



A Message from Superintendent Jim Howard

Hello Jackson Heights Families,

This newsletter marks the start of a new effort to keep you informed about the important work happening in our schools. My goal is to provide clarity on our academic goals, share our progress, and celebrate our successes with you—our essential partners in education.

This month, we're focusing on two critical topics: the upcoming election and our commitment to student growth, both academically and socially.

Your Voice Matters: Election Day 2026

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3rd**. This is a key opportunity to make your voice heard on issues that impact our schools and community.

Key Information for Kansas Voters:

-  **Election Day:** Tuesday, November 3rd
-  **Polling Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Open for at least 12 hours)
-  **Check Your Status:** Verify your registration and view a sample ballot on the [Kansas Voter Information Page](#)

Ways to Cast Your Ballot:

- **Vote In Person:** Bring a valid photo ID (Driver's license, passport, military ID, etc.).
- **Vote In Person (Early):** Advance voting is available at county offices up to 20 days before the election.
- **Vote By Mail:** Request an advance ballot application. The completed application must be returned by Election Day.



Our schools are a cornerstone of a healthy democracy. Please take this opportunity to participate.

Our Roadmap for Success: The KESA Goals

All Kansas schools are accredited through KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation), a model focused on the whole child. We will be tracking and reporting on these five key areas throughout the year:

1. **Social-Emotional Growth**
2. **Kindergarten Readiness**
3. **Individual Plans of Study**
4. **High School Graduation**
5. **Postsecondary Success**

Spotlight on Social-Emotional Growth (SEG)

The Kansas State Board of Education has made Social-Emotional Growth a top priority. Why? Because skills like self-awareness, resilience, and responsible decision-making are just as critical to a student's success as academic knowledge.

Our Commitment at USD 335:

We are dedicated to nurturing the whole child. Our small class sizes and focus on strong student-teacher relationships provide a solid foundation. This year, we are enhancing counseling services and implementing new programs to support the well-being of both our students and staff, ensuring a positive and productive learning environment for all.

Understanding Your Student's MAP Growth Scores

You recently received your student's Fall MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test scores for reading and math. These tests help us understand your child's academic growth and tailor instruction to their needs.

What Do the Scores Mean?

The report shows how your student is performing compared to both the district and national averages. The key number to look for is the **percentile rank**.

Quick Reference Guide:

Percentile Range	Performance Category
0% - 20%	Academic Warning
21% - 39%	Below Grade Level
40% - 60%	Average
61% - 79%	Above Average
80% - 100%	Exemplary

Example: If your student has a percentile of 65 in math, it means they scored as well as or better than 65% of their peers nationwide, placing them in the "Above Average" category.

We Are Here to Help!

These scores are one piece of the puzzle. If you have any questions about your student's performance or how we can support their learning journey, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal or the district office.

Jim Howard

Superintendent, USD 335 Jackson Heights

A Message from Principal Howard



Hello, Cobra Families!

What a vibrant and busy season it has been! A huge thank you to all who participated in our Parent-Teacher Conferences. That powerful partnership between home and school is the engine of our students' success.

As we trade pumpkin spice for cozy sweaters, we're excited for the community events and learning opportunities ahead. Read on for all the important dates and details!

October Wrap-Up & Final Fun

Thank You for Connecting!

A heartfelt thank you to every family who met with our teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you were unable to attend or have follow-up questions, your child's teacher is always just an email away.

Halloween is Here!

Get ready for a Spooktacular day on Friday, October 31st!

- **Costumes:** Students are welcome to wear school-appropriate costumes all day (please: no graphic violence, weapons, or masks that obstruct vision).
- **Trunk or Treat:** Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat event at 2:00 PM! We need volunteers to host trunks—contact the office if you can help!
- **Classroom Parties:** Classroom parties will be held throughout the afternoon. Room parents will be in touch with details.

What's Coming Up in November?

Scholastic Book Fair – Nov. 2nd – 5th

Get ready to explore new worlds! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our library from Monday, November 2nd, to Friday, November 5th. Students will have time to browse and create their wish lists during school hours. This is a fantastic opportunity to refresh your home library and support our school, as a portion of every sale goes back to Jackson Heights!

