

VOTE

NOVEMBER
7

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
 WHO | WHAT | WHERE | WHEN | WHY



**LOCAL
 EAGLE
 SCOUTS'
 USD 345
 PROJECTS**



**SMS FCCLA
 TAKES HOME
 7 NATIONAL
 GOLD MEDALS**



Active Schools

SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES
 2017 Let's Move! AWARD

5 Students & Parent SAFETY TIPS

- 1 See Something, Say Something**
 It is always important and appropriate to report suspicious activity to parents, teachers or other authority. We should all be working together to keep our schools and community safe.
- 2 Be Responsible, Report Don't Post**
 Responsible people alert authorities with any information about suspicious activity. Posting or sharing information on social media is not the same thing as reporting information to authorities and can lead to widespread confusion and misinformation.
- 3 Threats are No Joke**
 Any threat made towards our students, school or staff will be taken seriously and may result in a criminal charge. This applies to face-to-face, social media, messaging, etc. Please be responsible in your actions both online and in person.
- 4 Phone it In**
 The Kansas School Safety Hotline provides you a way to anonymously report suspicious activity. The hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The toll-free number is 1-877-626-8203.
- 5 Want To Share Something? Share it here**
 Online School Safety Reporting Form: www.seamanschools.org/contactus



Fred Patton

USD 345 SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

ELECTION DAY IS ALMOST HERE!



While school board elections have historically been in the spring, in 2015, the Kansas Legislature moved all local elections to the fall of odd numbered years. The theory by some in the Legislature was that by putting local elections in the fall, like state and federal elections, voter turnout would be higher.

November 7th will be here before you know it. As such, now is the time to learn about the candidates for school board, but before doing so it's important to know what a school board does. The Seaman Board of Education is made up of seven members of our community. The board meets on the second Monday of each month and then throughout the month when necessary. The board hires and evaluates the superintendent, sets district goals, and adopts policies governing the operation of the district. The board also approves the school district budget and sets the tax levy.

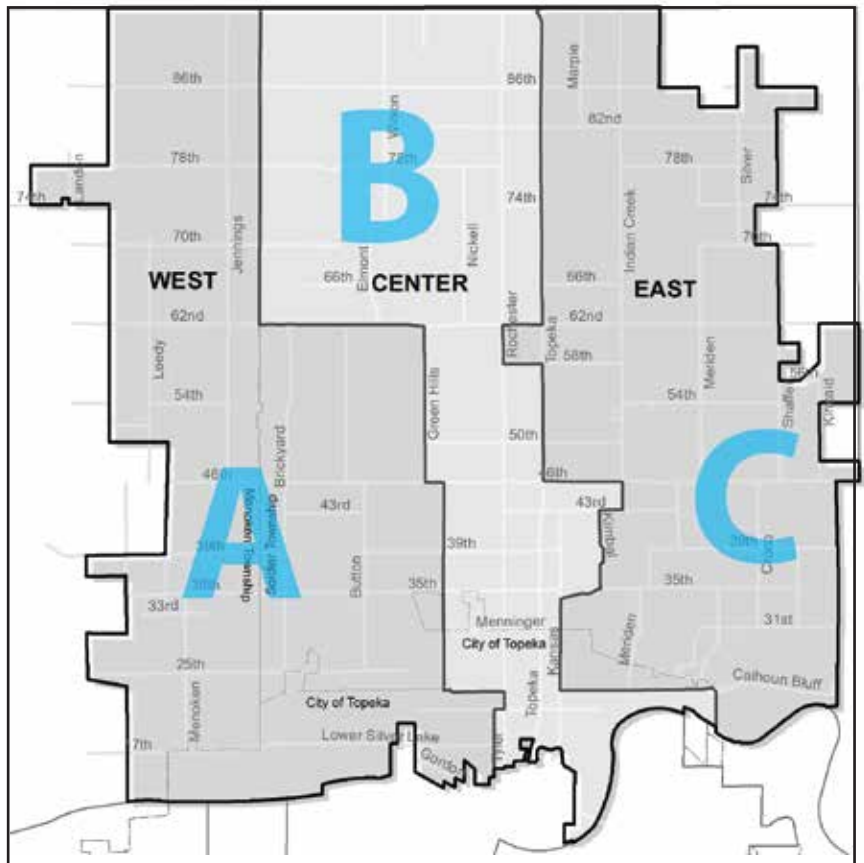
I've often heard from patrons that they don't vote in school board elections because they don't have kids in school. From my perspective, it is important that everyone vote for our school board. Sure, the board has an impact on the students in our schools, but they also make decisions that impact your property values, your tax bills, and our community's economic development. It may not be a position that gets a lot of press, but I would argue that your local school board likely has a greater impact on our community than the national elections that often grab the headlines.

