COFFEYVILLE USD 445

615 Ellis St.
Coffeyville, Kansas
Superintendent: Dr. Craig Correll

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
Community Elementary School
102 S. Cline Road
Coffeyville, Kansas
Principal: Jennifer Bright

SECONDARY SCHOOL:
Field Kindley High School*
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Coffeyville, Kansas
Principal: Travis Stalford
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On Feb. 20, 1962, John Glenn, piloted the Mercury-Atlas 6 “Friendship 7” spacecraft to become the first American to orbit the Earth, circling it three times. During this mission, Glenn, who specialized in cockpit layout and control functioning, successfully showed that the Mercury spacecraft worked in space the way it was intended. The mission also helped NASA learn more about being in space. In 1998, at the age of 77, Glenn became the oldest person to fly in space when he flew on the STS-95 Discovery shuttle flight, a nine-day mission during which the crew supported a variety of research payloads including Glenn’s investigations on space flight and the aging process. Glenn was also known for setting a new transcontinental air speed record on July 16, 1957, while flying an F8U-1P Crusader from Los Alamitos, California, nonstop to Floyd Bennett Field, New York at a record speed of 725.55 mph. The flight lasted just three hours, 23 minutes and 8.4 seconds, which beat the previous record holder by 15 minutes.

Source: NASA

John Glenn specialized in capsule and instrument design for the project.
- He was the first American to orbit Earth.
- He became a U.S. Senator from the state of Ohio and served for 25 years.
- He became the oldest person to fly in space.
- He was a Marine pilot.
- In 1957, he set a speed record after flying from Los Angeles to New York in less than three and one-half hours.
- He was the last living member of the crew when he died in 2016.