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## Stay in Touch!

Have you recently moved? Do you have a new or better email address? Do you have any exciting news to share with Troop 86? Please submit any articles and/or updates to Sharon E. Nastav at [snastav@gmail.com](mailto:snastav@gmail.com).

Thank you to ALL for everything you do for our boys!

*Sharon E. Nastav*  
Newsletter Editor

## A Word From Our Scoutmaster ...

Hello everyone! I want you to know that I'm humbled and honored to be taking on the role of Scoutmaster for our Troop. I truly believe that Boy Scouts ( and Girl Scouts !!! ) have something to offer that today's youth can't get anywhere else. Where else can young people today learn first aid, cooking, camping, survival, scoutcraft, knots, camping, etiquette, citizenship, and most of all leadership skills all in one program taught to them by older youth leadership?

I will be the first to tell you that I was not a Boy Scout as a youth but boy do I wish I would have been. I spent many

summers on my grandparents farm in Iowa learning useful skills involving cattle, pigs, chickens, horses, hay, alfalfa, beans, and corn. I crawled around inside silos, bins, corn cribs, and more. The city slicker in me loved being a farm kid for a month each summer. It may not have been Scouting but at least I was outdoors as a youth having fun while working hard which is a lot like Scouting.

Alas, I left my farm summers behind once I got into high school and was lured by the hard currency of cash into working part-time at a movie theater. Years later when I went off to college I was able to

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work with animals again by taking Equestrian classes. I loved to ride horses and learned to ride both English and Western style. Funny thing is my love of horses led me to Scouting, not Boy Scouting, but Girl Scouting instead. I worked as a summer camp counselor for two summers at Camp Daisy Hindman in Dover, KS which is just southwest of Topeka, KS. I taught horseback riding and more importantly fell in love in working with young people and honestly enjoyed the summer camp experience. I sang songs, worked on crafts, made friendship bracelets, ate dining hall food, and enjoyed campfires. I was a registered Girl Scout, so my blood is green as we used to say.

So when I tell you I love going on campouts or to summer camp, it's true. It

brings back all the fun memories of my summer job. Working with young people and being in the outdoors is something I genuinely enjoy. Sleeping on the ground in the cold may not be so fun, but seeing the kids grow and learn makes it all worth it. I'd be lying if I didn't admit the kids teach me as much as I teach them many days as well. I know they make me want to be better man everyday and for that I thank them. That also drives me to help support them in putting on the best scouting program we can.

If you have any questions on your son's progress in Scouts or any Scouting questions in general please don't hesitate to ask. You can walk up to me at any Monday night meeting or feel free to drop me an email at ( [smtroop86@gmail.com](mailto:smtroop86@gmail.com) ). I always encourage parents to reach out to their son's patrol advisors

first as they have the most direct contact with your son next to their patrol leader. I'm in communication with the patrol advisors every week trying to keep up with managing how all the Scouts are doing.

Ultimately, I'm here to be there for your son and you, so don't hesitate to reach out. Additionally, please don't hesitate to get involved in our troop. Feel free to let me know how you'd like to help. We have all kind of opportunities with varied commitment levels. With all of us working together we can create a pretty special environment for all our Scouts.

*Yours in Scouting,*  
*Jeff Smith*  
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## The Eagle's Nest

*by Harry Mullins*

### Six Eagle Scouts in 2015

Thus far, 2015 has been a very good year for Troop 86. On April 11 we had our '200+ Eagles Celebration', which was the anniversary of our First Eagle Scout in 1932. This year so far we have had 6 new Eagle Scouts: Aryzona M., Michael N., Mitchell S., Zachary S., Noah F. and Matthew T.. That's 6 Eagle Scouts in a 3-month period!

Since that time, both Trevor J. and Patrick S. have completed their Eagle Scout Service projects. Trevor's project was

at the American Legion, while Patrick oversaw his project at Kansas School for the Deaf.

Currently Eagle candidates Jacob L., Jaeden R. and Jake S. have service projects in various stages of the planning process. They all hope to complete their projects sometime during the summer. They will each be seeking volunteers for their projects in the near future.