We are fortunate to have five people running this fall to serve on our school board. Cherie Sage is running for Position A4; Kent Biggs, Keith Griffin, and Rich Eckert are running for Position B5; and Karl McNorton is running for Position C6. As long as you live within the boundaries of the school district and are a registered voter, you will be able to vote for each position open.

So now that you know how important it is to vote for your school board positions and you know who is running, how do you vote? You can vote in advance by requesting an advance ballot or by voting in person at the Shawnee County Election Office. If you want to vote in person on Election Day, but aren't sure where your polling place is, the Election Office can help you with that too. The Election Office has most of this information on their website: www.snco.us/election or you can call them at 785-251-5900.

I hope each of you will join me by voting in the November 7th school board elections!

BOE DISTRICT MAP



USD 345 district residents and registered voters can vote for ALL THREE POSITIONS listed below

USD 345 District A Position 4
- Cherie Sage

USD 345 District B Position 5
- Richard V. Eckert
- Keith Griffin
- Kent Biggs

USD 345 District C Position 6
- Karl W. McNorton

influence involvement leadership

USD 345 is proud to have so many of our own in various leadership roles, both locally and nationally. As you can see, USD 345 remains at the forefront of development and decision-making by serving in many capacities outside of Seaman Schools.

CHRISTIE APPELHANZ | Board of Education Member

-Kansas School Mental Health Advisory Council
-Kansas Health Equity Initiative
-Kansas Home Visiting Collaborative

JOSEFA BEN-ARIEH | Autism Specialist

-Topeka Area Autism Network Steering Committee

ANNIE DIEDERICH | SMS Principal/Director of Secondary Education

-KSDE Curriculum Leaders Advisory Council
-Kansas School Mental Health Advisory Council
-Shawnee County Suicide Prevention Coalition

BRAD DIETZ | SHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

-President of the Topeka-Shawnee Sports Council
-Committee Member of the North YMCA Council
-Committee Member of the Shawnee Co. Sports Hall of Fame/H.S. Athletes

LINDA DITCH | SMS Para, Read 180 Program

-Discovery School Montessori School Board

ROD GARMAN | Director of Elementary Education

-Southern Hills Mennonite Church Diaconate - Chair
-North Topeka YMCA Advisory Council

TINA GIBSON | Logan 5th Grade Teacher

-Special Education Advisory Council

JASON GOLDER | Director of Buildings & Grounds

-Kansas Association of Plant Facilities - Vice President Elect

PENNY GUY | SMS Math Teacher

-NEKATM President
-KATM 2017 Conference Committee Planning Member

FRANK HENDERSON, JR. | Board of Education Vice President

-Kansas Association of School Boards - Past President and Board of Directors
-National School Board Association- Executive Committee, Board of Directors
-National Black Council of School Board Members - Board of Directors
-Education Commission of the States - Commissioner
-United Way of Greater Topeka - Board of Directors, Early Education Impact Council
-North Topeka Business Alliance - Secretary
-Shawnee County Community Corrections Advisory Board
-Valeo Behavioral Healthcare - Board Chairman
-Rotary Club of Topeka Downtown - Board of Directors
-Momentum 2022 - Talent Development Workgroup;
NOTO and Downtown Development Workgroup - Vice Chair
-Washburn University Occupational Therapy Assistant Program - Advisory Board

