



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission Board of Education met on November 12, 2018. During the meeting Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:

Helping Rosehill Engineers Rosehill Elementary School second-graders recently engineered boats out of cardboard, duct tape, and table cloth material. Their goal was to create a boat that would allow an adult to travel across an entire swimming pool. Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton, Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education, and several district educators made a splash helping the students test their handmade boats. The engineering project gave the second-graders a fun way to form an idea, construct what they had designed, and test to see if their idea worked.

SM West Student Wins Statewide Contest Andrew Tabb, a senior at Shawnee Mission West High School, is the first-place winner in the statewide Kansas Turnpike Authority “Put the Brakes on Fatalities” video contest. Tabb created a video encouraging individuals to avoid distracted driving. He won a video camera and \$500 for his video production class, which is taught by Kelly Gill. [Click here](#) to see the video he created.

Teacher of the Month Surprise Linda James, a third-grade teacher at Bluejacket Flint Elementary, was surprised with the news she was named “Teacher of the Month” by a local radio station. Chris Combs and Codie Allen from 106.5 The Wolf stopped by the classroom to present James with a round of applause and a few prizes as part of the recognition. James has served as a teacher for 36 years.

Mill Creek Celebrates 40 Years Students, staff and graduates of Mill Creek Elementary School recently gathered to celebrate the school’s 40th anniversary. The Mustangs held an assembly, welcoming superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton and several special guests. The community followed the festivities with a variety of activities and demonstrations featuring students throughout the school. Principal Michelle Lord announced that in 40 years, Mill Creek has provided an education to more than 16,800 students.

District Honors National Merit Semifinalists Shawnee Mission School District Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Program recently gathered at the Center for Academic Achievement to be formally recognized. Board members, superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton, district leaders and parents joined the honorees for a reception. Shawnee

Mission congratulates the 13 seniors who now have the opportunity to advance in competition for National Merit Scholarship awards.

We Care, I Can Food Drive Schools across the district have been participating in the We Care, I Can Food Drive. Students and staff in all buildings have been holding competitions and encouraging food donations to help support the Johnson County Christmas Bureau, which helps local families in need. Community partners at the bureau have expressed to us that with the growing number of Johnson County families in need, the efforts of the Shawnee Mission School District are deeply appreciated.

Meet-and-Greet with Faith-Based Leaders Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton continues to meet with individuals and organizations throughout our community. Recently, he met with faith-based leaders and talked about ways faith-based organizations and the Shawnee Mission School District can build upon partnerships. Dr. Fulton and the leaders talked about multiple opportunities for connection, including Caring for Kids. This organization helps community groups connect with service opportunities and partnerships to support schools. As these conversations continue, we offer the reminder that one way any individual can provide comments or submit questions to the district is via email at askthedistrict@smsd.org.

Lenexa Donates Firetruck This fall, the Lenexa Fire Department has donated a firetruck to the Shawnee Mission law and public safety Signature Program, Project Blue Eagle. This is a vehicle that has served the community and now will assist in preparing candidates who are exploring future opportunities in firefighting. The board officially accepted the donation during the regular meeting.

Facilities Program Evaluation Bob Robinson, executive director of facilities, provided the board of education a report about facilities and operations and maintenance services provided across the district. The report will be available [on this page](#) on Nov. 13.

AP Exam Report Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, and Dan Gruman, coordinator of assessment and research, provided an update about student enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) courses and about participation in and results from AP exams taken in Shawnee Mission schools. AP exam participation is strong in the Shawnee Mission School District and represents 10 percent of the AP exams taken in the state of Kansas.

This publication, provided after each Shawnee Mission Board of Education meeting, provides a recap of some actions taken by the Shawnee Mission Board of Education and information about activities happening in the school district. An archive video of the meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).