*Harry Mullins*  
Eagle Coordinator

*Aryzona M.*



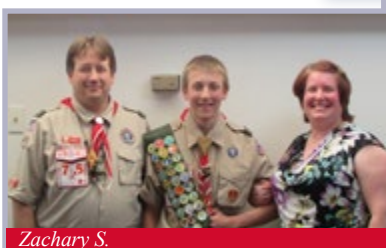
*Mitchell S.*



*Matthew T.*



*Noah F.*



*Zachary S.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS ...

### AUGUST

- » 24<sup>th</sup> – Troop/Parent Meeting
- » 29<sup>th</sup> – Matthew T. & Zachary S. Eagle Court of Honor
- » 31<sup>st</sup> – Troop Court of Honor

### SEPTEMBER

- » 3<sup>rd</sup> – Trails West Roundtable
- » 9<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting
- » 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> – OA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Fellowship
- » 24<sup>th</sup> – Troop/Parent Meeting
- » 21<sup>st</sup> – Troop/Parent Meeting
- » 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> – Wild West Days Troop Campout at Mahaffie
- » 28<sup>th</sup> – Troop Parent Meeting

### OCTOBER

- » 1<sup>st</sup> – Trails West Roundtable
- » 7<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting
- » 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> – Trails West Camporee
- » 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> – Family Campout and Iron Chef @ Haven Farm

### NOVEMBER

- » 5<sup>th</sup> – Trails West Roundtable
- » 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> – Mini Camps & Emerald City @ Camp Naish & Overland Park
- » 11<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting

### DECEMBER

- » 3<sup>rd</sup> – Trails West Roundtable
- » 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> – Nuclear Science @ Junction City & Manhattan, Ks
- » 9<sup>th</sup> – Committee Meeting

### JANUARY

- » 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> – E-Prep, Scout Skills, Lock-in @ Olathe

## 2015 Troop 86 Eagle Scouts

### Aryzona M.

Aryzona became Troop 86's first deaf Eagle Scout in 2015. He had his Eagle Scout Board of Review on January 27, 2015. Aryzona completed his Eagle Scout Service Project at the Deaf Culture Center in 2014. He utilized many a number of scouts and scouters on this landscaping project which greatly benefited the Center. Aryzona became the 1st deaf Eagle Scout in the Heart of America Council in 28 years! Aryzona had his Court of Honor at Ernie Miller Nature Center on August 15, 2015.

### Michael N.

Michael earned his Eagle Scout Award on February 7, 2015. Last summer Michael completed his Eagle Project at Olathe Northwest High School, where he oversaw the construction of a spirit wear facility for needy students. Michael chose to have his Eagle Award ceremony at Camp Naish, where he has been on staff for several years. Michael is now a proud member of the US Army where he is in Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

### Mitchell S.

Mitchell became Troop 86's 200th Eagle Scout on March 22, 2015! Mitch oversaw a very unique Eagle Scout Project last summer at Grace United Methodist Church, our Charter Organization. The project consisted of burying a 'Time Capsule' containing historical documents for the church. Some of the valuable documents were over 100 years old. A monument with an identifying plaque was placed adjacent to the time capsule. At this time, Mitch is planning his Court of Honor for some time in October.

### Zachary S.

Zachary successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on March 31, 2015. Zachary has really stepped up and demonstrated his advance leadership skills in the past year. He completed his Eagle Scout Service project at the Mahaffie Farmstead last Fall, by overseeing the construction of a corn crib. The project was long awaited, and everything went just as planned due to his fine leadership skills. Zachary will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Mahaffie Farmstead on August 29, 2015.

### Noah F.

Noah became Troop 86's second deaf scout this year, when he successfully completed his Board of Review on April 9, 2015. Noah's Eagle project was to refurbish and upgrade the main loading dock at Kansas State School for the Deaf. His future plans are to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, where he will be studying film and animation. Noah had a very inspiring Court of Honor on May 23 at Center of Grace.

### Matthew T.

Matthew is the most recent Eagle Scout with Troop 86. He completed his Board of Review on April 27. Matthew also completed his Eagle Project at Mahaffie Farmstead late last fall. He oversaw the construction of a sizable cattle shed which will house 3 cattle at the historic site. The shed was built based on farm books from the 1800's, and original buildings during that era. Matthew will also have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Mahaffie Farmstead on August 29, 2015.





