



# Mustang Express

Rock Creek Junior/Senior High School

January 2009

**Principal 9-12:**  
Dennis Post

**Assistant Principal 7-8:**  
Scott Harshbarger

**USD 323 Superintendent:**  
Dr. Darrel Stufflebeam

**Contents:**

**Page 2**

Calendar  
Physics  
Junior High Cheerleaders  
BPA

**Page 3**

Counselor's Notes  
Road Categories

**Page 4**

Rockin' at the Rock



**Published by**

**In-House Training:**

Justin Collins  
Matthew Gee  
Gabriel Gomez  
Luis Gonzalez  
Timothy Herra  
Brad Koonce  
Greg Pushee  
Storm Tebbutt  
Doc Treadwell  
Matt Unruh  
Andrew Wahlmeier

## Rock Creek Heroes

*"HERO – Someone we admire. Someone we look up to. Someone who gives us hope. Not a myth, or an icon, or a legend – someone solid, genuine, and real. An ordinary person who does extraordinary things. A hero picks us up when we are down. Believes in us before we believe in ourselves. Inspires us to expand and embrace what's possible. Helps us realize that we can be heroes, too."*

Friday, January 9, saw a whole new kind of heroes take the stage. During the Renaissance assembly, attendees saw a meeting of the "Justice League," or more precisely, several superheroes that resembled our own Rock Creek teachers. Present were Mole Girl, Mig Man (an intimidating guy with a welder), Groupie Girl, Spiderman, and the Underdog, who resembled Mr. Post.

The Underdog was sadly, ready to retire, so the Justice League earnestly summoned for a replacement. Some "superheroes" that came to the call were a rabbit that thought he was trying out for a cartoon – boy was he a hare out of place, a doctor, and a caveman who liked fire (but many students speculated he was Mr. Dugan in a costume). Not finding what they were looking for, the Justice League called on Rock Creek students to make their own hero. Each grade then got a "hero in a box" and dressed up as a hero. The winner was *Laurel Lauer*, I mean "Ballerina Girl," whose super power was to "superpower".

A similar assembly was held for the junior high with Mr. Harshbarger becoming Underdog and the addition of Cell Phone Girl and Word Girl. "Electricity" was chosen as the winner. She was a pretty super girl who was at one time *Taylor Newman*. A couple contests were presented, including superhero trivia – which the faculty dominated – and another game in which the winner proclaimed herself "Captain Underpants!"

A few other heroes recognized throughout the assembly were *Brad Duncan*, *Nolan Fike*, and *Lucas Swoyer* (just call them Lifesavers...but they don't come with a hole in the middle), as well as *Jeri Brummett*, for all that she does for Renaissance, and *David Holliday*, for being a great teacher and an amazing dad!

Students received black, silver, or white cards for their academic accomplishments the first semester. Many were recognized for perfect attendance, a GPA of 4.0, and increasing their GPA by .5 or more.

After all the points were awarded by the league for winning the contests and academic records had been added up, the senior class and 8<sup>th</sup> grade came out on top in their respective assemblies.

The assembly concluded with an inspiring video encouraging everyone to be a hero helping out in their school, their community, and their everyday lives.



# Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
1/24	KSU Honors Band FFA Ag Symposium State Debate HSWR Tournament @ Holton	TBA TBA TBA 9:30 a.m.
1/25	KSU Honors Band	TBA
1/26	HS MEL Scholar's Bowl @ Rossville JHBB vs Riley County	4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
1/27	HSGB Tournament @ Hiawatha	TBA
1/29	HSGB Tournament @ Hiawatha HSBB Freshman vs Marysville JHBB @ Silver Lake HSWR @ St. Marys	TBA 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
1/30	HSWR JV Tournament @ Manhattan HSBB @ St. Marys	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
1/31	HSGB Tournament @ Hiawatha Rock Creek Forensics Meet	TBA 9:00 a.m.
2/2	FFA Speech/Ag Business JHBB vs Rossville	TBA 5:30 p.m.
2/5	Regional Scholars Bowl JHBB vs St. Marys	TBA 5:30 p.m.
2/6	HSWR @ Onaga HSBB vs Riley County (Homecoming)	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/9	HSBB Freshman Tournament @ Wamego JHBB @ Riley County	TBA 5:30 p.m.
2/10	HSWR @ Wabaunsee w/ Herington HS Basketball @ Marysville	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
2/11	BOE Meeting	7:00 p.m.
2/12	HSBB Freshman Tournament @ Wamego JHBB @ Overbrook	TBA 4:30 p.m.
2/13	HSWR MEL Tournament @ Wabaunsee HSBB vs St. Marys	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/14	HSBB Freshman Tournament @ Wamego State Scholars Bowl JVGB/BB Tournament @ Royal Valley	TBA TBA 2:00 p.m.
2/16	JHBB @ St. Marys HS Basketball @ Centralia	4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/19	JHBB vs Silver Lake	5:30 p.m.
2/19-2/21	BPA State Leadership Conference	TBA
2/20	JH MEL Meeting @ St Marys HSBB @ Silver Lake	8:30 a.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/20-2/21	HSWR Regionals	TBA
2/21	JHBB MEL Tournament 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Rossville JHBB MEL Tournament 7 <sup>th</sup> @ St. Marys	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/21-2/28	National FFA Week	TBA
2/23	FFA Labor Auction	7:00 p.m.
2/24	JHBB MEL Tournament 8 <sup>th</sup> @ Rossville JHBB MEL Tournament 7 <sup>th</sup> @ St. Marys HSBB vs Mission Valley (Senior/Parent Night)	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/25	HS MEL Music @ Wabaunsee FFA Selection Day/Spring Inservice	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
2/26	JHBB MEL Tournament 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> @ Rossville HSBB vs Rossville	4:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
2/27-2/28	HSWR State	TBA