Family Literacy Night – Tues., Nov. 3rd

Please join us for an evening of stories and fun! Our annual Family Literacy Night is a beloved tradition where we celebrate the joy of reading together. We'll have engaging activities for the whole family, from read-alouds to literacy games. Let's inspire a lifelong love of reading!

Meal is provided!

Thanksgiving Break

School will be closed from Wednesday, November 25th, through Friday, November 27th. We wish all our Cobra families a safe and joyful holiday filled with gratitude and good food.

❄ Looking Ahead to Winter

Brr! It's Getting Cold!

As temperatures drop, please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather. We aim to get fresh air every day, so coats, hats, and gloves are essential for a comfortable recess.

Save the Date! Winter Programs

Our talented students are already preparing for their winter performances! Specific dates and times for each grade level will be announced in our next newsletter and on our website. This is a can't-miss event!

Final Note

Thank you for being the heart of our school community. Your support makes all the difference.

My door is always open,

Jim Howard

Principal, Jackson Heights Elementary



A Note from the Transportation Team

Hello Jackson Heights Families!

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, our focus remains on ensuring every student's journey to and from school is safe, reliable, and warm. We have a few important updates and reminders to share as we navigate these beautiful autumn months together.

🚶 Safety Spotlight: Sharing the Road

With daylight fading earlier, visibility is our top priority.

- **Early is On Time:** Please ensure your child arrives at their bus stop **at least five minutes before** the scheduled pick-up time.
- **See and Be Seen:** Encourage students to stay in a safe, well-lit area and be aware of their surroundings.
- **On-Bus Etiquette:** For everyone's safety, students must remain seated while the bus is in motion and follow the driver's instructions. Thank you for reinforcing this at home!

🧣 Gearing Up for Cooler Mornings

The morning wait for the bus requires a new uniform: warmth! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures. Coats, gloves, and hats will make their wait much more comfortable and safe.

👏 Driver Appreciation Corner

This month, we want to extend a massive **THANK YOU** to our incredible team of bus drivers. Their dedication, professionalism, and care are what make our transportation system run so smoothly. They are the first smiling face many of our students see each day, and we are so grateful for their hard work!



Dear Jackson Heights Families,

October was a busy and exciting month at Jackson Heights! For a small school, we offer many opportunities for students to participate, compete, and connect. From fall activities and athletic events to classroom learning and end-of-quarter celebrations, we have much to be proud of as we head into November.

Celebrating Our Student-Athletes and Coaches

As our high school and middle school fall sports seasons wrap up, I want to thank our student-athletes and coaches for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to their programs. Thank you, as well, to the families and fans who support our students throughout the season.

The transition to winter activities is already underway. Middle school girls' basketball has begun playing games, and high school girls' and boys' basketball practices will begin soon. Middle school boys' basketball practice will start in December.

Athletics and other extracurricular activities are an important part of our school community. They give students opportunities to build relationships, represent Jackson Heights, and work toward shared goals. Participation also comes with responsibility. We want our students to understand that their effort in the classroom and their behavior at school matter just as much as their performance in competition.

Supporting Success Through OTI

Accountability remains an important part of our approach to extracurricular participation. Our behavior system reflects our expectations for students who represent Jackson Heights, and our OTI, or Opportunity to Improve, after-school program provides additional support for academic eligibility.

Students participating in school extracurricular activities who have two or more Fs following the weekly grade check must attend OTI Monday through Thursday from 3:30–4:30 p.m. This time is intended to help students improve their grades and work toward meeting eligibility requirements.

Students who are not participating in a school extracurricular activity are not required to attend OTI, but they are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity for additional academic support. Our goal is to help students succeed while holding them to clear and consistent expectations.

If you have questions about OTI, eligibility, or our behavior expectations, please reach out to me.

Recognizing Student Effort and Achievement

We finished the first quarter with a middle school rewards party to celebrate students who met our expectations and earned the opportunity to participate. It was a fun way to recognize their efforts and close out the quarter.

After hearing feedback from high school students, we have also developed a high school rewards system that is being implemented during the second quarter. I appreciate our students sharing their ideas and helping us identify meaningful ways to recognize success. We want students to know that their hard work, positive choices, and commitment to meeting expectations are noticed and valued.