This year, Troop 86 of Olathe, Kansas commemorated advancing over 200 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 86 is the longest continually running Boy Scout troop in Olathe, receiving its charter in February, 1930. The first Eagle Scout of Troop 86 was Jimmy Manning, who received his Eagle rank on April 11, 1932. The Eagle Scout Celebration of Troop 86 was held eighty-three years to the day, at Center of Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe, Kansas.

This occasion was not only a chance to congratulate the over 200 Eagle Scouts, but it was also an opportunity to thank the community for supporting this troop for the last eighty-five years. Eagle Scouts must undertake a service project that benefits the community, which involves collaboration between the scouts, their mentors and leaders in the community to formulate a project. There is evidence all around the Olathe area of the impact those service projects have made.

All the Eagle Scouts of Troop 86 were invited to attend. There was a brief ceremony in the Sanctuary of the church, followed by a reception. Honored guests from the Heart of America Council included, Scout Executive Kenn Miller, Council Commissioner Keith Sickendick, as well as Olathe City Mayor,

## 200<sup>th</sup> Eagle Celebration

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015



## Troop 86 Celebrates Over 200 Eagle Scouts

Michael Copeland. A commemorative patch was designed by one of the current boys in the troop, Life Scout Michael H., which was available to all Eagle Scouts that were at the ceremony. There were also specially designed Eagle Scout neckerchiefs for the Eagle Scouts that have the Troop 86 logo and the words, "Eagle Scout" embroidered on it.

Troop 86 shows no signs of slowing down. It took sixty three years to reach the first One Hundred Eagle Scouts in 1993. It only took twenty two years to pass the second one hundred Eagle Scouts. There is a lot of continuity in this troop. Many adult leaders remain active in mentoring the Scouts, even after their own

sons have aged out. Several Eagle Scouts and former scouts have come back to the troop with their own sons to experience the Trail to Eagle process. The [previous] Scoutmaster of Troop 86, Rob Norris, is a Troop 86 Eagle Scout; his son earned his Eagle rank three years ago.

Troop 86 would like to thank the Boy Scouts of America, the Heart of America Council, the community of Olathe and surrounding Johnson County area, the adult leaders of Troop 86 and the hard work and dedication of the young men of Troop 86 for making this such a special occasion. More information about the troop as well as the Eagle Scouts can be found on the Troop's web page at <http://www.olathetroop86.org>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd) ...

### FEBRUARY

- » 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> – Snowcreek and Orienteering @ TBA
- » 27<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast

### MARCH

- » Zoo Camp Out TBA

### APRIL

- » Cycling TBA

### MAY

- » Canoe & Fishing TBA



## Trails West Award Winners

The Trail's West District Recognition Dinner was held on January 31, 2015. The following Scouters were honored with the following awards. Please be sure to congratulate each one of our outstanding Leaders:

### HARRY MULLINS

*DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT*

(Highest District Award Presented)