KAYE KABUS | Director of Food Service

-Family & Consumer Science Advisory Board, Seaman High School
-School Nutrition Association of Kansas (SNA-KS), Board Member & Nutrition/Education Chair
-Shaw Wa, Local Chapter of SNA-KS, Board Member & Treasurer
-KSDE, Child Nutrition & Wellness, Cadre Trainer
-4-H Community Leader, Jefferson County, Clover Power
-Meadowlark District 4-H Program Development Committee Member
-YWCA Volunteer for Annual Leadership Luncheon

PATRICK KELLY | SHS Teacher

-President, Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association

BRAD LEDUC | SHS Art Teacher

-Lowell Milken Center Art Competition Advisory Board

CANDACE LEDUC | Director of Communications & Grants

-Kansas School Public Relations Association - Membership Chair

NATHAN MCALISTER | SHS Social Studies Teacher

-KSDE/ESSA Advisory Committee
-KSDE Regulations Advisory Committee
-KSDE/HGSS State Assessment Committee
-Kansas National Education Association, Kansas Political Action Committee
-Kansas History Textbook Review and Advisory Committee
-Kansas Council for History Education - Executive Board and Treasurer
-Kansas State History Organization Committee
-Kansas iCivics State Council Committee
-National Council for History Education - Board Member
-National Park Service: Native American, Legacy of the War of 1812, Writer/Review/Advisory Committee
-Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes Curriculum Writing Committee - Chair
-Gilder Lehrman Institute for History Education, Curriculum Writer/Seminar Coordinator/Master Teacher - Committee
-National iCivics Educator Network - Kansas Representative

KARL MCNORTON | Board of Education Member

-Shawnee County Emergency Communications Management Board - Chairman
-Shawnee County Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fire Rep., Past Chairman
-Shawnee County Ambulance Advisory Board - Rural Fire Rep.
-State Capital Area Fire Fighters Association - Vice President
-10-33 Foundation Regional Program Manager
-Northeast Region Homeland Security Council - Fire Rep
-Kansas Fire Service Working Group - Chairman
-State Senior Advisory Committee
-Regional Council Coordinating Committee
-State Deployable Resources Working Group
-Kansas Coalition for Residential Sprinklers - Chairman

CASSIE MEDLEY | SMS iCoach

-Kansas Council for the Social Studies Board Member - Teacher of the Year Chair

STEVE NOBLE | Superintendent of Schools

-KSDE Licensed Personnel Evaluation Review Committee
-KSSA Board of Directors
-KSDE Commissioner's Superintendent Advisory Committee
-KSDE College and Career Ready Assessment Advisory Council
-KSDE Accreditation Advisory Committee

FRED PATTON | Board of Education President

-Kansas House of Representatives
-Boy Scouts of America - Jayhawk Area Council Board of Directors
-Friends of the Topeka Zoo - Board President
-North Topeka Business Alliance - Board Member
-Seaman Educational Advantage Foundation - Board Member
-Visit Topeka - Board Member

DENNIS PEERENBOOM | Director of Human Resources

-Kansas Association of School Personnel Administrators - President

CLINTON PEPPER | Transportation Operations Coordinator

-Vice-president of the Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association

DEDRA RAINES | Director of Special Services

-Building/District Leadership Advisory Council for Washburn University

CHERIE SAGE | Board of Education Member

-Kansas Maternal Child Health Coalition,
-Kansas Sports Concussion Partnership
-American Business Women's Assn Career Chapter
-Safe States Alliance

MARET SCHRADER | SHS Freshman Language Arts

-NEA Common Core Working Group
-KSDE Professional Practice Committee
-2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team

