

Contest D :: Yearbook Copy

2016 KSPA State Contest



DIRECTIONS

Failure to follow these directions may result in disqualification from the contest without refund. **Please read, listen and follow carefully.**

1. Please complete the first page of the packet, including your school code and your name using the bubble chart provided.
2. Please take time to write your student code in the top right corner of each page you will use for your writing in this contest.
3. Please do not include your name or the name of your high school on the entry at all. If you do, your entry will be disqualified.
4. You are to write a yearbook feature story of **approximately 250 words**.
 - a. Please use the information provided below. The writer should determine which information is relevant and important to the story. Students may write in pencil or pen. Students may use dictionary, thesaurus and/or the Associated Press style manual. The use of personal listening devices, recording devices, cell phones, computers or other electronics is prohibited.
5. When you are finished with the writing, please bring this entire packet to the proctors at the front of the room **and remain at the table until they have checked your entry.**
6. Please leave the room quietly. Congratulations on writing well done!

DESCRIPTION

You are a member of Sunflower High School's journalism staff. Your editor has asked you to write a story for the yearbook.

SCHOOL INFO

Name: Sunflower High School

Location: Clinton, Kansas

Mascot: Mighty Buffalo

Enrollment: 800 (grades 9-12)

School colors: yellow and brown

Yearbook: The Sunflower

Newspaper: Sunflower News

Contest Info

This is an on-site contest.

Do not put your name on the entry. If you do, your entry will be disqualified.

Students must not request help or advice from any person other than the KSPA Executive Director Eric Thomas at

staff@kspaonline.org, and that advice must be requested before the start of the contest.

All work must be solely that of the contestant.

Notes from an interview with principal Janeesha Williams, Sunflower High School:

- “Look, I don’t want to close the Sunflower Snack Shop anymore than anyone else does. It has been a really fun tradition at the school dating back to 1977. I mean, 39 years is a really long time and we value those traditions here at Sunflower High. However we have to abide by the rules and policies of the Clinton County Health Department, not to mention the federal laws.”
- “The Clinton County Health Department made us aware that some of our food storage methods were not up to date, especially how we had to leave some food products outside the fridge because it was too full at times. So, that was a challenge. And they also let us know that some of our food choices were not in line with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act that was passed in 2010.”
- “When I was a student here -- yes, that was a long time ago -- I worked at the Sunflower Snack Shop. In fact, my junior year, I was the treasurer, so I got to handle all of the money reports. It was the first real entrepreneurial thing that I did in my life. And the first time that I worked with real numbers for real money. That was really formative.”
- “Plus, I made so many friendships during that time working at the Snack Shop. We all would hang out there, selling Twinkies and Coke and homemade brownies. My mom would bake 100 brownies each Wednesday night for me to take to school on Thursday. It’s sad to think that those brownies from mom aren’t healthy enough anymore.”

Information from the website of the School Nutrition Association,

- “School meals are healthy meals that are required to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. To receive federal reimbursements, school meal programs must offer “reimbursable” meals that meet strict federal nutrition standards. These standards, also referred to as “the meal pattern,” require schools to offer students the right balance of fruits, vegetables, low-fat or fat-free milk, whole grains and lean protein with every meal.”
- **About the School Nutrition Association:** “The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, nonprofit professional organization representing more than 56,000 members who provide high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country. Recognized as the authority on school nutrition, SNA has been advancing the availability, quality and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education since 1946.”
- **The School Nutrition Services New Snack Standards:** “To ensure all foods and beverages sold in school during the school day are healthy choices, The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 also required USDA to create nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold in competition to reimbursable meals. These “competitive foods” are sold in vending machines, snack bars and a la carte lines. In June 2013, USDA issued the “Smart Snacks in School” establishing these standards, which took effect July 1, 2014”

A quote from the Food and Nutrition Service, a division of the Food & Drug Administration in the Federal Government

- “Through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act championed by the First Lady and signed by President Obama, USDA made the first major changes in school meals in 15 years, which will help us raise a healthier generation of children. The new standards align school meals with the latest nutrition science and the real world circumstances of America’s schools. These responsible reforms do what’s right for children’s health in a way that’s achievable in schools across the Nation.”

Notes from an interview with faculty sponsor for the Sunflower Snack Shop, literature teacher Tyler Wu

- “As the faculty sponsor, I am supposed to tell you that I understand. And I do understand them closing it, to a point. What I wish that we could balance is the need to be healthy and safe with the opportunity to give students real-life experience in selling, marketing, managing people and being responsible. Those are real skills that seldom were taught in the school. And they were at work here, everyday, right in the students commons.”
- “The Snack Shop sells a variety of drinks, mostly Coke products like Coke, Diet Coke and Sprite. We sell a ton of candy, let’s be honest: Starburst, Snickers, and Skittles are huge sellers. Kids also love Sour Patch Kids, but I totally don’t get that. Also, we sell homemade treats from home: some are desserts like brownies, cookies and Rice Krispie treats. But sometimes parents will send along parfaits with yogurt and other healthy stuff. Those are great, but tough to store in the fridge with all of the other stuff.”

Notes from an interview with Sunflower Snack Shop manager, Cheryl Manford, a senior at Sunflower High

- “I am just glad that we are graduating. I can’t imagine this school without the Snack Shop. When we close it down for good at the end of the 2016 school year, it is going to be really sad. The underclassmen are really depressed about it. And I understand. This place has been a total hang-out for a bunch of kids at this school who really aren’t involved in a ton of other activities, like drama or sports or publications or whatever. And now that place is disappearing. That’s really depressing. And unnecessary.”

Notes from an interview with Sunflower Snack Shop worker, Omar Nunez, a sophomore at Sunflower High

- “I am not going to say that I understand it at all. We could make changes to the Snack Shop and still keep it legit. What a mess to take away something important from the students just because the adults can’t figure out the government details. This has been so fun and probably the most educational thing I do at school here.”