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The Andover Update

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The mission of Andover Public Schools is to prepare learners for a lifetime of responsible living and learning in a changing society by creating partnerships, high expectations and meaningful educational opportunities.

Photos courtesy of Lifetouch and various photographers at Andover Public Schools.

Farewell after outstanding year



Another outstanding school year has just ended and Andover continues to be at the top of the list with so many accomplishments. Our students are extremely talented, our staff very dedicated and our community offers second to none support! It takes all of us, working together, to have the #1 school district in the Wichita-metro area and one of the best in Kansas.

A special THANK YOU for your help and support through the facilities study and bond campaign. Passing a \$188 million dollar bond is historic for the district and for the Andover community. When a school community overwhelming passes a bond issue of this magnitude, it sends a strong message of trust in and support for the school district. The scope of the projects is hard to imagine for a community of our size and will be quite impactful. The district is humbled by the trust you have shown in us and we will not let you down. With your help, Andover will continue to be the school of choice in the Wichita area.

As you probably know, I'm retiring on July 1, 2017 and this is my last message to you as Superintendent of Schools. The last four years have flown by and it has been a privilege to serve you. As I move on to the next stage of my career, I'm honored to have the opportunity to pass the torch to Mr. Brett White. Brett is an outstanding leader and person. With his leadership, our staff's great work and your support, the future is bright for Andover USD 385. We Are Andover!!

Greg Rasmussen, Superintendent of Schools
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Committed to excellence



It is my honor and privilege to begin serving as Superintendent of USD 385 on July 1. USD 385 is an extraordinary district, and a place that I am proud to have called "home" for the past sixteen years. As a brief introduction, I was hired in Andover in 2001, when the district was opening new secondary schools on the Central campus. I served as Andover

Middle School Principal for eleven years from 2001-12 before moving into the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources position five years ago.

I am excited to lead what I believe is the best school district in the state of Kansas. Some of the hallmarks of the Andover district include the academic excellence that our outstanding staff members provide and the rigorous, engaging courses offered. We are very fortunate to have top-notch students and families who are involved and believe in the importance of high-quality public education. The support that the community offers our district stakeholders is second to none. Opportunities abound in our district for students to be involved and thrive in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

We are committed to building on the excellence in the Andover and preparing students for success in college or chosen careers. For our returning families, we look forward to seeing you in August. If your family would like to learn more about the district, we would love to visit with you and give you a tour of our schools.

Brett White, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources
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Andover and Andover Central High School's boys golf teams both win their leagues. Andover High School junior Zach Sokolosky went on to win the 5A boys golf title, while the Trojans were edged out of first place by one point. Andover Central's team took the 4A State crown for the fourth time after an hour rain delay at Wamego Country Club.



First graders at Meadowlark Elementary enjoy a weather chat with Jay Prater, who is a meteorologist at KAKE news.



AP chemistry students at Andover High School make bubbles to help clean Mr. Shettlar's room for the end of the year.



Andover eCademy middle school students have science fun by creating roller coasters during an In-House day. The hands-on project taught them about potential and kinetic energy.



A Japanese news crew visits Mr. Flory's Wheatland Elementary class to do a story on the Fake News Challenge activity his students were involved in, which taught them research skills, critical thinking and media literacy. The story broadcast on national television in Japan and online.



Fifth graders at Sunflower Elementary dissect cow lungs, using straws to blow air into the lungs and watch them inflate.



Students at Andover Central High School dance at their "Midsummer Night's Dream" themed prom in the gym. Andover High School had a "Midnight Voyage" prom located at the Wichita Boathouse.



Andover Middle School's largest sixth grade band in school history performs their spring concert. There are 182 students in the band.



Andover High School theatre students ask Cottonwood Elementary for volunteers during their *Folk Tales for Fun* show.



Andover eCademy promotes 22 fifth graders to sixth grade. Afterward, families celebrated the students' achievements at a reception.



Robert Martin Elementary students participate in Global School Play Day. The class took a break from screens, electronics and structure to do what they do best...play!



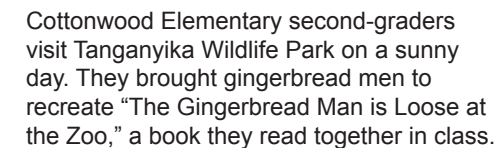
Andover Central Middle School students build and create contraptions in Design and Modeling class.



Seniors at Andover Central throw their caps to celebrate their graduation. Congratulations to all our 2017 graduates!



An Andover Central High School softball player slides safely into base. The Jags pulled off an epic comeback in the 4A-DI regional game, scoring 12 runs in the final inning to win the title on their home field.



