

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

**April 17:** 6:45 am, meeting at Pleasant Hill Learning Campus, 5830 NW Topeka Blvd, tour the building

Travis Brown, assistant principal, led the tour of the alternative school for middle and high school students enrolled at Seaman USD 345. This is the seventh year for these education programs at the former Pleasant Hill elementary school building.

Students primarily come from homes which are not nurturing and students are acting out behaviorally.

Students arrive around 7:45 am. No cell phones are allowed in the building. When a student reaches a weekly attendance goal and for other positive behaviors, a reward system is used to reinforce acceptable behavior. For significant achievement, duck taping the assistant principal to the wall is one incentive award.

### Viking Voyager

This a program for special education students of the Seaman USD 345 School District. All students who attend the VV program are Seaman High School students and will graduate from Seaman High School.

There are 17 students enrolled.

The Viking Voyager (VV) has two full time teachers, and four and a half para-professional educators and

a full-time para-professional health aide/secretary. On any given day, a social worker or psychologist is also in the building to assist with mental health issues.

### Viking Quest

This is a program for regular education students. The majority of classes are on-line courses that are aligned to the district's curriculum and meets all state standards for both middle school and high school requirements. All high school students will be enrolled and graduate as a Seaman High School student.

The VQ has two full time teachers, a full time Security Resource Officer (SRO) and a part time.

Current enrollment is 22 students.

### Looking Ahead:

**April 24:** a.) Seaman High School track, Coach Claudia Welch and Scott Peterson & athletes; b.) Optimist Student of the Month.

**May 1:** Sheriff Herman Jones

**May 8:** Matt Miller, KSNT Meteorologist, & his dog, program weather radios

**May 15:** Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education; Optimist Student of the Month.

