

Kids in the hall



"I would like the next principal to care about the students." — freshman Grayce Walker



"I would like the new principal to not be bigoted." — junior Natalie Werth



"I would like the next principal to be the same how our principal currently is, more mindfulness." — junior Cooper Finney



"I hope it's a woman, and someone who will let us do our own stuff." — freshman Delainey Stephenson

Turnover brings questions

Change inevitable with four of five admin leaving

Story by Madison Quade

Uncertainty is the word for the 2023-24 school year. Principal Tim Hamblin and three assistant principals are leaving. The fourth AP, Suzie Cochran, is currently expected to return for next year.

Then there's the teachers who are leaving, including special education teacher Austin Glanville and ASL teacher Katie Murphy.

"Fourteen staff members that I'm aware of at this moment," principal Tim Hamblin said on April 19.

On May 5, it was 16 staff members.

There's faith that DHS' high standards will continue.

"I know so many gifted, dedicated, caring second-miler teachers that I am confident that there is a pool of the best folks from which DHS can discover high-quality, adept and gifted principals," English teacher Edward Belsan said.

AP Shane Seeley will be the Campus principal, Corey Gabbert an assistant principal at Wichita Southeast. Nicole Perez has not said where she's going.

On April 28, Becky Moeder,

assistant superintendent of Human Resources, sent out an email informing DHS staff that three assistant principals have been hired.

"We are excited to announce that Justin McCubbin, Michael Moseley and Cheryl Parks will be recommended to the Board of Education at the May 8 Board of Education Meeting as the new assistant principals at Derby High School," Moeder wrote in an email.

None of the new hires have been APs before.

With Hamblin leaving after this school year, students and staff are worried about who will fill his shoes.

"I'm kind of scared that someone mean is going to take over next year or change the school a lot," freshman Cameron Wilson said.

Demand for teachers is projected to jump 5% from 2021 to 2023.

"The demand maybe isn't increasing but the supply of available teachers to replace those leaving their profession is dwindling to very dangerous numbers," Hamblin said.



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS HIRED

Justin McCubbin - Coming from Winfield High School

Michael Moseley - Coming from Valley Center High School

Cheryl Parks - Coming from Porter High School in Texas

Four of five administrators have resigned effective after the school year. Principal Tim Hamblin, top left, will be Executive Director of College and Career, Readiness for Wichita Public Schools. Assistant principal Shane Seeley, middle right, will be principal at Campus, while assistant principal Corey Gabbert, bottom left, will be an assistant principal at Wichita Southeast. Nicole Perez, middle left, will be leaving Derby, as well. At press time, Suzie Cochran, top right, is currently planning on returning for 2023-24.

Toxic relationships, warnings to watch out for

Story by Arabella Hounshell

Seventy-six percent of teens experience a toxic relationship, according to youth.gov.

Senior Alivia Turner is one of them. She put her all into the relationship but wondered if she was doing enough.

"Whenever I had an issue or something, it would get pushed to the side to talk about the other person's issues," Turner said. "I was never told I was loved and I was hardly complimented."

Some don't realize how toxic the relationship is 'til it becomes a problem.

It starts with thinking your significant other is perfect and the rush of dopamine when you're with them.

Around 3-6 months, the excitement wears off, the relationship changes.

"The relationship was very one-sided and manipulative," sophomore Persephone Ivy said. "I always felt like I was his puppet because we always had

to do what he wanted. He would guilt trip me and make me always be in the wrong."

It's as if your partner is slowly changing into a new person.

During this time friends and family may advise to leave the relationship.

Yet there still is the rush of dopamine that makes you not want to leave, even though you know it's right.

"They were into drugs and of course, I didn't support it, but I dealt with it because I didn't want to ruin the relationship," Turner said.

This is where you make the most important decision: you decide if you will end it or you're going to stay.

"I think that's a huge thing is having to discover what that person had said to you to be able to recognize that hey, this isn't actually true," social worker Stacie Hadley said.

To get out of a toxic relationship,

you should end the relationship and cut off communication.

In this process, consider talking to a trusted adult or friend.

Every year, 1.5 million high school students in the United States will be physically abused by a romantic partner according to relationshipsmd.com.

"I work with women from all different situations, but no matter what, (each relationship is just as bad as the next)," said sexual assault advocate specialist Lisa Kisch, who is based in Wisconsin said.

After the relationship ends, there may be struggles. Some might feel as if they're alone, depression set in and they may miss their former significant other.

Others realize it was the right move.

"I genuinely was so happy once things ended because I had a chance to get myself back in order," Turner said.

WAYS TO GET HELP:

- Call the 24 Hour Crisis Line - at (316) 263-3002, or call the Toll Free 1-887-927-2248
- File restraining orders
- Join a support group,
- Get counseling, or seek crisis intervention.

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Lunch-time recruiting in the commons



Photo by Annabel Thelen

Juniors Daxon Flanders, left, Thomas Crandon and Jordan Bishop talk to a Marines recruiter.

Story by Luis Lozano

During lunch, you've probably noticed students participating in a pull-up challenge, maybe you've even participated in it yourself.

"Everyone's interested in the pull-up challenge, everyone's interested in the push-up challenge," junior Jordan Bishop said.

Recruiters from different military branches set up during lunch alongside colleges that are also recruiting.

Juniors Daxon Flanders and Jordan Bishop stopped at a table for a conversation with a recruiting officer for the Marines.

"I approached him about it just cause I was curious what all it entailed. He then gave me one of the pamphlet things," Flanders said.

The recruiter then inquired about their plans after graduation.

"He was basically just asking us ques-

tions about what we're doing after high school and what colleges," Flanders said. "I responded saying I didn't know and he was like 'the Marines are always an option.'"

After the talk with the recruiter, Flanders decided enlisting was not for him.

Bishop however, has talked with multiple recruiters to see the most viable option.

"It's just interesting, it's like 'why not?' There's no downsides," Bishop said.

Bishop plans on joining the Navy.

Some students question the morality of recruiting students fresh out of high school.

"I think that students in high school are too young to be going into the military, cause it's very deadly. There's multiple benefits but there's multiple downsides as well," junior Jay Chavez said.