Thank You for Attending Conferences

Thank you to the parents and guardians who attended parent-teacher conferences in October. We appreciate you taking the time to visit our building, meet with teachers, and discuss your student's progress. The partnership between home and school is important, and these conversations help us work together to support each student.

Looking Ahead to November

November will move quickly, especially with Thanksgiving break making it a shorter school month. Before we know it, the holiday season and winter break will be approaching. In the meantime, we encourage students to stay focused, keep up with assignments, and make the most of each school day.

As we enter this season of gratitude, thank you to our students, staff, families, and community members for all you do for Jackson Heights. Your involvement and support help make our school a place where students can learn, grow, and belong.

Sincerely,

Kevin Vanderbilt
Principal
Jackson Heights High and Middle School

Multiple FFA Contests Held in October

On October 8th, Jackson Heights FFA traveled to Washington County to attend the State land and homesite judging competition. Team one consisting of Mary Leigh Myers, Gracie White, Alexa Rash and April Slipke and Team Two consisting of Riley Innes, Rylie Strawn, Jaymin Wheeler, Ashlynn Chermok and Zoe Turner. Land judging showed some quite impressive results with Ashlynn Chermok coming in first, followed by Mary Leigh Myers in a close second, Zoe Turner in fourth place, Gracie White in Seventh and Alexa Rash tenth. Homesite also went well, with Mary Leigh Myers in first, Ashlynn Chermok in third, Alexa Rash in fourth, Gracie White in sixth, Zoe Turner in ninth and Riley Innes in tenth. Team one placed first in both the land and homesite competitions and team two finished second in home and fourth in land. Team one will compete in nationals held in Oklahoma City in May.



Land Judging team 1 is pictured above and will compete at Nationals in Oklahoma City in May. Those pictured are: Alexa Rash, April Slipke, Mary Leigh Myers, and Gracie White.

On October 14, 2026 The Jackson Heights FFA took 2 people to the NRCS speech in Holton, KS Josie Jager and April Slipke. Joise Jager got an honorable mention and \$50 dollars while April Slipke Got 2nd place and won \$200 dollars for winning 2nd place. Since the first place person could not participate in the meet, April Slipke will represent the Jackson Heights FFA at the regional NRCS speech. If April can place high enough she will participate in the state NRCS speech in Wichita, KS.

- Paul Lierz,
FFA Sponsor

Coach Melvin Reflects on the Season

To our eighth graders: Thank you for two years of hard work and for trusting in me as your coach. You bought into our vision, laid a fantastic foundation, and I cannot wait to watch you take that Cobra toughness to the high school level.

To our seventh graders: We got a taste of the battle this year, and we already know what we need to do moving forward. Let this season fuel your hunger for the offseason.

To our amazing parents: Thank you for entrusting me with your student-athletes. Your endless support, late-night pickups, and loud cheers from the sidelines made all the difference.

Cobra Nation is a very special place to be because of all of you. It is an absolute pride and joy to be a Cobra, and that stems directly from this incredible community. This season was a grueling, hard-fought battle, but it proved that Cobra spirit isn't measured by the size of the players, but by the size of their hearts.

Thank you all for a memorable year.



Pictured above in the front row: Mngr. Camden Varner, Riley Coffman, Ryan Brooks, Kenny Shepherd, Johnnie Randolph, and Karsyn Maxwell. Middle row: Cooper Alley, Carter Hare, Dorian Rodvelt, Lane Hinck, Grayson Holliday, Eli Strawn, and Emma Warford. Back row: Coach Melvin, Jase Russell, Zi Peek, Parker Innes, and Colten Meggison.

*-Jeremy Melvin
MS FB Coach*

Cross Country has a Runner State Bound!



The cross country team concluded their season at Regionals in Alma-Wabaunsee on Saturday, October 24. Although the boys and girls teams seasons are over, one Jackson Heights runner punched his ticket to State qualifying individually. Duke Condo will represent the Cobras on October 31 in Wamego at State Cross Country. We wish Duke the best of luck at State! Go Cobras!

Pictured at left is junior, Duke Condo, the lone Cobra that will be competing at State Cross Country in Wamego on October 31.

