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Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

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Student Teachers at the Rock!

Tony Kuckelman is student teaching with Ms. Milner in the Chemistry Department. Mr. Kuckelman grew up in Axtell, Kansas, attending St. Michael's Catholic Elementary School. After graduating from high school, he went to Kansas State University. Mr. Kuckelman began with a major in Chemistry and switched to teaching chemistry. His wife is currently pursuing an English degree at Kansas State University. In addition to television, movies and reading books, he loves watching football, playing Frisbee, and card games. He plans to finish his great student teaching job, complete his portfolio for graduation, and find a teaching job close to Manhattan. One thing he can do is juggle. Give him 3-4 objects, and he'll amaze a crowd of people.



Leann Spinden is a student teacher for Mr. Holliday. Ms. Spinden went to Peabody-Burns High School, graduating from there in 2005. She will graduate from Kansas State University this spring with a degree in agricultural education and animal science, and a minor in agricultural leadership. Prior to teaching here at the Rock, Ms. Spinden worked for the KSU Career and Employment Services. This organization helps students look for jobs and employers recruit students. She also had an internship with the Ozark Empire Foundation last summer. Ms. Spinden enjoys spending time with her family in El Dorado, swimming, and being outside. She hopes to have a job in the education field and later return to graduate school.



Andrew Trent teaches in the History Department here at Rock Creek. After attending a 6A high school, he went to Hesston College to receive an Associate's Degree. He later decided to switch his major to Education. He currently has a Rule 10 Coaching Certification and is working on receiving an English Language Learner Certification. He's worked at four different golf courses, five years as a supervisor for KSU Athletics Operations, and three years as children's choir director at a church. He likes playing and coaching basketball and baseball, collecting baseball cards, and playing video games. Mr. Trent and his wife are youth leaders at their church. They are expecting their first child in June. He hopes to graduate and find a teaching job in the area. Mr. Trent has a unique hobby – growing and maintaining turf grass, and collecting quotes.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
2/19-2/21	BPA State Leadership Conference @ Wichita	TBA
2/20/09	HSBB @ Silver Lake	4:45 p.m.
2/21/09	HSWR Regionals 8 th Grade BB Mid-East League Tournament @ Rossville 7 th Grade BB Mid-East League Tournament @ St Marys	10:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/21-2/28	National FFA Week	
2/23/09	FFA Labor Auction	7:00 p.m.
2/24/09	8 th Grade BB Mid-East League Tournament @ Rossville 7 th Grade BB Mid-East League Tournament @ St Marys HS Basketball – Mission Valley (Senior/Parent Night)	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/25/09	HS Mid-East League Music @ Wabaunsee FFA Selection Day/Spring In-Service @ Holton	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/26/09	Mid-East League Tournament 7 th /8 th @ Rossville HSBB – Rossville	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/26-2/28	KMEA	TBA
2/27-2/28	HSWR State	TBA
3/2-3/3	HSBB Sub-State	7:00 p.m.
3/4/09	HS Mid-East League Art @ Silver Lake	2:00 p.m.
3/5-3/7	HS Basketball SubState	TBA
3/9/09	FFA NE Interview Day JH Band/Choir Concert	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
3/10/09	League Forensics @ Silver Lake Parent-Teacher Conferences 7-12	8:00 a.m. 4-8 p.m.
3/11/09	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
3/11-3/14	HS Basketball State	TBA
3/12/09	FFA Meats	TBA
3/13/09	No School PK-10, Senior Exit Projects	TBA
3/16-3/20	No School – Spring Break	
3/24/09	HS Mid-East League Speech @ Silver Lake	2:00 p.m.
3/27-3/28	KIAAA	TBA
3/28/09	Softball Mini Clinic @ St. George Baseball Mini Clinic @ Westmoreland KSU Choral Invitation	9 a.m.–3 p.m. TBA TBA
3/30/09	FFA Chapter Applications HS Band/Choir Concert	TBA 7:30 p.m.
3/31/09	Spring Sports Scrimmages	6-8 p.m.

After Prom Needs Your Help!!

This year's After Prom will be held following the Prom on Saturday, April 4 from 12:45 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. All students attending Prom (and those students in grades 11 or 12 not attending prom) are eligible to participate. The committee is planning a fun evening of music, games, food, activities and prizes. To make this event successful, we are in need of cash and/or gift donations, volunteers to help plan, provide food and work during After Prom. With the tough economic times, **everyone's help is needed** to ensure an enjoyable evening for our students.

The next planning meetings will be February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and March 9, 7:00 p.m. also in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Roxie Zoeller, 785-457-3333, April Garetson, 785-770-2212, or Carrie Andrade, 785-494-8591.

FCCLA News

Rock Creek members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended District D's Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR Events) on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at Washington County High School. This year's theme is "Now Rock It Out." Over 100 members participated in the day's competition. *Anna Jilka* from Rock Creek is a member of this year's executive council.

The following students participated in this year's STAR Events: *Lane Frazier*, bronze, illustrated talk, junior division; and *Chelsea Ebert*, *Chelsea Renner*, and *Morgan Umscheid*, silver, chapter service project display, senior division.

FCCLA attended the District D elections at B&B High School on February 11, 2009. *Anna Jilka* was elected to be Vice President of Finance for District D.

The senior high FCCLA chapter participated in the Community Health Ministry's Chocolate Fantasy Night in Wamego on February 12, 2009. The members received first place in the youth division.

Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
TBA	Juniors/seniors planning to pursue engineering studies may be interested in attending the annual KSU Engineering Day on February 20. Participants will be provided an in-depth view of the College of Engineering and the field of engineering, in general, including various career pathways. Visit www.engg.ksu.edu/rid/Engineering.Events.2008/engineering.day.html .
TBA	Juniors interested in attending the annual Junior Day activities at the University of Kansas. Various dates are available during the months of March, April, and May. See Mr. Sullivan for information, registration forms or visit www.admissions.ku.edu/juniordays .
TBA	Students in grade 9-11 interested in applying to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy at the University of Kansas from May 31 - June 4. An all-expenses paid opportunity to help develop leadership skills, promote ethical behavior, and facilitate personal growth and self-awareness. Visit www.Rotary5710.org .
TBA	Junior girls interested in attending the Sixty-Seventh Annual Girls State Program to be conducted at the University of Kansas, June 7-12 see Mr. Sullivan for information and registration. The all-expense paid program is intended to promote the ideals of democracy, citizenship, and leadership.
TBA	Juniors interested in Washburn University may want to attend one of the upcoming Ichabod Junior Days on Friday, February 27, or Wednesday, March 11. Visit www.washburn.edu/admissions .
TBA	Students in grades 9-11 interested in politics and current events may want to participate in the Junior Statesmen Summer School Program to be conducted on the campuses of Georgetown, Princeton, Yale, and Stanford. Visit www.jsa.org/nominate .
TBA	Students in grades 8-11 interested in medical careers may want to attend a ten-day National Youth Leadership Summer Forum on Medicine in either Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, or Washington, D.C. Details at www.nylf.org/MEDnom .
2/20/09	Seniors whose parents (one or both) are employed in the custodial profession are eligible to apply for the 2009 KADPF Scholarships. Awards ranging in value from \$250 - \$1,000 will be presented to deserving students.
3/09/09	Seniors planning to pursue accounting studies may be interested in applying for 2009 KSCPA Scholarships. Awards range in value from \$500 - \$1,300. Interested students should contact Mr. Sullivan.
3/16/09	Seniors are eligible to apply for the 2009 Wamego Telecommunications PRIMO Scholarships. Three \$500 awards will be presented to deserving students (preference given to students majoring in marketing, public relations, or telecommunications fields). See Mr. Sullivan or visit www.primomkt.com .
3/21/09	Seniors may be interested in applying for the 2009 Blue Valley Telecommunications Scholarships. There are 24 awards, ranging in value from \$250 - \$500. See Mr. Sullivan for application details or visit www.bluevalley.net .
3/27/09	Manhattan Area Leadership Scholarship available for students attending Kansas State University, Manhattan Area Technical College, or Manhattan Christian College. One \$500 award will be presented based on academics/leadership/activities/honors/community involvement/essay. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
4/03/09	Seniors may be interested in applying for the KCC/EOA Scholarships if you plan to pursue journalism, political science or communications studies. There are ten awards at \$500 each. Awards based on honors/activities/financial need/essay/letters of recommendation. See Mr. Sullivan for applications or visit www.pottcounty.org .



Rockin' at the Rock

26th Annual Governor's Scholars Award Program

Brian Sixbury
Rock Creek Representative

Topeka – Capitol Journal Academic All-State Competition

Brian Sixbury

State Scholastic Art

Shauna Quinn, gold, oil pastel, "Explosion"
Josh Gee, honorable mention, pen and ink, "Inked Castles"
Alyssa Donoho, accepted entry, full body tape sculpture,
"Life Unwritten"
Thomas Sheffield, accepted entry, pewter cast jewelry,
"Key to the Hart"

National Scholastic Art

Shauna Quinn's artwork will go on to New York City for the
National Competition.

MATT GEE and LUIS GONZALEZ

Baseball signees for Cloud County Community College

Forensics

Dramatic Solo Acting
Adam Schmitz, 4th Place
Prose
Eric Willard, 4th Place
Sam Wilson, 7th Place
Oration
William Trieb, 5th Place

**Wendy's
Heisman Award**
Dana Elliott

**Canton-Galva
All-Tourney
Team**
Josh Camacho

2009 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition

Monica Ebert

KMAN Student/Athlete of the Week

Andrew Wahlmeier, Wrestling
Amy Yenzer, Basketball

Bluestem Electric Cooperative Scholarships

Graham Briggs and Morgan Eichman

4-Speaker State Debate

Sam Cott, Torrey Peterson, Justin Fronce,
Morgan Eichman,
Alternates - *Alyssa Donoho, Luke Goodenow*
2nd Place

2-Speaker State Debate

Ben Peterson, Blenn
9th Place

WRESTLING UPDATE

Holton's

Gerald Sadowski Tournament

Rock Creek, 10th Place
119 – *Gabe Gomez*, 4th Place
125 – *Matt Unruh*, 5th Place
189 – *Andrew Wahlmeier*, Runner-Up
215 – *Colin Duncan*, 4th Place

St. Marys Tournament

Rock Creek, 8th Place
112 – *Shane Schaake*, 3rd Place
119 – *Gabe Gomez*, 5th Place
125 – *Matt Unruh*, 3rd Place
145 – *Justin Weers*, 5th Place
189 – *Andrew Wahlmeier*, Champion
215 – *Colin Duncan*, 3rd Place

Abilene JV Tournament

Cody Liming, 1st Place
Josh Rieck, 1st Place
Trevor Sutton, 1st Place
Michael Wilson, 1st Place
Sam Wilson, 2nd Place
Levi Anderson, 3rd Place
DJ Denzien, 3rd Place
Brenda Stevenson, 4th Place
Josh Unruh, 4th Place

Scholars Bowl

Mid-East League, Rossville

Megan Jilka, George Dille, Jake Newkirk, Caleb Schmitz,
Brian Sixbury, and Samuel Cott
League Champions

Regionals, Council Grove

Megan Jilka, George Dille, Jake Newkirk, Caleb Schmitz,
Brian Sixbury, and Samuel Cott
2nd Place