

Infographics

2014 KSPA Regional Contest

Assignment

Using the information provided in the story on the following page, design an infographic that is 5 inches wide by any depth. The graphic may be submitted in color or black and white, and should be printed on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.

Designs should be computer generated and must be the original work of the student. Students may **not** use copyrighted or non-copyrighted art or other graphics taken from the Internet or other non-original sources.

Description

You are a member of Sunflower High School's journalism staff. Your editor has asked you to create an infographic based on the attached news article.

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 a carry-in contest

In ink, please write your assigned contest number to the upper right-hand corner on the back of your entry.

Designs should be computer generated. All artwork and images used in the ad must be the original work of the student. Students may **not** use copyrighted or non-copyrighted art or other graphics taken from the Internet or other non-original sources.

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. All work must be solely that of the contestant.



Attendance Down Sharply As Flu Virus Spreads Through School

Sunflower High School teachers and attendance office staff have noticed a dramatic increase in absences due to illness over the past several days. Because of this, the Clinton Unified School District health office has intensified disease prevention and control measures at schools.

"We had 100 excused absences yesterday [Tuesday]," said James Rae, attendance director. This represents a 300 percent increase from last week's averages, according to Rae.

Of those 100 excused absences, parents cited 75 as being illness-related, Rae said. Usually, there are only about total 25 excused absences, and only some of these are illness-related, according to Rae.

The absences included 33 freshmen (of 230 enrolled), 25 sophomores (of 190), 18 juniors (of 210) and 24 seniors (of 170).

English teacher Gwen McGinniss says that the increase in absences is high enough that it has had a noticeable adverse effect on student learning.

"The absences have been a problem for a number of reasons," McGinniss said. "When a student is absent, through no fault of his or her own, it affects learning. The lectures, discussion and class questions are all missed, and it's difficult to make that up. It's also difficult for students who are not feeling well to do their best work."

When the number of students absent from McGinniss's class struck her as unusual, she decided to count them.

"I had 20 absences in total, but I'm a TA [teacher advisor], so I only teach four classes," McGinniss said. "I teach all honors classes so having 20 kids out is highly

unusual."

Meanwhile, the District Health Office is carefully adhering to disease control guidelines.

"If we have more than 20 percent of students absent in one grade, we are required to report it to the county [Department of Public Health]," district nurse Sarah Burrichter said.

According to Burrichter, the district does not need to issue a notice to the parents of all students who the district believes were directly exposed to the flu virus, with one exception.

Burrichter urged students to stay home if they were sick, but acknowledged that this was difficult for high school students.