Pictured at right, the Cobra cross country team. Front row: Mngr. Riley Innes, Maxwell Jimenez, Isabelle Rieschick, Brandin Fritz, Ella Schreiber, Kenzie Wheeler, and Mngr. April Slipke. Middle row: Ruby Karns, Ashlynn Chermok, Ashlyn Brucken, Marley Nickelson, Sophia Peguero, Lakota Bottom. Back Row: Leo Peterson, Drake Wheeler, Luke Robertson, Duke Condo, Grant Bales, TJ Husted, and Matthias Ramey. Coaches Gary Keehn and Paul Lierz not pictured.



And That's a Wrap for MS Volleyball

The Jackson Heights Middle School volleyball team finished their 2026 season in early October. I am in my first year as head middle school coach and had Gera Cochren as my assistant. With 21 girls on the team, we were able to form an A, B, and C team. This allowed for more court time for all of our girls. Our A team finished the season with a 12-11-1 record. They finished 5th in the league standings with a 9-7 record. We also competed in the Perry Tournament, where we finished 5th with a 2-1-1 record, and traveled to the Centralia Quad to compete against out-of-league schools, finishing 1-2. While our league tournament ended with a disappointing first-round loss, our record doesn't always tell the whole story. We played most



Pictured above: Lillian Morton, Kassidy Moore, Hadley Wessel, Raegan Anderson, Julia Robertson, Sayde Bowhay, Savannah Narsh, Coach Rogers, and Mngr. Tenley Wessel.



Pictured above: Cambrie Latham, Sadie Cochran, Leyna Meggison, Ellie Holthaus, Violet Shupe, Brylee Guy-Folk, Ember Breshears, Emily Hamilton, Kara Miller, Triniti Tims, and Astaire Ramey.

of our opponents extremely close, many matches and sets that could have easily gone our way.

One of the biggest highlights of the season was watching all 21 girls grow as players and as a team. All of our teams made tremendous improvement throughout the season, and we are excited to see those girls continue to develop. I am incredibly proud of the effort, attitude, and perseverance the girls showed all season long. With this being my first year as head middle school coach, I learned a lot alongside them, and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such a great group of girls. I look forward to seeing what this group can accomplish in the future! Go Cobras!

*-Jessica Rogers
MS VB Coach*



The high school volleyball team also wrapped up their season on October 19 at Regional play. The Cobras will return all but 3 seniors for next season. Pictured above at the left is the JV VB team, Front Row: Jordyn Peek, Becca Amon, Malynn Watkins, EttaJo Bourdon, Ellie White. Back Row: Coach Honea, Rylie Strawn, Maggie Wichman, Raegan Anderson, Ava Martin, Kallon Ingels, Emily Mellies, and Coach Alley. Pictured above at the right is the V VB team, Front Row: Kamber Wommack, Jennifer Mellies, and Makynzie Narsh. Back Row: Coach Sides, Autumn Morton, Makayla Stidman, Nicole Amon, Sabrina Streeter, LillyAnn Wichman, Coach Honea, and Rylie Strawn.



Preschool

Update



Where the FUN & LEARNING Start



Check us out on FACEBOOK @

Miss Janice & Miss Randee's Jackson Heights Preschool



Welcome

Our Preschool year is off to a super start! We have 45 children in our 2 classrooms. We are learning about our name, drawing ourselves, same and different, numbers, letters, counting, and following a schedule and directions. It's amazing how much our little ones absorb when they are ready to learn. We greet each child where they are at and try to get them to the next level.

We have enjoyed a day at the Mayetta Splash Park, The Great Pumpkin Farm, and the Holton Fire Department to take our learning out of the classroom!

Mayetta Splash Park



The Great Pumpkin Farm



Staff



Jenny Wiggins, Carrie Schuetz, Randee Holaday, Janice Mulroy, Lori Messer, Kristi Sextro, and not pictured Morgan Schumaker

Holton Fire Department



Meet the Seniors

Every Month We will Feature Students from the Class of 2027

Kolden Ingels

Kolden is the son of Kyle Ingels and Katie Patterson of Holton. He has participated in basketball, FFA, and is currently attending Washburn Institute of Technology. After graduation, Kolden plans on pursuing a career as a mobile welder and truck driver.