### JAN RUSSELL

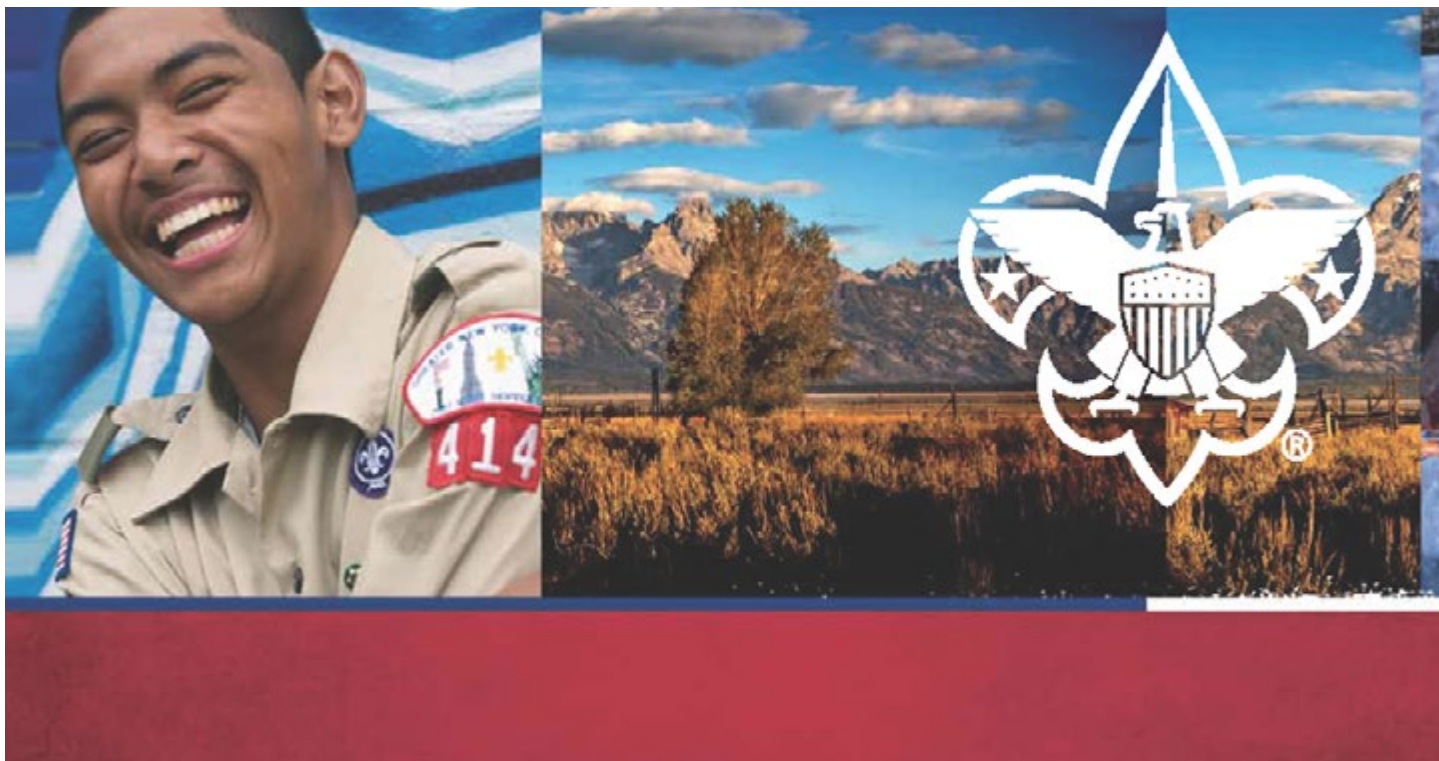
*2014 OUTSTANDING CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE*

### GLENN SCHOUTEN

*2014 OUTSTANDING BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE CHAIR*







## Recap From Our Historian

by Joseph D.

*Joseph currently holds the position of Historian for Troop 86. Here's a recap of some of the recent Troop campouts and activities.*

### C.A.P. Disaster Drill

Everybody headed to Bucyrus to help the C.A.P. (Civil Air Patrol) in a drill to prepare them for real life situations. We dressed ourselves with wounds and fake blood to make it look like we were dying or injured. They got there as soon as they saw us from the air on the ground struggling for air. They immediately called in the ground force. Five minutes later they found us, and immediately started asking if we were okay.

They classified the injured into three groups, green (minor injuries), red (major injuries), and black (critical condition).

The people classified as black couldn't be saved and therefore died.

They

try to save the people who can be treated (the reds and greens), and they save a lot more lives that way.

Overall, the scouts had a fun time, and no doubt they would want to do it again.

### Trip to Sudie's Lake

May 2-3, 2015

Everybody had a great time down at Sudie's Lake. We caught a lot of different kinds of fish to bring home as trophies; the scouts took their canoing merit badge on the lake and had lots of fun too. Even the new scouts got their totin' chip. Anybody would tell you they had a great time if you asked them.

Anybody who didn't go missed out on a lot of fun things, and should go the next time they have the chance. We expect to do the campout again, hopefully. Maybe we will do even more things next time.