Cottonwood Elementary second-graders visit Tanganyika Wildlife Park on a sunny day. They brought gingerbread men to recreate "The Gingerbread Man is Loose at the Zoo," a book they read together in class.



The Andover Advantage Foundation Grant Squad visits the schools and awards a total of \$80,802! The Foundation has surpassed the \$1 million mark in grants and district-wide projects over the past 20 years.



Prairie Creek Elementary first graders have a Bubble Bonanza with bubble wands, painting, gum and play! The students had themes for the last ten days of school and to kick it off was all things bubbles.



Andover Central High School students take on the Salem witch trials in their Spring showing of *The Crucible*. Andover High School students performed a more comedic Spring show, called *Anatomy of Gray*. Both schools were nominated for Jester Awards for the Fall plays.

Staff Excellence and Updates

Board of Education Outstanding Service Awards & Retirement Celebration



Each year, the Board of Education recognizes employees and volunteers through the Board of Education Outstanding Service Awards program. Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients!

Golden Apple Award - educator with 4+ years at USD 385

- Julie Carr - Sunflower Elementary
- Traci Crusinberry - Meadowlark Elementary
- Amanda DuFrain - Wheatland Elementary
- Amber Feters - Andover Middle School
- Brandy Gaddis - Robert Martin Elementary
- Michele Haidai - Andover eCademy
- Michele Hansen - Andover Central Middle School
- Greg Hewitt - Andover Central High School
- Cathy McGuire - Andover High School
- Joanna Stalker - Prairie Creek Elementary
- Teresa Wright - Cottonwood Elementary

Bright Red Apple - educator new to the profession

- Angel McGill - Meadowlark Elementary
- Harlee Musselman - Andover Central Middle School
- Bethany Tyndall - Andover Central High School

School Bell - classified staff

- John Harpstrite - Meadowlark Elementary
- Josh Hatfield - Robert Martin Elementary
- Bonnie Scarth - Food Service
- Will Smith - Technology
- Cindy Vickery - Sunflower Elementary

Helping Hands - school volunteer

- Amy Butler - Sunflower Elementary
- Krista Davis - Andover eCademy
- Martha Gentry - Meadowlark Elementary
- Debora Hoppas - Wheatland Elementary
- Carrie Kice & Whitney Ward - Andover Central Middle School
- Susan Kochert - Robert Martin Elementary
- Michelle Neugent - Cottonwood Elementary
- Becky Phelps - Andover Middle School
- The Torgerson Family - Andover High School
- Dawn Trudel - Prairie Creek Elementary
- Stacy Zimmer - Andover Central High School

Golden Key Award - individual, business or community/ civic organization

Andover Advantage Foundation
The Popcorner

Spark Award - individual, instrumental role at USD 385

Crystal Hummel - Robert Martin Elementary

Also honored for their service were this year's retirees: Vicki Foster (AMS), Crystal Hummel (RME), Karen Perkins (SES), Greg Rasmussen (Superintendent) and Miriam Rowland (AMS). We are grateful for the time and effort they invested in making this district a wonderful place to learn!

Changing Faces in Andover

Our district bids farewell to a beloved principal and superintendent this summer, and is excited to welcome new members!



Crystal Hummel, principal of Robert M. Martin Elementary, retired after 22 years with USD 385. Dr. Hummel's leadership and commitment has helped Robert M. Martin become one of the best public elementary schools in the state.



Traci Holder will replace Dr. Hummel as principal of Robert M. Martin Elementary. Mrs. Holder was previously the Professional Learning Coordinator for the district. Prior to that, Mrs. Holder was the Literacy Team Leader for K-12 at Wichita Public Schools.



Mike Sanders will replace Mrs. Holder as the Professional Learning Coordinator for USD 385. Mike is currently an education consultant at ESSDACK and has been in education for over 25 years as a social studies teacher, building principal and school superintendent.



Greg Rasmussen retired after 4 years as Superintendent. Mr. Rasmussen is credited with creating district-wide operating efficiencies, cultivating student success and building lasting relationships throughout the district and surrounding community.



Brett White will replace Mr. Rasmussen as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. White was previously the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for the district and principal of Andover Middle School prior to that. He has been with USD 385 for 17 years.



Russell Miller will replace Mr. White as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. With nearly 30 years of experience as a school and district-level administrator, Dr. Miller has also served in the Wichita and Newton school districts.