SUSAN SITTENAUER | SHS Social Studies Teacher

-Unsung Hero Curriculum Committee
-Kansas History Day Foundation Board
-Kansas iCivics Committee
-Topeka and Shawnee County Youth Court

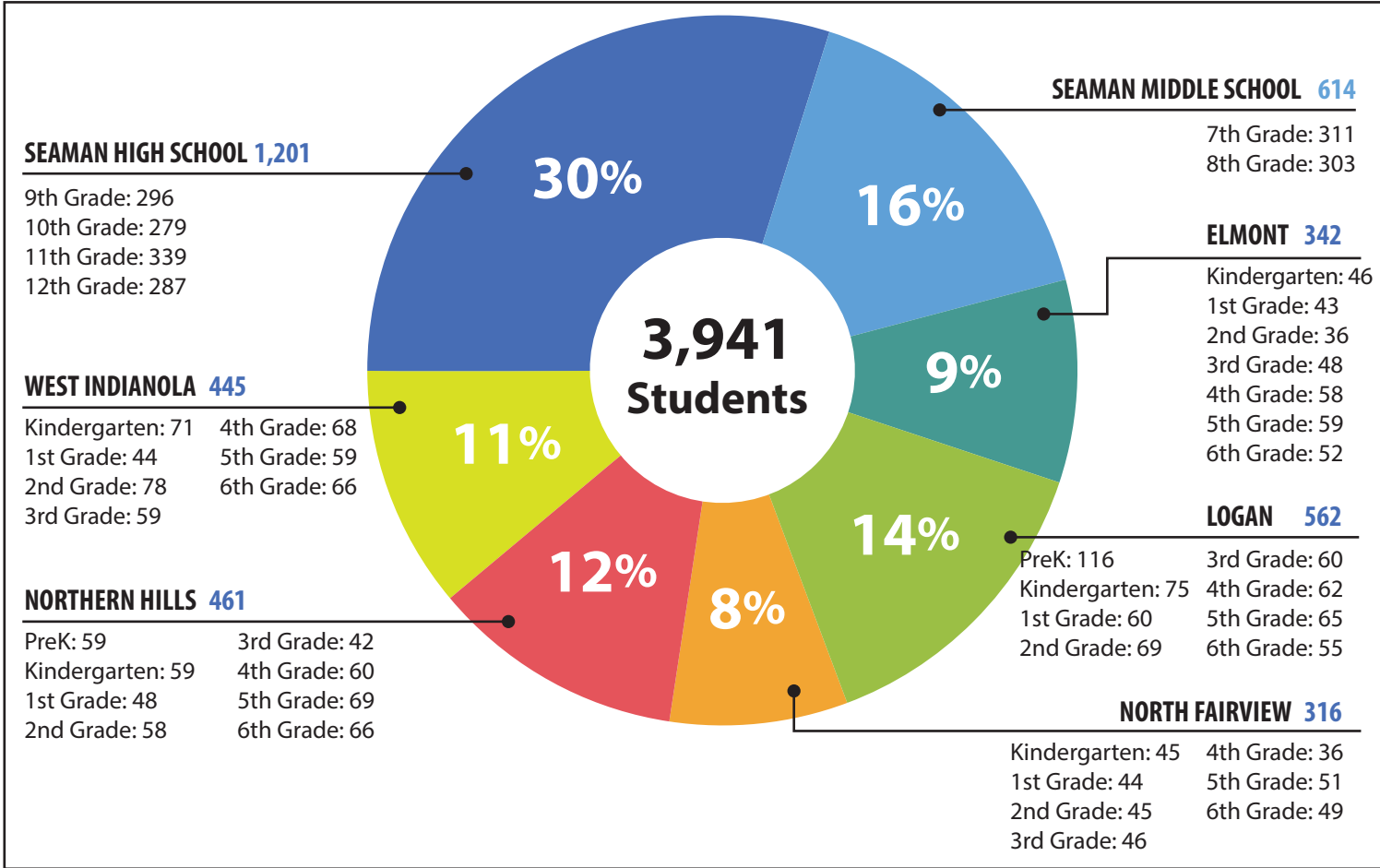
DEBORAH STURGEON | SMS Intro to Computers Teacher

