## THE LISTENING POST

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William Rockhill Nelson School

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## OUR SCHOOL IS ON THE MOVE -- ARE WE WITH IT? WHAT'S GOING ON:

Informative series about Schools Without Failure.
Plans for alliance with U.M.K.C. School of Education.

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED:

A PTA program committee meeting on Feb. 16th was attended by Kyle Conway of Western Missouri Mental Health and Barton Hakan, newly elected school board member. Mr. Conway has been working with the 10 elementary schools in the Van Horn area of the district, sharing his experience about the schools without failure principle developed by William Glasser and described in Glasser's book under that title. The Van Horn area is asking the school board to let them become a pilot project for this program in the fall. Nelson school has the opportunity to do this also.

Our children saw the film "Schools Without Failure" on March 1. An all-day workshop was held Mar. 3rd for available parents who were interested. School district administrators granted Nelson's request to release all our teachers to attend this workshop. District officials, school board members and others outside the Nelson area also attended.

If you missed this chance to learn about Schools Without Failure a series of three (3) Wednesday evening meetings start Mar. 8th at 7:15 at Second Presbyterian church, 55th and Oak, to cover the same information.

A growing group of parents want to see this positive form of instruction, in which the child disciplines himself, become a reality at Nelson. We want to plan a PTA course of action following this informative series.

Our teachers were greatly impressed with their tour of the new U.M.K.C. School of Education building and are quite excited about the prospect of a regular interchange of staff, students and programs between the two schools.

The amphitheater-type classroom offers the most exciting opportunities for Nelson students. It is designed on the lines of a medical school operating theater. Televised instruction can be presented here as well as direct instruction.

A tour of the building is being planned for Nelson parents and our student body.

The foods room is being transformed into a classroom (with plaster raining on Mrs. Wilson at her desk) and the library is expanding a storage room into a reference room.

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PTA Board Meeting – Special open business session with regular PTA Board Meeting to elect nominating committee - March 8, 9 a.m. at school.