Board of Education Meeting Notes

These are not the official meeting minutes. To see official minutes, please visit BoardDocs.com/ks/usd385/Board.nsf/Public

March 13, 2017

- Superintendent Greg Rasmussen reviewed the proposed fee changes for 2017-18. All fees are proposed to stay the same except for food service meal prices. In order to stay in compliance with food federal guidelines, Andover's food prices increased. The fees were approved 5-1 in the April meeting.
- Assistant Superintendent Brett White presented the secondary certified staffing recommendation for 2017-18. The vote passed 7-0 to approve 3.0 FTE (or 3 positions), which would enable each brick-and-mortar middle and high school to add a counselor/advocate.
- Assistant Superintendent Jill Lachenmayr spoke on the Career Cruising program. The College and Career Task Force recommended Career Cruising to replace the existing program (Kuder) and to more effectively implement Individual Plans of Study in middle and high schools. The vote passed 7-0.

April 10, 2017

- Assistant Superintendent Brett White shared the elementary, eCademy and supplemental staffing recommendation for 2017-18. The elementary FTE would increase by 1.0 and eCademy would reduce its FTE by 0.4, resulting in a 0.6 increase in total FTE for elementary and eCademy. In addition, the recommendation calls for reinstatements of some of the supplemental positions that were cut years ago.

May 8, 2017

- Assistant Superintendent Jill Lachenmayr and Andover High School Principal Dr. Kristen Kuhlmann shared information about a proposed new course for 2017-18. The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE), in partnership with Butler Community College and Andover Public Schools, is sponsoring a pilot for Transition to College Algebra. Andover High School was selected as

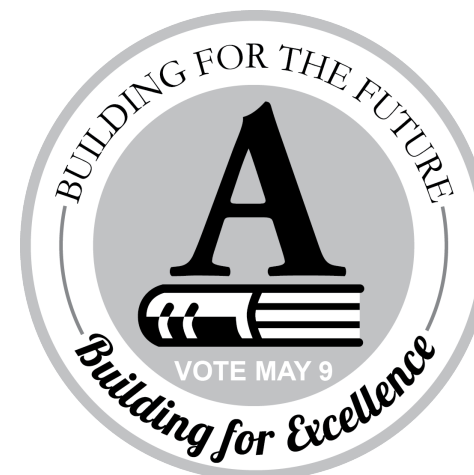


L-R: President Melinda Fritze, Vice President Josh Wells, Matt Forney, Marci Fugarino, Carly Haynes, Dr. Linda Hope, Scott Wilson

a recipient of the KSDE grant and the district will use the grant for travel, registration fees and substitute costs for teacher training. The vote passed 5-0.

June 12, 2017

- Business Manager Sherame Kneisel and Gilmore & Bell, P.C. representatives spoke on the sale of General Obligation Refunding and School Building Bonds to fund the projects approved by voters May 9, 2017. The sale is expected to occur around June 20 with closing expected to be finalized by June 29. The vote passed 5-0.
- Business Manager Sherame Kneisel and Executive Director of Operations David Jackson spoke on the changes to BOE Policy EE (Food Services Management). In order to meet new Federal and State regulations, the district is required to provide a written food service charge policy. The Board voted 5-0 to approve revisions, including a statement that all bad debt will be recorded at the end of the year with a transfer from the General Fund.
- Business Manager Sherame Kneisel presented a summary of the proposed 2017-18 insurance renewal for property and casualty, automobiles, liability and worker's compensation. The district also recommended adding Cyber Liability Insurance. The vote passed 4-1.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE 2017 BOND ISSUE!



What's happening in the City of Andover



Update from Mayor Lawrence



Ben Lawrence,
Mayor

We are busy, busy, busy in Andover right now! Our fifth annual Concert in the Park happened on Saturday, June 17, with the amazing Clint Black and John Michael Montgomery entertaining thousands. This concert also marked the end of an era to our park: no more bringing in temporary stages for summer concerts. Check out the amphitheater article and pictures in this spread for more exciting details about that project.

Private building and development are also picking up, as you've probably noticed more and more construction happening along Andover Road and Kellogg. The city is already aware of the following new/re-located businesses that we will welcome this year: Equity Bank, Meritrust Credit Union, Firestone, Myers Automotive, Design Source and an assisted living facility. Residential building also continues to climb with 47 permits pulled so far this year; we are on track to have over 100 new homes built in Andover again this year! If you want to know more about what's going on in Andover, visit www.andoverks.com/hardhat.

Our fire department is currently reviewing responses for proposals to select a consultant to assist in a staffing/equipment study. The information will help us determine what fire suppression needs are currently unmet, if any. The police department will welcome their new accreditation manager in July to the team and continue to meet and surpass best law enforcement practices.

Two elections for city council members will take place this year: a special election in August to fill a vacant seat and the regular election in November. For the four spots that are open in 2017, only one incumbent is running, so expect to see new faces and hear new ideas on your City Council before year's end.