-Kansas Ballet- Board of Directors & Fundraising Chair
-ASSE - N.E. Kansas representative for International Student placement

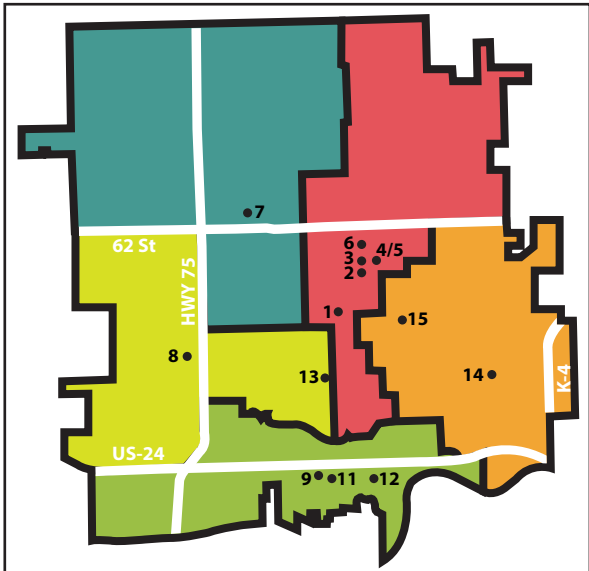
MIKE WILSON | SHS Construction Science Teacher

-Professional Standards Board -State Department of Education
-Committee Chairman Boy Scout Troop 7306

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY



DISTRICT MAP



BUILDINGS

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: 5
 MIDDLE SCHOOL: 1
 HIGH SCHOOL: 1
 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION: 1
1. Seaman High School
 2. Seaman Middle School
 3. Northern Hills Elementary
 4. Transportation Department
 5. Maintenance Department
 6. Pleasant Hill Learning Campus
 7. Elmont Elementary School
 8. West Indianola Elementary School
 9. Logan Elementary School
 11. Seaman Education Center
 12. Mathes Early Learning Center
 13. Rochester Elementary
 14. North Fairview Elementary
 15. Indian Creek Elementary

STAFF

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: 553.2
PART TIME EMPLOYEES: 144.8
TOTAL EMPLOYEES: 698
PAYROLL: \$24.3 MILLION

BUDGET

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$49,058,827

Instruction : 50%
 Student Support Services: 6%
 Instructional Support Services: 3%
 Administration & Support: 9%
 Operations & Maintenance: 8%
 Transportation: 6%
 Food Service: 4%
 Capital Improvements: 6%
 Debt Services: 8%
 Other Costs: <1%

NEW STATE AID

\$650,000 = Approximately \$300,000 increase in at-risk funding

- Behavior Interventionist at Logan Elementary
- Additional PreK teacher at Northern Hills
- Expansion of Kansas PreK program
- Class size reductions in various classrooms

Increased salaries an average of 2.7%*
*combination of increased general fund state aid and increased at-risk aid.

USD 345 GLOSSARY

1 to 1: "1 to 1" or "1:1" or "one to one" means providing 1 device for every one student.

ASQ: Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a tool kindergarten parents will use to check on their child's development. It's doctor-recommended, and teaches parents to recognize developmental milestones and support their child as they grow. This will officially begin in the 2018-19 school year.

Blended Learning: An education program (formal or non-formal) that combines online digital media with traditional classroom methods. It requires the physical presence of both teacher and student, with some element of student control over time, place, path, or pace.

CARI: Content Area Reading Indicators (CARI) is an individually administered measure that assesses oral reading fluency, accuracy, and comprehension for 7th to 9th grade students.