### Night at the Kansas City Zoo

April 18, 2015

We went down to the Kansas City Zoo for a night of discovery and adventure. I would say it fit those requirements nicely. Even though it rained and we couldn't sleep outside, and we couldn't do our service for the zoo we needed to do (service was taken care of), we got to sleep inside. We did marshmallow catapults, and a marshmallow catapult war, we did a night tour of the zoo, and we ate tons of pizza and lemonade. We even got to sleep in the nicest place possible. Overall, it was an amazing campout/lock in.

Joseph D.  
Historian



# Parting Words from the Scoutmaster

by Rob Norris

Thanks to those of you who attended the May Court of Honor. I said all I really needed to say then but here are a few thoughts from what I spoke about in May.

Thank you to my family for letting me perform the duties and see to the obligations of Scoutmaster for Troop 86, and for my son Nathan for meeting the challenge of getting his Eagle Scout Rank. Thank you, Rick Miller for convincing our den to join Troop 86. Thanks to all of the Shark patrol scouts and parents, you guys made Cub Scouts fun. I did not think I would ever be a Scoutmaster, let alone of this troop. A lot of things just kind of happened and all of the sudden here I was. Most don't start out seeking this job. It finds you. Brian Johnson, the Shark patrol dad was supposed to be the Scoutmaster after Rick Miller I had it all figured out, wrong. Well, Brian had to move to Texas, so.....I had to follow Rick as Scoutmaster. And Rick thanks for all of your guidance then and now. Thanks for letting me practice my Scoutmaster conferences on your boys Rex and Jessie. And thanks for being a great Scoutmaster to my son.

I would also like to thank the troop committee. You guys and gals help out; you worry about and take care of everything so

that the Scoutmaster doesn't have to. Like the parents meeting, newsletter, Scoutlander, all that stuff, and especially Maylene Young at the back table. This troop would not be able to go if you were not there making all of those transactions out there at the back table, and keeping the council up to date on what is going on with the troop. Thanks again to Harry Mullins who works with the Life Scouts and helps them all the way through to their Eagle Scout Court of Honors. Glenn, who has been the Committee Chair for my tenure, Thank You for everything you do for this Troop and not just being Committee Chair. There are a lot of things the Schouten family does for this troop that goes under the radar and I just want you to know how much that means to me, Thank You. Melvin, Thanks for still being Melvin. He was just as crazy 30 years ago as he is now. When I was a Webelo we were at a Camporee it was like; Who is this guy? What troop is he from? Well, it was Gene Tuley's Troop. Gene has been a part of this Troop since he joined as boy. Mr. Tuley was my first Scoutmaster and he is still active with our troop as the treasure. Thank you for all you do for the troop and all of the help you have given me as a former Scoutmaster. (cont'd on page 8)

## 200<sup>th</sup> Eagle Photo Legend (from page 4)

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Mitch Gudenkauf	Brett Rapplean	Jeremy Stanton	Ryan McAfee
Jesse Miller	Jim Savage	Gene Tuley	Aryzona M.
Alex Buffo	Mark McCullough	Chris Collins	Kester Marsh
Zachary S.	Chad Roberts	John Collins	Rob Norris
Harvey Jetmore, Jr.			Tim Greenwell
Mitchell S.			Wayne Whitney
Noah F.			Matt Oesterlei
Nathan N.			Ronnie Surber
Kohlton N.			
Michael N.			



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I should stop here, but I have one more group to thank and that is the Scoutmaster Corps. These patrol dads are out camping, working with your scouts every Monday night, every campout, service project, Order of the Arrow functions, Mic-O-Say, Eagle projects, rank work, helping the boys learn their scout skills, and helping them teach the scout skills and helping them become leaders of their patrol and their Troop and eventually leaders in their lives. These guys are where the Scoutmaster should be but can't since he can't be everywhere at the same time. So I want to thank all of the patrol dads for all the time they spend and all the work they do.

I especially want to thank the patrol dad of the Penguin patrol for helping me these past years with, reminders, emails, calls, rides, PLC meetings, LEC meetings, trainings, roundtables,

covering for me when I was out of town, covering for me during last minute Scoutmaster Conferences, staying late after meetings to plan stuff, and staying late after campouts to wait for parents. Jeff Smith, Thank You for all you have done to help me with being the Scoutmaster of Troop 86. To the parents and scouts of Troop 86, I leave you in the very capable hands of the next Scoutmaster of our Troop. Please strive to give him the help that he has given me and we will continue to have a strong Troop for the next 85 years.

