

Fall-planted seeds attract butterflies

A butterfly garden is a simple feature to add to the garden to provide enjoyment all season long. Butterfly gardens can be as much or as little work as you want them to be, said Jennifer Smith, a horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. Although a butterfly garden with a more cultivated look is possible, simply planting seed in the fall will create a low-maintenance garden with a wild look. "A mix of annuals and perennials is a good choice to attract butterflies," Smith said. "Annuals tend to bloom over a longer period of time throughout the summer, so with them, you're more likely to have blooms that will attract butterflies season-long. "Perennials, on the other hand, attract both butterflies and their larvae, and they're more likely to provide a food source for the larvae."

purple coneflower, cosmos, black-eyed susan, zinnia, petunia and phlox. Milkweed is important for larval food. Butterflies need water, Smith said, but they don't need the large amounts provided by a bird bath or sprinkler. She recommends placing rocks in shallow depressions throughout the garden. These will collect dew each morning and provide an adequate water source. Smith said she recommends placing a butterfly garden in full sun. "Butterflies depend on the sunlight to heat their body," she said. "Most of the annuals and perennials that bloom prolifically need full sun as well." Tucking the garden away from the wind is important, though, Smith said. Butterflies find flying in a breeze difficult. For information, go to www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=117. Smith suggested several flowers for a butterfly garden, including

September tax symposium offers updates to professionals

A tax symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Wichita State University's Eugene M. Hughes Metro Complex in Wichita. The symposium is sponsored by the Kansas tax practitioner organizations and the Internal Revenue Service. Representatives will provide information to tax professionals on examination and collection issues, electronic IRS, tax law updates and the taxpayer advocate's office. The Kansas Department of Revenue will share state tax updates. To ensure a place at this year's free symposium, and to receive a

up to six hours of continuing professional education or legal education credit, practitioners should register by Friday, Aug. 27. Download the registration form at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f13748.pdf, and e-mail to SL.Central.KS@irs.gov; print and fax it to (913) 722-7634, Attn: M. Doughty; or mail it to: Internal Revenue Service, 6717 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite 500, Overland Park, Kan., 66202. Sign-in the day of the event will begin at 8 a.m. For information, contact Michael Doughty at (913) 722-7566 or at SL.Central.KS@irs.gov.

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ENROLLMENT DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS

- **K-12 NEW Students**
Friday, August 13, 2010 → 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Respective buildings
- **K-12 RETURNING* Students**
Monday, August 16, 2010 → 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Colby High School Commons
**Includes pre-enrolled kindergarten students*

FEES

One check may be written for all fees for all children in your family at enrollment. MasterCard and Visa credit cards are also accepted. Payment for textbooks along with August and September lunches is due at enrollment. The fees are as follows:

- **Kindergarten – Grade 2**
Textbook Rental (annual fee).....\$50
Breakfast (monthly fee/20 meals)\$20
Lunches (monthly fee/20 meals)\$42
- **Grades 3-12**
Textbook Rental (annual fee).....\$50
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Lunches (monthly fee/20 meals)\$46

Additional fees may be assessed for extracurricular activities.

REDUCED/FREE

Students may be eligible to receive reduced or waived fees. Families requesting assistance must present verification of total household income at enrollment and complete the "Application for Child Nutrition Benefits" form. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the year. For more information, contact Barb Alwin, Food Service Director at 460-5240 or Jo DeYoung, Business Manager at 460-5003.

Colby Public Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program administered by the Kansas State Department of Education.

TRANSPORTATION

Students who live 2.5 miles or more from their attendance center are eligible for transportation (K.S.A. 72-8302 et. seq.).

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School activity calendars will be available at enrollment. **One calendar per family will be provided. Additional calendars may be purchased for \$2 each.** The first day of school for students is Thursday, August 26, 2010. The last day for students is Thursday, May 19, 2011.

CLASS TIMES

- **Kindergarten - Grade 12**
Classes Begin:.....8:00 a.m.
Classes Dismiss: 3:30 p.m.

HEALTH PROGRAMS/ASSESSMENTS

All students up to the age of nine years enrolling in school for the first time in Kansas shall present official **health assessment** records showing evidence that the child has had a physical examination within twelve months of school entry. All new students **MUST** also have a copy of their **birth certificate** with them when they enroll.

All students entering school for the first time in Kansas must present official immunization records showing evidence that the child has been inoculated for the following: Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, mumps, rubella and German measles. Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended for all students. Students who have not completed the required immunizations within 90 days after the beginning of school may be excluded from further attendance. Forms are available in the school nurse's office in the primary building. Further information may be obtained by calling the school nurse at 460-5111. (KSA 72-5209 et. seq.)

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Per board policy JGA, medical expenses for accidents and/or injuries to students at school or school-related activities are the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Student accident insurance may be purchased from independent carriers. All transactions are directly with the insurance carrier. USD 315 assumes no role in student insurance coverage other than providing information if it is made available to USD 315 by insurance companies.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

All programs of Colby Public Schools are non-discriminatory and open to students regardless of sex, race, religion, ethnic background, origin, homeless or marital status.

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