## Physics

Physics has been busy this year with several engineering projects. In November, they had to build catapults that would launch pie-sized pumpkins at least 10 meters. *Amanda Oakley*, *Torrey Peterson*, and *Nolan Fike* won the competition for the furthest distance with a launch of 19.46 meters. *Dana Elliott* and *Morgan Eichman* won the competition for best design with "Hellga."

In January, the class built and flew Barbie Hang Gliders. The goal was for Barbie and the hang glider to soar 10 meters. *Colin Duncan* finished first with a flight of 23.4 meters (a new school record), *Josh Camacho* was second with 16 meters, and *Amanda Oakley* placed third with 15.46 meters.

The class has one more engineering task this year (it's secret from the students until the end of the month). Stay tuned for the results.

## Cheerleaders

The Junior High Cheerleaders are doing a fantastic job this year. If you would like to come out and see them, they will be performing a routine with the Rossville Junior High Cheerleaders at the February 2, 2009, home game. The performance will be given at half time of the 8A game.

## Game Night

On January 15, 2009, the Business Professionals of America hosted a game night. Few people were there, but everyone had lots of fun. They played board games like Apples to Apples, Sorry, Jenga, Clue, Yahtzee, Pictionary, Jeopardy, Candyland and various card games. *Lane Frazier* provided a Wii with the game Super Smash Brothers. *Tony Wilborn* brought his PS2.

The Business Professionals of America gave out door prizes throughout the evening. Each person was assigned with a number on their hand once they paid their way in. The winning numbers were drawn from a bag. The big prize was a ten dollar gift card, which was awarded to *Brenda Stevenson*. *Marie Chasser*, *Brian Sixbury*, *Caitlin Leiker*, *Alex Hennigh*, *Skylar Myers*, and *Brad Kleusch* also won prizes.

## Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
TBA	Students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in the 2009 CRC National Essay Contest. The top five winning essayists will qualify for an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to present their essays. Visit <a href="http://childrightscampaign.org/crcindex.php">http://childrightscampaign.org/crcindex.php</a> for contest guidelines and on-line applications.
TBA	The Kansas American Legion is still accepting applications for the annual summer Boys State Program at Kansas State University from May 31-June 6.
2/1/09	Senior boys planning to attend KSU are encouraged to apply for the Acacia Leadership Scholarships. One \$1,000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students.
2/1/09	Seniors planning to pursue college studies in music and/or broadcasting may be interested in applying for the 2009 Conclave Scholarships. Visit <a href="http://www.radioscholarships.com">www.radioscholarships.com</a> or <a href="http://www.theconclave.com">www.theconclave.com</a> for applications and more information.
2/6/09	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in math and science careers may want to attend the annual <i>Expanding Your Horizons Conference</i> at Emporia State University on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The day long workshop will include career discussions and hands on activities. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and registration forms.
2/15/09	Seniors may be interested in applying for the 2009 Best Buy Scholarships (criteria: academic achievements and community service or work experience) 1000/\$1500 scholarships will be awarded. Visit <a href="http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships">www.bestbuy.com/scholarships</a> or <a href="http://www.at15.com">www.at15.com</a> to apply on-line.
2/26/09	Senior may be interested in applying for the 2009 USA Funds Scholarships (renewable \$1500 awards will be presented to deserving students, criteria: economic need.) Apply on-line at <a href="http://www.usafunds.org/scholarship">www.usafunds.org/scholarship</a> .
3/6/09	Seniors are eligible to apply for the 2009 Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache Scholarships. Twenty-five \$7,500 scholarships will be awarded to deserving students nationwide. Criteria include: academics, athletic performance, leadership, and community service. Apply on-line at <a href="http://www.bodybymilk.com">www.bodybymilk.com</a> .
3/9/09	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA who are planning to attend a Kansas Regents University or Washburn University may be interested in applying for the 2009 Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarships. 128/\$1000 scholarships will be awarded. See Mr. Sullivan for more information or visit <a href="http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/senatordolepublicservice">http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/senatordolepublicservice</a> .
3/15/09	9-12 students may be interested in participating in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Voices writing competition. \$100 scholarships available. See Mr. Sullivan for details or visit <a href="http://www.winfieldarts.com">www.winfieldarts.com</a> .
5/1/09	Students in grades 10-12 are eligible to participate in the 2009 Summer Leadership Institute at Dodge City Community College from June 6-13. The annual week-long program provides interested students an opportunity to earn college credit, explore their future career paths, and experience life on a college campus. See Mr. Sullivan for more information and applications or visit <a href="http://www.dc3.edu/li">www.dc3.edu/li</a>