You don't have to look far in Andover to see excitement and growth. I hope that feeling is alive and well in your home and neighborhood as well. Enjoy the summer; be safe and keep making Andover the best place to call home.

Public Works Award

Representatives of the City of Andover, Sedgwick County Government, Dondlinger Construction, and TranSystems were in Topeka on May 26 to accept the "2017 Project of the Year" Award in the "Less than \$5 Million - Transportation" category. This prestigious award was given by the Kansas Chapter of the American Public Works Association for the project involving 159th Street - from the KTA Bridge to 21st Street. The project will also be sent on to compete for the National Awards. Congratulations to everyone involved in this collaboration on a distinguished achievement!



Greater Andover Days: Sept. 28 - Oct. 1



The City of Andover is proud to announce it will host the 50th annual Greater Andover Days (GAD) this fall, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. This year's extravaganza will include all kinds of family fun events. In homage of 50 great years of celebrating Andover, this year's festival theme is "Fifty and Fabulous."

Founded by Herbert Harrison and Ruth Myles, GAD has been an Andover tradition since 1967 when it took place as an effort to unify the citizens of Andover through a shared festival experience. The Kiwanis Club was instrumental in the coordination and implementation of the festival in its inception and for many years to follow. Each year, GAD draws more than 5,000 people out to join in celebration.

Admission to the festival is by button, which will be available at local retailers for \$3 beforehand and at the festival for \$5. Children five years old and under will be admitted free. Each year a portion of the button sales goes to a local charity. This year, the organization selected is the Andover-Augusta RailTrail Initiative (AARTI). GAD is happy to partner with AARTI, who will volunteer to sell buttons again during this year's festival.

Most of the activities of GAD will take place in Central Park at 1607 E. Central Ave. The festival includes a food court, KidFest, hot dog eating contest, parade, fishing clinic, car show, business expo/craft fair, carnival, ice cream social, live entertainment and a fireworks show in Central Park. Please be sure to visit our website, www.andoverks.com/GAD, and the Greater Andover Days Facebook page for more information. If you or your business is interested in helping sponsor Greater Andover Days, please contact Dayna DuFriend at 316-977-9421 or ddufriend@andoverks.com.

Andover Amphitheater

We are "#AmpedInAndover!" Ground breaking for the new amphitheater took place during this year's fifth annual Concert in the Park, with construction set to begin soon. Completion is projected within six months, easily allowing its use for multiple events in the park next summer.

The design includes aspects of the surrounding buildings and use of the natural features in the park. The amphitheater will blend into and compliment the park's natural beauty. It will include a dock, control area and a flat, concrete and turf seating area immediately in front of the stage; all surrounded by a bowl with in and out of bowl seating able to hold approximately 10,000 people. Location of the amphitheater will be just southwest of "The Lodge" in Central Park at 1607 E. Central Ave. Facing north, this will put the setting summer sun out of the eyes and to the side of both performers and the audience.



The summer Concert in the Park series stemmed from the desire of the Andover Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to build a permanent outdoor amphitheater in Central Park. The CVB decided in late 2012 the best way to gauge interest in the project would be to host summer concerts. With the huge resulting success, the CVB decided to move along with the project. The amphitheater will serve the community by hosting everything from small events, such as band and theatre performances, to the Concert in the Park

and Greater Andover Days. The amphitheater will also be available to rent for private events like weddings and family reunions.

Future events and information for the Andover Amphitheater can be found on the amphitheater's new Facebook page, [AndoverAmphitheater](https://www.facebook.com/AndoverAmphitheater). Follow and "like" the Facebook page for information on upcoming events and various opportunities to win prizes. Amphitheater events will use the hashtag "#AmpedInAndover," which was created by former Andover Planning Commissioner Nikki Spencer Huntington. Using this hashtag when posting on social media will connect your experience to the Andover Amphitheater. Additionally, if you or your business is interested in sponsoring events at the Andover Amphitheater, please contact Jennifer McCausland at jmccausland@andoverks.com or 316-977-9412.



City Council Elections

City Council elections are right around the corner, with four council seats up for election this year. A special election will be held on Aug. 1 to fill one vacant council seat, which will take effect Aug. 8 and last through 2019. The remaining three seats will be up for election Nov. 7. These terms begin in January 2018 and run through December of 2021. Voting centers will be located at:

- Andover United Methodist Church - 1429 N. Andover Rd., Andover, KS 67002
- St. Vincent De Paul Church - 123 N. Andover Rd., Andover, KS 67002

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. unless different hours are set and publicly announced by the county election officer. For more information, visit www.andoverks.com or contact the County Clerk at 316-322-4239.



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