CMP3: Connected Mathematics 3 (CMP3) is an inquiry-based mathematics program for Seaman Middle School. It helps students actively focus on math problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, representation, and connections. These math practices require students to look deeper and connect problem solving to practical situations.

CTE: Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students of all ages with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners.

DAZE: DIBELS maze (DAZE) is group-administered measure of reading comprehension for 3rd to 9th grade students.

DIBELS: Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills.

EDM: Everyday Math (EDM) is USD 345's K-6 math curriculum.

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

IDEA: Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a federal law that requires schools to serve the educational needs of eligible students with disabilities. Schools must find and evaluate students suspected of having disabilities—at no cost to parents. Not every child with learning and attention issues qualifies under IDEA.

IEP: Individualized Education Program (IEP), is a written document that's developed for each public school child who is eligible for special education. The IEP is created through a team effort and reviewed at least once a year. Before an IEP can be written, the child must be eligible for special education.

IMP: Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP) is an integrated, problem-based curriculum that offers challenging content and emphasizes mathematical reasoning.

IPS: Individual Plans of Study (IPS) are the career interests identified by the student through an authentic career interest survey or assessment.

KAP: Kansas Assessment Program (KAP) includes a variety of tests aligned to Kansas' content standards, which help educators and policymakers evaluate student learning and meet the requirements for federal and state accountability.

KESA: Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is the new state's accreditation model.

MTSS: Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) focuses on addressing problems early with students who show signs of academic challenge.

MySchool Bucks: USD 345 online payment system for school meals.

PELI: Preschool Early Literacy Indicator (PELI) is a preschool literacy assessment for 3- to 5-year-olds that measures alphabet knowledge, vocabulary and oral language, phonemic awareness, and listening comprehension.

PLC: A professional learning community (PLC) is a group of educators that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students.

PLTW: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges.

PBIS: Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) includes preventative and responsive approaches that may be effectively implemented with all students in a classroom and intensified to support small groups or a few individual students.

PowerSchool: USD 345's electronic student management system where student information is collected and stored.

PTO: A Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) formal organization composed of parents, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate parental participation in a school.

Reading Wonders: K-6 literacy curriculum

RevTrak: USD 345 online payment system

Schoology: USD 345 learning management system that allows users to create, manage and share content and resources.

Section 504: anti-discrimination, civil rights statute that requires the needs of students with disabilities to be met as adequately as the needs of the non-disabled are met.

Watch D.O.G.S.: Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school principal or other administrator.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Take a look at the recent accomplishments made by staff and students through various USD 345 events and programs throughout the district.



Kaden Fox
Illustrated Talk, GOLD



Tyler Parkhurst
Entrepreneurship, GOLD



Justyce Billbe
Chapter Service Project Portfolio, GOLD



Jordan Riggles
Illustrated Talk, GOLD



Zach Patton
Eagle Scout Project



Amberly Sadler
Chapter Service Project Portfolio, GOLD



Logan Stuke
Eagle Scout Project



Cooper Garman
Eagle Scout Project

Garrett Sandall not pictured.

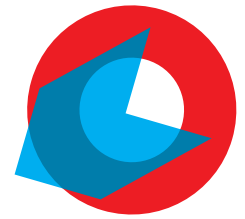
Seaman Middle School FCCLA earned seven gold medals from the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. Receiving a gold medal is the highest honor you can receive at the national competition.

Congratulations to Kaden Fox, Jordan Riggles, Garrett Sandall, Tyler Parkhurst, Amberly Sadler, Justyce Billbe along with sponsors Chelcie Heitman and Taryn Schumacher for their national accomplishments! Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a co-curricular organization that aims to help youth in public and private schools with family bonds, careers, and participation in the community.