*Rob Norris  
Previous Scoutmaster*



## Pancake Breakfast

*by Kelly Schouten*

On February 21, Troop 86 held it's annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Center of Grace. The Pancake Breakfast is the only fundraiser where the proceeds go to the troop rather than the boys' scout accounts. The money raised is used for the purchase of scout awards, equipment repair and replacement.

Many thanks to everyone for their time and hard work in making that day a huge success! We served over 300 people and exceeded our goal and raised nearly \$3000!

We had many people step up and help with donations and this helped to keep our expenses down.

The scouts were again challenged to sell additional tickets beyond the usual ten. Top sellers were rewarded with the opportunity to smash a pie in the face of an adult leader. This year we had even more boys take the challenge and sell additional tickets. At the Court of Honor on the Monday after the breakfast the top three ticket sellers smashed pies in the face of the adult leader of their choice. These scouts each sold over \$150 in tickets.

The following boys are the top sellers:

Michael H.

Alex D.

Jordan D.

Thank you to Ms. Huffhines, Mr. Dandy and Mr. Smith for volunteering to take a pie in the face for the troop. Thank you to everyone who helped out that day, we couldn't do it without each and every one of you!

*Kelly Schouten  
Committee Member*





# National Treasure'ish!

by *Scott Dandy*

In March of this year over 50 Scouts and adults trekked their way across the state in search of answers to what lies in the State Capital building. Many have traveled this path, some even leaving their mark (graffiti), but Troop 86 descended upon the capital in true Scout form.



Our adventure seekers endured the 296 steps to reach the summit and claim, "I did it!". The path upward forced the tall to bend, the weak at heart to wish they'd done more cardio, and the faint of stomach to wish they hadn't eaten before ascending. But prevail they did.



During this visit they discovered areas not seen by many,

learned what really happens to pass laws in our state and uncovered 'easter eggs' in the murals of the east and west wings (the painter was criticized for his inflammatory pictures, walked off the job, and ultimately added skunks to the painting in his disgust).



Once they had their fill of the Capital it was on to the treasures of the Kansas Museum of History where they rode the rails in a perfectly restored locomotive and discovered what life was like before electronics.

They concluded the weekend with a trip through the national historical site for Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. Here they experienced a first-hand account of a truly landmark occasion in our history.



All in all the Scouts and adults took in not only a piece of history but uncovered secrets known to a select few.

*Scott Dandy*  
*Troop Quartermaster*



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**Facebook - BSA Troop 86**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/BSA-Troop-86/558392200907577?fref=ts>

**Facebook - Eagles of Troop 86**  
<https://www.facebook.com/eaglesof86?fref=ts>

## Webelos Word

*by Eric Windsor*

Parents, if you or your Scout know parents or leaders that are involved in Cub Scouts that are Webelos please invite them to one of our Troop meetings. We are also having our first recruiting campout in September. If you need a flyer please let me know.

*Eric Windsor*  
*Webelos Coordinator*

## Donations / Wish List

Donations	Wish List
Scholarships	Kayak's
Newsletter Items - Paper, Envelopes, Stamps	
Items for Melvin's Flea Market are always welcome	

## Newsletter Notes

*by Sharon E. Nastav*

Thank you to everyone for your kind support as I transition to my new role as Newsletter Editor. I am enjoying it already and I hope you are as well. A special THANK YOU to Laura Roland for taking over my previous role as Parent Liaison - you are doing a great job!

Our next issue will be the WINTER ISSUE due to be published in December 2015. The Obituary Section will appear once a year, in the final Issue of the year.

The printed version of the Newsletter seems to be a bit of a challenge at the moment and is discontinued until supplies can be obtained. Hopefully it will be resolved by our next Issue. I will address this at our next Committee Meeting in September. In the meantime, feel free to print ( in black and white of course ) and distribute to your heart's content!

*Sharon E. Nastav*  
*Newsletter Editor*

