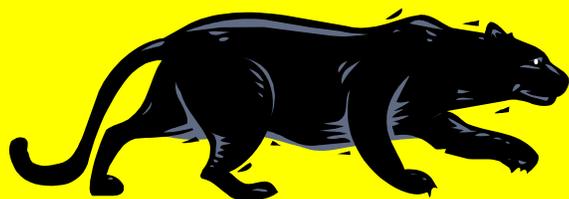


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## Spring Is In The Air...

By: Karen Ulanski

Spring brings about so many refreshing aspects of our lives. It is a time of renewal. We think about all the things we said we were going to do and remember why they were important in our lives. We renew our commitments and count our blessings for the days ahead.

Spring is also a time to relax and enjoy the early morning sunrises and the beautiful Kansas sunsets. While we may occasionally experience thunder storms in our lives, the rain brings new about growth and life to us.

Likewise spring is a time of reflection. We think about the winter of our lives and we remember the challenges that we have lived through. We think about the pleasant things and the wonders of our lives. We acknowledge the many blessings and are grateful.

As we come to the end of yet another school year, think about all the good things you have done and all the aspects of your life. Believe in what you have accomplished and most of all believe in yourself.



There are reasons for everything and there truly is hope for our future.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14	Garage Sale 8 -4	
April 15	Garage Sale 8 -2	
April 21	No School/In-Service Day	
May 12	Last Day for Seniors	
May 20	PHS Graduation	
May 24	Last Day of School	
May 25	Half-Day In-Service; Grade Prep/Check Out	
June 4	GED Graduation 2pm @ PHS Gymnasium	



Friday & Saturday

April 14 & 15

All proceeds go to help our students!



# Thoughts on a Thursday afternoon...

By: Karen Ulanski

Accountability - it can be such a difficult word at times. What does it mean to hold yourself accountable? What does it mean to hold your students accountable? Does it mean the same for everyone?

Recently I had a conversation with a colleague regarding accountability. Human nature plays into this topic. It is human nature to hold others accountable but when we look at ourselves, we kind of lose sight at times. I understand the fears and the consequences. I get it but how can we fix this problem? How can we hold each other accountable and not constantly feel threatened by the thought of the darn word?

I think it begins with trust followed by consistency. Let's start with trust. If you trust yourself to do the right thing, even when no one is looking, this is trust. It is part of what you believe. It is your own conscious saying, "hey I've tried my best. Tomorrow will come and I will continue to try." Trust is about knowing that no matter what, some things just happen, and those things may be out of our control. We have to trust in a system. We have to trust in each other to be a part of that very system. Teachers, students, parents, school leaders - it's really about trusting each other to be the very best we can be and believing that our lives really do matter.

Consistency is the second piece of accountability. If you are consistent with what you do every day and you have trusted yourself and your teammates to be consistent, then no one can second guess your work. It's the belief in a system that works but it's also the belief in each other to do the right things well. Consistency is about our thoughts and our actions. We cannot have one without the other.

You see - when you break down the word accountability into its most simplistic level, you have trust and you have consistency. Is it so wrong to ask each other to be accountable? Is it wrong of our students to be accountable or yet, ask us to be accountable? Accountability is really simple. It's about faith in what we do every day!

