounts vary	1/05 - 7/15/08
KADPF Scholarships	Parent is custodian, academics, financial need, activities, \$250 - \$1,000	2/22/08
Images of Aging Photo Contest	\$15 - \$300	2/23/08
GPACAS Scholarships	Apply online at www.gpacas.net 2 at \$1,000	2/29/08
KSCPA Scholarships	Senior, 4-year accounting degree, \$500 - \$1,300	3/3/08
Sammy Awards	Academics, athletics, community service, \$7,500	3/7/08
WTC/Primo Scholarships	Magor in marketing, public relations, telecommunications, \$500	3/15/08
Janice Scott Memorial Scholarships	Minimum 2.5 GPA, attend 4-year college/university, leadership, \$2,500	3/15/08
KACRAO Scholarships	Academics, leadership activities, \$500	3/15/08
Dole Scholarships	3.0 GPA, community service, \$1,000	3/22/08
Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship, KSU	Activities, academics, service, \$250 - \$1,000 (male students)	4/15/08
Bill Spaniol Scholarship	3.0 GPA, environmental science studies, \$500	5/31/08

WHAT THE ROCK IS COOKIN'

CAUGHT YA! CARDS

<i>Lynette Bellinder</i>	<i>Brad Heideman</i>	<i>Calvin Riney</i>
<i>Morgan Eichman</i>	<i>Travis Heideman</i>	<i>Sara Slocum</i>
<i>Charlie Frazier</i>	<i>Colby Helget</i>	<i>Wesley Thierolf</i>
<i>Justin Fronce</i>	<i>TJ Minihan</i>	<i>Kierra Tilton</i>
<i>Chanlehr George</i>	<i>Patrick O'Connor</i>	<i>CJ Walsh</i>
<i>Jana Havens</i>	<i>Blaine Ridder</i>	<i>Katie Zimmerman</i>
<i>Dylan Havenstein</i>		

Lady Mustang Basketball
1st Place Champions at
Hiawatha Tournament

Hiawatha All-Tournament Selections:
Monica Ebert
Dana Elliott
Amy Yenzer

**Topeka Capitol Journal Athlete of
the Week:**
Dana Elliott

**C-Team Girls – 2nd Place at
RCHS Freshman Tournament**

Boys Mustang Basketball
Freshman Boys – 2nd Place at
RCHS Freshman Tournament

MUSTANG FOOTBALL

*Andrew Meyer signs with
Hutchinson Community College*

DEBATE NEWS

State Competition
2nd Place

4-speaker team of *Audrey Peterson,*
Regan Baker, Morgan Eichman, Colby
Helget, alternates April Norton and
Amanda Oakley

2-Speaker team: *Torrey Peterson and*
Samuel Cott

FORENSICS NEWS

2nd Abilene Tournament
April Norton 4th Dramatic Solo Acting
Courtney Schooler 5th Prose
Adara Leonard 6th Poetry
Ashley Hodges 3rd Poetry
Brian Sixbury 1st Informative
Regan Baker 1st Extemporaneous,
3rd Oration
TJ Roberts & Travis Heidman
3rd Improvised Duet Acting

Outstanding Musicianship Hutchinson Community College Jazz Festival

Dana Elliott – Bari Sax
Sam Cott – Tenor Sax
TJ Roberts – Drums
Devin Nelson – Drums
Mindy Hodges – Trombone
Nolan Fike – Alto Sax

STUCO PARKING SPACE

Tyler Sutton – February

2008 McDonald's/KMAN Athlete of the Week
Matt Unruh

Rock Creek Wrestling Onaga Duels

Matt Unruh, 1st at 112 lbs.
Gabe Gomez, 3rd at 119 lbs.
D.J. Denzien, 4th at 125 lbs.
Tyler Keller, 3rd at 130 lbs.
Nick Cooper, 4th at 145 lbs.
Doc Treadwell, 3rd at 160 lbs.
Wes Thierolf, 4th at 171 lbs.
Andrew Wahlmeier, 2nd at 189 lbs.
Colin Duncan, 3rd at 215 lbs.
Jeran Fry, 3rd at 285 lbs.

Scholar's Bowl

League Champions
Regional Champions

Rock Creek Team:
April Norton
Brian Sixbury
Samuel Cott
Derek Fike
Audrey Peterson
Colby Helget