



# WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

Financial Institution and School personnel comment on the Save@School program.

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We established our first program at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School then at Lee Elementary. Kindergarteners all the way through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students started opening accounts and saving on a weekly basis immediately. The unique part to our program is that we had junior high students working in the school's credit union taking deposits, balancing the money they had taken in during their shift, and learning from our employees who were their to help them. We are very impressed with the Save@School program and hope to continue the partnerships.

*Vicki Hurt, formerly President  
K-State Credit Union*

The Save@School program is a great chance for students to begin to see the value in saving and allows children of all income levels to participate. Save@School makes it all real for kids to experience and see first hand.

*Cindy Norris, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher  
Lee Elementary School  
USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden*

The Save@School program is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn first-hand about the value of saving money while our teachers connect those activities to the math standards in the curriculum. It has been a very successful educational experience and a great opportunity for our schools to build a partnership with a local credit union.

Many parents and teachers tell us this is one of the best programs we have implemented to teach financial literacy to our students and help them build responsible life-long habits. Next year we will have a Save@School program in every elementary school in our district. It's truly a valuable program and one that generates a lot of excitement with our young students. I highly recommend it!

*Brenda S. Dietrich, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
USD 437 Auburn-Washburn*



*Staff from the Educational Credit Union helped 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Jay Shideler Elementary School in Topeka open savings accounts and make deposits. Jeff Freeman, the school's principal said the Save@ School program provides a much needed service for the school's students and parents. Students are learning responsibility and the value of saving for the future.*

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KSCCU has taught the Save@School program to the McClure Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and the Christ the King School 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Now, over 100 students have a good understanding of basic financial services, how their money can grow by saving, and what it means to borrow money. It was priceless to see the students' excitement when they learned how earning interest can double their savings. Many students participated and throughout the school year, over \$1,750 was saved!

A special highlight of the program was a tour of a KSCCU branch. Each class planned a field trip to the credit union to see the security of vaults and safe deposit boxes, coin and currency counters, drive up equipment, and encode their very own pretend check! The Save@School program has been a fun, hands-on learning experience for the students and we are looking forward to participating next year!

*Jessica Stormann  
Vice-President of Business Development  
Kansas Super Chief Credit Union*



*Students from Christ the King School in Topeka pose for a picture during their tour of the Kansas Super Chief Credit Union branch.*



*Before class began each week, Kansas Super Chief Credit Union staff accepted deposits from McClure Elementary School students in Topeka.*

We have been very pleased with the Save@School program. One thing we really like is the curriculum for the program aligns very nicely to the Kansas State Department of Education math outcomes for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The angle we took with the students was that spending money is a lot of fun and is necessary in our economy, but saving money is just as important. We hoped that by having the Save@School program, we have planted the seed of saving when the students are elementary-aged. By the time they are young adults, we hope the seed has grown into habit and by the time they are adults, the habit will become a life style.

*Chris Holman, Principal  
Pauline South Elementary School  
USD 437 Auburn-Washburn*

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