



# Scranton Attendance Center

## Board of Education Report

### December 2013

To: Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent  
From: Mrs. Jennifer Hanni, Principal  
Date: 3 December 2013  
Re: December BOE Report

The following is a summary of the activities and news at the Scranton Attendance Center for the month of November, as well as a look ahead to events during the month of December.

#### **Bullying/Fuel Up to Play 60 Assembly**

On November 8, SAC students and staff travelled to OAC and listened to an exciting and meaningful assembly about the negative effects of bullying presented by the Kansas City Chiefs mascot KC Wolf. Not only did he present about how to deal with bullying, but also shared some of the tricks of the mascot trade, including teaching one lucky 4th grader how to wear the suit. It was a great learning experience for all.

Following the KC Wolf assembly, SAC students continued the celebration of positive behaviors by rewarding those students who met their goal for our Fuel Up to Play 60 program. Twenty four 3rd and 4th graders completed at least 60 minutes of physical activity for 75% of our 1st quarter school days and were rewarded not only with some great gear, but the chance to play with players from the State Championship Charger volleyball team. We're proud of our students and our local champions!

#### **Veteran's Day Letters**

On Veteran's Day, SAC 4th graders each wrote letters to veterans that we mailed and distributed to area veterans. This activity served as a real-world writing activity, as well as a way to learn a little more about the importance of our nation's history and military service. Since then, we have received several letters back with kind words and additional information about their service and accomplishments. It's been a rewarding experience for our students and something we plan to continue in the future.

#### **Thanksgiving Donation**

Skip's Thriftway and SAC students and staff teamed up to provide some food for needy families this Thanksgiving. Skip's generously donated five turkeys to go with the all the fixings our students collected. Our STUCO played a part in this food drive, both in creating our donation box and picking up the turkeys. We thank those who donated to help bring some joy to another's Thanksgiving.

### **Academic Celebration**

To celebrate all the hard work and growth our students have made with their reading, SAC conducted an academic celebration on Tuesday, November 26. A Topeka teacher and children's author joined us for a talk about storytelling including live versions of three of her books, and we spent the remainder of the afternoon relaxing with our favorite reading materials. One student from each class was drawn to receive a signed copy of one of the author's books, and the whole school enjoyed popcorn as they participated in our afternoon Read-a-Thon. We're excited for the opportunity to celebrate a love of reading and our hard work towards improvement and growth so far this year.

### **Milk Mustache Grant**

Scranton Attendance Center has been participating in Fuel Up to Play 60 the past year. This year, the focus has been on physical activity. Fuel Up to Play 60 has sponsors that will give prizes for different contests. Our school participated in the World Milk Moustache Day by having our student council pose for pictures with their milk and milk moustaches! We entered the contest and won grand prize! The prizes were 2 milk coolers filled with items like pencils, highlighters, wristbands and sling bags. Our students that met the 75% goal of getting in 60 minutes of activity every weekday for 8 weeks were the recipients of some of the items in the coolers. We are proud of our students and the increased awareness of becoming more active!