Josie Jager

Josie is the daughter of Justin and Marcia Jager of Soldier. She has participated in volleyball, basketball, shooting sports, softball, FCA, FFA, and JCYC. After graduation, Josie plans to use the certifications and skills she has gained as a CNA and through the Sterile Processing program to begin building her career in the healthcare field.



JHHS Recognizes September & October Seniors of the Month



Jackson Heights High School is pleased to recognize seniors, Blaine Burdick, Alexis Deneault, and Ethan Gulotta in the month of September.

Burdick's favorite memory at Jackson Heights was the overtime football game against Olpe during his junior year. Throughout his high school years, Burdick has been involved in football, basketball, E-sports, Cobra Channel, and the High School Play. His biggest accomplishment, according to him, has been serving as the voice of the Cobra Channel during the basketball season. After high school, Burdick plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in radio and sports broadcasting. His advice for all underclassmen is to get involved, whether it be a small thing like

Esports or a big thing like football.

Deneault says her favorite memory at Jackson Heights was making a mousetrap in Mr. Henry's science class. Throughout her high school career, Deneault has participated in cross country, FBLA, JCYC, cheer, track, Cobra Mentors, Honor Flight, and Pep Club. Deneault considers her biggest high school accomplishment her induction into the National Honor Society. After high school, Deneault plans to decide her future later and focus on the now. Her advice to all underclassmen is to be yourself and not force yourself to fit in with everyone.

Gulotta's favorite memory at Jackson Heights was playing cards with close friends during Mr. Moore's band class.

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Throughout high school, Gulotta has been active in Concert Band, Pep Band, cross country, shooting sports, Forensics, the school play, Model United Nations, Jazz Band, E-Sports, Cobra Channel, Student Council, Student Government, Gifted, Pep Club, Merge Midweek, National Honors Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Soldier Christian Church, Jackson County Community Band, Atchison Community Band, and District Band. Gulotta says his biggest accomplishment is that, even in his senior year, he still enjoyed going to school. After graduation, Gulotta plans to attend university for Clinical Psychology or Licensed Counseling. His advice to all underclassmen is that there's so much to do in and out of high school, so enjoy your time and find opportunities that make you happy.



Jackson Heights High School recognized seniors, Teagan Hackathorn, Lakota Hewitt, and Tryston Honeyman, in the month of October.

When asked about his favorite high school memory, Hackathorn couldn't settle on just one, opting to include "every PE class I've ever taken." He also says he believes his biggest high school accomplishment is still yet to come. After high school, Hackathorn plans to work and become an Automotive Mechanic. His advice to underclassmen is to not be lazy and actually do your work instead of wasting your time.

Throughout her high school years, Hewitt was involved in FFA, Stuco, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Cheer. She was also a member of the 2026 Homecoming Court. Hewitt considers her biggest accomplishment to be having worked hard enough in sports to get where she is today. After high school, Hewitt plans to go to McPherson College to play basketball and study Sports Psychology. Her advice to underclassmen is to always be yourself and don't listen to what other people say about you.

Honeyman says his favorite memory at Jackson Heights has been making friends with the people around him. Throughout high school, he has been very active in Esports. Honeyman's biggest accomplishment, according to him, was the 2A Overwatch Esports State Championship. After high school, he plans to one day become the owner of a restaurant. His advice to underclassmen is to focus on "getting out there and having some fun."

