

BRET GREENWOOD - The Current Overview is Ready to Read!

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Please read this important article regarding TPS employee health insurance costs and premiums.

http://media.topekapublicschools.net/communications/news/overview/201204/120402_InsuranceCosts.pdf

Click here for important information regarding Flexible Spending

Accounts. http://media.topekapublicschools.net/communications/news/overview/120402_FlexibleSpendingAccount.pdf

Avondale West Elementary School has been awarded a \$4,890 Toolbox for Education grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. <http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/04/avondale-west-receives-lowes-grant.html>

On March 15, Topeka High was named the recipient of this year's "Equity and Access Leadership Award," by the Kansas Coalition for Equity and Access to Transition Services (KCEATS).

<http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/topeka-high-school-named-equity-and.html>

Stout special education teacher Denise Gentry recently received the Mark Miller Award from TARC (Topeka Association for Retarded Citizens). The award, given annually, recognizes an educator who supports inclusion of children with developmental disabilities, not only in the school setting, but also the community. Gentry has taught special education at Stout Elementary since 2002. <http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/04/gentry-recognized-by-tarc.html>

Topeka Public Schools Foundation Executive Director **Pamela Johnson-Betts** was among 30 women recognized at this year's American Business Women's Association luncheon. The group recognized Women of Distinction selected over the past 30 years. Johnson-Betts was selected by the ABWA as the Woman of Distinction in 2005.

<http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/johnson-betts-recognized-by-abwa.html>

Play golf on June 1! The Topeka Public Schools Foundation (TPSF) Winfred Tidwell Memorial Golf Tournament is on June 1. The 2012 tournament is dedicated to providing grants and scholarships for students in Topeka Public Schools. **Each year, the Foundation provides many opportunities to TPS students that would not otherwise be possible without funding support.** With your help, TPSF can reach their goal of improving funding for TPS student programs and enhanced educational opportunities. For tournament information click here http://documents.topekapublicschools.net/tpsfoundation/TPSF_Golf_Tournament.pdf One educator (or designated family member of one educator) may play free per team.

Quinton Heights custodian Brian Apodaca is the Above and Beyond winner for the month of March. He was nominated by the Quinton Heights staff for his hard work preparing the building during the summer of 2011 and his dedication to quality as he maintains the Quinton Heights facility. <http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/apodaca-goes->

[above-beyond.html](#)

Meadows Elementary School is the number one school in Kansas when it comes to recycling. The school recently received a first place plaque and a \$1,000 check from Keep America Beautiful.

<http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/meadows-elementary-is-number-one.html>

The Topeka Public Schools Parents as Teachers Pine Ridge Center at 1100 SE Highland celebrated its first birthday with an open house, punch and birthday cake. <http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/pine-ridge-celebrates-1st-birthday.html>

The Topeka Public Schools Board of Education recognized one group and one individual as 2012 Friends of Education winners at their March 1 meeting. <http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/board-names-friends-of-education.html>

Kimberly Sonnich, a language arts and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) teacher at Robinson Middle School, and Aryn McCoy, a special education teacher at Topeka High, have been selected to be staff developers for AVID. <http://news.topekapublicschools.net/2012/03/two-tps-teachers-selected-as-avid-staff.html>