Three of our Seaman High School students recently completed Eagle Scout projects at USD 345 facilities. Logan Stuke refurbished the large soccer goals and reconstructed a retaining wall for a flower garden at North Fairview. Cooper Garman designed and constructed a permanent fire pit with a surrounding stone patio at Camp Bowser. Zach Patton designed and constructed new archery targets and cleaned up the area at Camp Bowser. All three Eagle Scouts are seniors at Seaman High School and members of Troop 30.



SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES 2017 ACTIVE SCHOOLS NATIONAL AWARD



Active Schools, a national movement dedicated to ensuring 60 minutes of physical activity a day is the norm in K-12 schools, honored Seaman High School with the **2017 Let's Move! Active Schools National Award** for its outstanding efforts in creating an active school environment.

The **Let's Move! Active Schools National Award** is the nation's top physical education and physical activity distinction for K-12 schools and celebrates a school's commitment to providing students with at least 60 minutes a day of before, during and after school physical activity. Only 452 schools across the country achieved this prestigious honor in 2017.

Powered by a national collaborative of leading health, education and private sector organizations, Active Schools equips schools with the resources, programs, professional development and grants to increase physical education and physical activity opportunities for students, and to cultivate an active school environment.

Why are Active Schools so important? Because Active Kids Do Better. Regular physical activity not only helps kids stay healthy and strong, but it can also lead to: higher test scores; improved attendance; increased focus; better behavior in class; enhanced leadership skills; and a lifetime of healthy habits.

"We commend Seaman High School's model work around enhancing physical education and physical activity opportunities and inspiring students to perform their best both in the classroom and in life," said Charlene R. Burgeson, Active Schools Executive Director. "Seaman High School is leading the way in this generation-changing movement that is transforming our nation's schools into active and healthy hubs."

To earn a **Let's Move! Active Schools National Award**, a school must have met significant benchmarks in five areas: physical education; physical activity before and after school; physical activity during school; staff involvement; and family and community engagement.

As part of the Let's Move! Active Schools National Award package, Seaman High School received a large display banner, National Award certificate and congratulatory letter. Find out more about Let's Move! Active Schools at www.letsmoveschools.org.



- #3 Best Teachers in Kansas
- #5 Best Places to Teach in Kansas
- #12 Safest School Districts in Kansas
- #13 Best School District in Kansas

According to the 2018 ratings report by consumer research site Niche.

The 2018 Best School Districts ranking is based on rigorous analysis of key statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents using data from the U.S. Department of Education. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, public school district ratings, and more.

The Seaman Communicator

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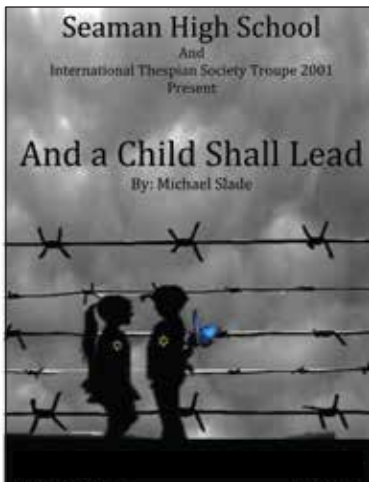
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Don't forget to wear your
RED WHITE & BLUE

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NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11
7:00 pm at SHS Auditorium

Seaman High School's
FCCLA, International Thespian Society, & FFA
presents:

HAUNTED TRAIL

Dr. Carolyn Orozco Trail (SHS)
October 21
Kid's Trail: 4-6 pm (\$3.00)
Adult Trail: 7-10 pm (\$6.00)

7 Different Games for Kids to Enjoy!
\$5.00 for 1 Child
\$10 for 3 Children

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Seaman USD 345 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Seaman USD 345 superintendent has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies and he may be reached by contacting Steve Noble, Seaman Education Center, 901 NW Lyman Rd., Topeka, KS 66608 (785-575-8600).

Notice for a Drug Free Workplace

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in Seaman USD 345. Violators will be prosecuted.