- Jackson Heights Journalism Staff



The Jackson Heights Cobras football team will face off against the Centralia Panthers in the first round of playoffs on Thursday, October 29. The Cobras faced the Panthers on October 16, in regular season play, coming up short with a 14-30 loss. The rematch between the Cobras and Panthers will be hosted at Centralia. The photo at the left is from the first face off of this season between the two teams.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Roll Call:	The following board members were present for the board meeting October 12, 2026:		
	Dr. David Allen	Neal Keeler	David Holliday
	Kallie Kirk	Michelle Cochran	Dr. Michelle Schierling
	Mitch Bagby		
	Mr. Howard, Mr. Vanderbilt, Reporter-Brian Sanders, Travis Henry, April Slipke, Jordyn Banaka, Duke Condo, and Michaela McKenzie were present for the meeting.		
Call to Order	Mr. Keeler called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.		
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.		
Agenda	Dr. Allen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing forming an advisory board for a health CTE pathway. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.		
Public Forum	Duke Condo gave a monthly recap of his KS State FCCLA Officer events. Duke has recently attended a training event in Topeka, a leadership conference, and the TakeAIM event. In October, Duke will travel to Oakley to help lead a leadership conference. The FCCLA club will participate in a community service project in Netawaka. Student Council student representatives, Jordyn Banaka and April Slipke talked about the activities going on in the high school. They reported that Homecoming week went well. Some of the events that students participated in were a spirit week, Powder Puff football game, and a Homecoming dance. Jordyn and April reported that the fireworks show following the football game were enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Michaela McKenzie thanked the board for their support of FCCLA.		
Consent Agenda	Dr. Schierling moved to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the following: Approval of the regular board meeting minutes from September 14, 2026, special board meeting minutes from September 18, 2026, payments of the current bills and activity accounting funds as presented. Dr. Allen seconded. Motion carried 7-0.		
Old Business	Mr. Howard provided an update on the bond and building progress. Dirt work has been completed and footings will hopefully be drilled this week depending on weather. They are also working on moving the shot put ring. Mr. Howard meets regularly with BHS and reports that the project is continuing to move along well. Mr. Howard presented the first construction payment to BHS in the amount of \$299,115. Mrs. Kirk moved to approve the payment. Mr. Holliday seconded. Motion carried 7-0.		
Department/Administrator Reports	Vern Andrews, Technology Director submitted a report for review. His recent completed items included training for precision cutting on the Bambu Labs machine, creating policies for the wireless networks, ad updating PowerSchool data. He is currently assisting with KIDS and KEDS data for KSDE reporting, repairing student computers as needed, and resetting wireless access on TVs. Mr. Vanderbilt gave updates for the High School and Middle School. A new speaker has been installed in the band room and new wall signage has been installed in the office. An In-service day was recently held. Homecoming week festivities all went very well. Middle School fall sports are winding down and Middle School girls will soon begin basketball. Senior Night for fall High School sports will take place later in October. The Middle School recently celebrated the quarterly rewards party. Mr. Howard reviewed the September activities. The September In-Service day went very well with a focus on At-Risk. Mr. Howard has recently attended a KSBRC meeting where he was part of a speaker panel. The Honor Flight group recently held a Radio-A-Thon and met their fundraising goal there. Mr. Howard gave an overview of the current enrollment count and FTE count. The Kansas Dept of Transportation recently held a Hwy 75 meeting at Jackson Heights. They plan to have another one in January. Mr. Howard reported that the Elementary school has received some math curriculum samples and they are reviewing those. Mrs. Rash reported on the cash summary and reported that the annual KSDE State Audit was scheduled for October.		
New Business			
Executive Session	Mrs. Kirk moved to enter into executive session for 30 minutes at 7:55 p.m. with Mr. Howard and Mr. Vanderbilt to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel and to protect the privacy interest of those individuals under KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.		

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Bagby moved to re-enter executive session for 20 minutes with Mr. Howard and Mr. Vanderbilt to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel and to protect the privacy interest of those individuals under KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Holliday seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Holliday moved to re-enter executive session for 10 minutes with Mr. Howard and Mr. Vanderbilt to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel and to protect the privacy interest of those individuals under KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Holliday moved to re-enter executive session for 10 minutes with Mr. Howard, Mr. Vanderbilt, and Mrs. Rash to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel and to protect the privacy interest of those individuals under KOMA and the open meeting will resume at 9:05 p.m. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board of Education returned to an open meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Mrs. Kirk moved to approve moving Mrs. Angie Reith from teaching 6/8 time to Full-Time. Mrs. Cochran seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Schierling moved to approve the formation of an advisory board for a health CTE pathway. Mr. Bagby seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Cochran moved to approve increasing Activity Route Bus pay from \$17 to \$20 per hour. Mr. Holliday seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn

Dr. Schierling moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Mr. Bagby seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Rash, Clerk of the Board

JHHS Cheer Host Clinic

The Jackson Heights high school cheerleading squad held a Little Spirit Clinic on Friday, October 16 from 8:00am-12:00pm. They had 74 little cheerleaders sign up aging from kindergarten through 6th grade. The little spirit attendees broke into two groups, kindergarten-2nd grade and 3rd-6th grade where they learned a cheer and a dance. The groups then performed at half time of the Varsity boys home football game that night against Centralia. The JHHS Cheer Squad would like to thank all of the Little Spirit participants for attending and making it a memorable day!