## Road Conditions

Have you ever wondered why your road doesn't get cleaned very fast? Maybe your road is not a Category 1 road. Kansas Department of Transportation maintains about 10,000 miles of roads in Kansas. To use resources effectively and efficiently, KDOT must decide which roads are traveled the most frequently. KDOT then treats and plows the high priority roads the most often.

**Category I** roads are treated and plowed most frequently. They are multi-lane roads with over 3,000 vehicles daily.

**Category II** roads are treated and plowed frequently. They are two-lane roads with 1,000 to 3,000 vehicles daily.

**Category III** roads are treated and plowed less frequently. These are two-lane roads with less than 1,000 vehicles daily.



# Rockin' at the Rock

## High School Class Competitions

Most 4.0's: Juniors  
 Most Perfect Attendance: Freshman  
 Most High 5's: Juniors  
 Most White Cards: Sophomores  
 Most Silver Cards: Seniors  
 Most Black Cards: Seniors  
 Most Improved GPA: Freshman

## High School Perfect Attendance

Lane Frazier, Caitlin Leiker, Logan Miner, Devin Muir, Tyler Roark, Karl Thompson, Chelsea Ebert, Chelsea Renner, Jace Bruce, George Dille, Rachel Nider, Lucas Swoyer, Katie Harrison, Tim Herra, Andrew Wahlmeier

## 4.0's

### 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Katherine Culbertson, Larissa Eshelman, Courtney Hoover, Chance Maginness, Jackson Meyer, Brooke Minihan

### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Crystal Chitwood, Cheyenne Deyo, Codi Ebert, Kynedee Hodges, Anna Jilka, Dylan Meyer, Jacob Miller, Shannon Oakley, Josh Roberts, Hanna Ruder

### Freshman

Aaron Kuecker, Thomas McAnerney, Logan Miner, Michael Parker, Adam Schmitz, Jessi Snapp

### Sophomores

Mandi Blenn, Travis Briggs, Lucas Commerford, Chase Minihan, Macy Umscheid, Michael Wilson

### Juniors

Lynette Bellinder, Nolan Fike, Tyler Gardner, Jana Havens, Spencer Klocke, Dawn Nowakowski, Amanda Oakley, Torrey Peterson, Becca Snapp, William Trieb, Corey VanPelt

### Seniors

Graham Briggs, Kortney Campbell, Ashley Hodges, Megan Jilka, Brian Sixbury

## 4-Speaker Regionals

Sam Cott, Torrey Peterson, Luke Goodenow, Morgan Eichman, alternate - Alyssa Donoho  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

## 2-Speaker State

Ben Peterson, Mandi Blenn  
 Justin Fronce, Jackie Gonzalez

## Junior High Class Competitions

Most 4.0's: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with 10  
 Most Perfect Attendance: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with 3  
 Most White Cards: 7<sup>th</sup> Graders with 2  
 Most Silver Cards: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with 16  
 Most Black Cards: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders with 19

## Junior High Perfect Attendance

Jackson Meyer, Ryan Schneider, Jimmie Goodmiller, Brandon Meece, Zach Reick

## High 5's

### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Shane Adams, Jordan Ebert, Brandon Goehring, Nicholas Horner

### Freshman

Nathaniel Kelly, Tim Merry, Tevon Tebbutt, Ryan Weber

### Sophomores

**Alyssa Donoho**

### Juniors

Trevor Andersen, Jessica Jack, Rob Merry, Frances Nelson, Harrison Newman, Leona Poeske, Anthony Reid, Chasity Ridder, Erica Smith, Melanie Stubbs, Lucas Swoyer

### Seniors

Gabe Gomez, Blake Hinkle, Mark Jack, Matt McCarty, Doc Treadwell, Matt Unruh

\*Bold names signify the students who raised their grade the most.

## Burlington Invitational

Andrew Wahlmeier, Champion  
 Colin Duncan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
 Justin Weers, 5<sup>th</sup> Place

## Hiawatha Invitational

Cody Liming, Champion  
 Trevor Sutton, Runner-Up  
 Sam Wilson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
 Josh Rieck, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## KSU Outstanding Senior in Mathematics and Science Award

Megan Jilka

## Spring Semester Parking Passes

George Dille, Dana Elliott

## KMAN Student/Athlete of the Week

**Josh Camacho**

## ALL-STATE BAND

Brenda Stevenson and Jana Havens