



BOARD MEETING RECAP



Apple Distinguished School - Bluejacket-Flint Elementary School has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2019-2022. Apple Distinguished Schools are considered to be among the most innovative schools in the world for the ways they inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking among students.

Bluejacket-Flint Elementary School teachers set a common goal for their students: They wanted Pre-kindergarten through sixth graders to arrive at school each day so excited to learn they were running toward the building and bursting through the doors. With this vision in mind, they worked to foster a school environment centered on the idea of school being a place “Where Serious Learning is Seriously Fun.” Read more about our Apple Distinguished Schools [here](#).



Apple Distinguished School - Rosehill Elementary School has also been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2019-2022.

Rosehill Elementary where “The Future is Unlimited,” has students serve as advisors to city officials and is home to transportation engineers, fashion designers, and award-winning inventors. They are taking steps to identify their own path toward college and career. The school serves a diverse population and the school’s 1:1 digital learning resources make sure each student is able to pursue essential and personalized opportunities. Read more about our Apple Distinguished Schools [here](#).



Everything But the Turkey - Culinary arts students are preparing Thanksgiving food to help with your holiday preparations. For this annual SkillsUSA fundraiser, they will be baking side dishes, desserts, and breakfast items for the holiday. You may order [online](#). Orders must be placed by noon on Monday, November 25.

Customers may pick up items prepared by Shawnee Mission students from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26 and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 in the Broadmoor Bistro at the Center for Academic Achievement, 8200 W. 71st St.

2019-20 WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE BOOK AWARD



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

William Allen White Book Reviews - Students from across the Shawnee Mission School District provided their video reviews of William Allen White Book Award books. See the video recommendations for books for the third–fifth grade reading levels [here](#), and book reviews for the sixth–eighth grade reading levels [here](#). The William Allen White Book Award books feature a variety of literature including fiction, biographies, and non-

fiction.



Project Finish - We recognize our first graduate from our new online high school diploma initiative, Project Finish. Ashlee Alvarez completed her coursework and will be awarded a Shawnee Mission School District diploma.



Pawnee Elementary Cast Their Votes - With the recent election, third graders at Pawnee Elementary learned that every vote counts as they cast their votes for their favorite candy. They gave persuasive speeches, registered to vote, and cast their ballot as part of their unit on voting. Election results declared Skittles as the winner by a narrow margin.



Veteran's Day - Representative Sharice Davids hosted more than 160 veterans and their families this morning for breakfast in the Broadmoor Bistro. Davids thanked everyone for their service and hopes to make this an annual event. Kyle Prellberg was awarded the Purple Heart for his service on July 15, 2012 in Afghanistan.

There were Veteran's Day recognition events across the district as our schools honored our service men and women.



Up in Smoke A parent education event will be hosted at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Indian Woods Middle School, 9700 Woodson. The presentation will include:

- Signs and symptoms of marijuana use and vaping
- How today's marijuana has changed
- Resources for parents

All parents and guardians are invited to attend, and childcare is provided. Please RSVP [here](#).



Celebrating 50 Years – This week our SMSD Story Corps Video features Shawnee Mission North senior Brian Blood. He is a Categories competitor, carrying on a family tradition. [Click here](#) to view SMSD Story Corps stories.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Mike Fulton presented an update on the Strategic Plan that included information on work and task force groups which follow the process of “Study, Plan, Act.”

Dr. Fulton presented updates on each of the five strategies contained in the Strategic Plan. A written update will be available on the [Strategic Plan website](#) later this week. You can view the update [here](#).

Public Comments

A number of community members, students, and educators spoke to the Board of Education about the issues of reducing class sizes, reducing the number of classes taught by secondary teachers and increasing compensation for teachers.

ACT Results Update

Dr. Michelle Hubbard, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Learning and Dr. Dan Grumman, Director of Assessment and Research provided an update on academic measures related to college and career readiness. The specific focus in this presentation was on ACT results and curriculum-based college readiness indicators. You may see the presentation [here](#).

Update on District Committees and Task Forces

Brad Stratton presented a revised document for consideration on the Finance and Facilities Committee that includes the Strategic Plan. This committee will begin meeting in January, 2020. The board members discussed different aspects and expectations of this committee. Additional information about this district committee may be found [here](#).