-Brandi Fritz
JHHS Cheer Sponsor



High school cheerleaders Alexis Deneault, Makayla Stidman, and Nicole Amon are shown above dancing during a break with the kindergarten through second graders that attended the Spirit Clinic.



High school cheerleader, Ashlynn Brucken is shown above teaching the 3rd-6th grade Spirit Clinic attendees a dance that they would be performing that night at the football game.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 JHES Book Fair Begins MS Girls BB at Effingham, 4:30pm	3 JHES Literacy Night HS V/JV Scholars Bowl at Jeff West, 4:00pm	4	5 MS Girls BB vs. Riverside, Home, 4:30pm HS V/JV Scholars Bowl at Horton, 4:00pm	6 HS FB Regionals at TBA, 7:00pm	7
8 Fall Athletic Buffer Week	9 NO SCHOOL-Inservice FFA Leadership School at Royal Valley, 8:30am Board Meeting, 7:00pm MS Girls BB at Xavier, 4:30pm HS V/JV Scholars Bowl at Valley Falls, 4:15pm FCCLA at Jefferson West	10 County Wide Career Fair (Grades 9-12) KDOT 75 Hwy Project Meeting	11	12 MS Girls BB vs. Everest, Home, 4:30pm	13 HS FB Sectionals at TBA, 7:00pm	14 MS Fall Dance, 6:00pm-9:00pm
15	16 MS Girls BB vs. St. Benedict Home, 4:30pm	17 HS V Scholars Bowl at Sabetha, 4:00pm	18 FFA Horse Judging at Lawrence, 9:00am	19 MS Girls BB at JCN, 4:30pm	20 HS Theater Production, 7:00pm HS FB Sub-State at TBA, 7:00pm	21 HS Theater Production, 7:00pm Game Day HS Cheer Showcase, Topeka
22 HS Theater Production, 3:00pm	23 MS Girls BB at McLouth, 4:30pm	24	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break HS FB State, TBA	28
29	30 MS Girls BB vs. Pleasant Ridge, Home, 4:30pm					

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 B: Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Hamburger, Tomato Slice, Salad, Fries, Fruit, Milk	3 B: Sausage Biscuit, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Chicken Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Salsa, Broccoli, Salad, Fruit, Milk	4 B: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Beef Stroganoff, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Fruit, Roll (9-12), Milk	5 B: PB & Honey Uncrustable, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Meatball Sub, Fries, Salad, Cukes, Fruit, Milk	6 B: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Peppers, Fruit, Milk
9 NO SCHOOL In-Service	10 B: Pancake, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Super Nachos, Cilantro Rice, Salad, Fruit, Juice	11 B: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Chili, Cinnamon Rolls, Carrot Sticks & Celery, Fruit, Milk	12 B: Donuts, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Hot Dog, Fries, Salad, Cukes, Fruit, Milk	13 B: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Pizza, Salad, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, Milk
16 B: Whole Grain Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Corn Dog, Hashbrowns, Carrots, Fruit, Cookie, Milk	17 B: Waffles, Ham Patty, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Taco Salad, Cilantro Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk	18 B: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Pumpkin Bars	19 B: Cheese Omelet, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Salad, Cukes, Milk	20 B: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Bosco Breadstick, Salad, Fresh Veggie, Fruit, Milk
23 B: Friedel, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Hamburger, Ranch Fries, Salad, Tomato Slice, Fruit, Milk	24 B: Pancakes, Sausage Links, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Crispito, Tortilla chips, Refried Beans, Salad, Fruit, Milk	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	27 NO SCHOOL
30 B: Long Johns, Fruit, Juice, Milk L: Pizza, Salad, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, Milk	In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture(USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.			

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- JHHS Cheer