



Success, Nothing Less at **Heusner Elementary**

A Note from the Principal

We are off to a great start for the 2023-24 school year. There is nothing better than having kiddos back in the building with their bright smiles. These past couple of weeks, teachers have been laying the groundwork for a great school year. Along with having fun alongside your student, teachers have been busy teaching procedures and doing some baseline assessments in order to deliver tailored instruction to your student. Whole group reading and math are already in progress. In the next couple of weeks, small group reading and math will start. During small group times, instruction will be differentiated and given at each students reading and math levels.

The Heusner Marathon is off and running. It is wonderful to see all the Heusner parents and grandparents out walking and running at the marathon each morning with students. We have a special Family Marathon Night on September 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This is a great way for students to make up laps they might have missed or to get ahead. The goal is for each student to complete two laps each day to stay on track for completing the marathon and attending the celebration.

Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner on September 13 and 14. Please make sure that you have signed up for a conference by going to: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/heusnerelementary/> and then finding the name of your child's teacher. Click on the time and day that is convenient for you. You will be able to sign up for both your fall and spring conferences. A reminder will be sent to you as our conference time approaches. Conferences will be in person again this year. If you need help, you can call the Heusner office at 785-309-4200.

Thanks for all you do to support your student and us!

- Lori Munsell, Principal



We value your input!

If you have ideas on how to make Heusner an even better place for students and families, please reach out. We also are needing some parent volunteers to be on our Parent Advisory Council. This council meets 2 to 3 times during the year. Our first meetings are scheduled for October 2nd and November 6th at 6:00 p.m. If you would be willing to be on our Parent Advisory Council or have ideas to share, please email Lori.Munsell@usd305.com or call the Heusner Office at 785-309-4200.

Steps to Success: Communicating with Your Child's School

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within 2 school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

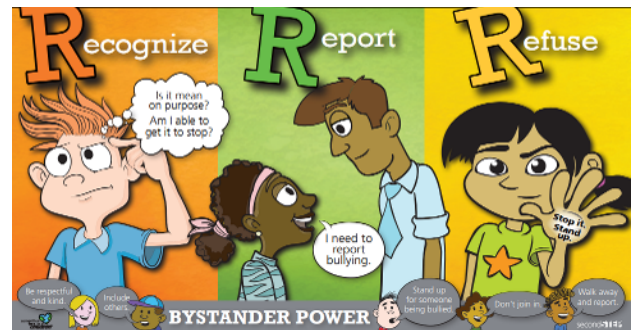
We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.

Directory Information

In accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), USD 305 has designated certain information as directory information. This information is considered public information which may be released from the school district without your prior consent. Please inform your school building in writing that any or all of the directory information should not be released without your prior consent (by August 25, 2023 to ensure it is not included in a parent directory). The following information is considered directory information:

- I. The student's name and age
- II. Parent's name, address and telephone number
- III. The student's major field of study and class designation (i.e. first grade, tenth grade)
- IV. The student's participation in officially recognized activities or sports
- V. The weight and height of members of athletic teams
- VI. Dates of attendance (period of time during which a student was enrolled in an educational agency or institution, i.e. academic year, spring semester)

The social emotional team will be teaching Bullying Prevention lessons throughout the month of September. This curriculum consists of 4 total lessons focusing on Recognizing, Reporting, and Refusing bullying. We want students to recognize what is bullying vs. a peer conflict, how/who to report bullying to, and how to stop and stand up against bullying. Peer conflicts are an opportunity to teach, and are expected at the elementary school level. We want students to feel empowered to handle bullying as well as peer conflicts. As we head into October, we will celebrate Red Ribbon week. Stay tuned for more information!



As we kick off the new school year, the Science Lab would like to introduce two new members of the Heusner Family. But I can't tell you their names... YET!!! In the Science Lab, we name our class pets after characters in books. Students are voting on the following names for our new friends. Lilly-from Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Wemberly-from Wemberly Worried, Penny-from Penny and her Marbles, Chrysanthemum-from Chrysanthemum, Sheila Rae- from Sheila Rae the Brave, Bianca-from the Rescuers, Remy-from Ratatouille, and Angelina-from Angelina Ballerina. I can't wait to see who they are!

Heusner Elementary is a Title I School

Each year, our school qualifies for federal dollars to help support the education of our students. We are required to notify the parents or guardians of each student that information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers are available upon request. You may request information on:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by para-professionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Please contact our school principal, Mrs. Lori Munsell at 309-4202 if you have any questions regarding these services.

Annual Notice of Teacher Qualifications

Salina Public Schools is proud of our record of employing the highest quality teachers and paraprofessional available. As a parent or guardian, you have the right to inquire about the professional qualifications of all instructional staff serving your child. Specific information is available from your school's principal at any time throughout the year.

All Title Schools are required to make available the following information upon parent or guardian request:

- Whether the State of Kansas has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and/or subjects taught.
- Whether the teachers is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which Kansas licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major and subject of any advanced degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to the child and, if so, the qualification of those staff members.

Make the Most of Your Parent-Teacher Conference!

Parent-teacher conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for adults at home and school to come together and discuss how to help students succeed. This open dialogue is an important support in students' school progress.

Scheduled for September 13 and 14, these meetings are an ideal avenue for parents to ask questions about their student's performance and behavior. Conferences provide space for communication with parents in a more personal manner, giving them insight into their student's strengths and weaknesses that they may not otherwise see from test scores or grades alone.

We look forward to visiting with you at parent-teacher conferences and working together to build a strong foundation that will help your student learn and grow. With continued communication between home and school, we can make sure our students get the support they need to succeed.

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

September 4
Labor Day Recess

Reminder

Family Marathon
Night
September 21
5:30-6:30 p.m.

REMINDER NO SCHOOL

September 14 & 15
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

September 11

Site Council Meeting
@ 12:00 P.M.

PTA Meeting
@ 7:00 P.M.

Fundraiser Kick Off

Our school fundraiser started Monday August 28. Our PTA funds so many things that support our students and staff. This is a way for us to raise money to allow PTA to continue to fund incentives, technology, playground equipment, play-day, OSCAR Reading incentives and so much more. Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00 for essential programs not currently funded through traditional means.

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1. Register TONIGHT at www.ShopFund.com
2. Share custom support links with family & friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, Text and more.
3. Student Goal: Minimum of 5 Online Supporters.

REGISTER-SHARE-WIN: Sharing gets you tickets for chances to win over \$100,000 in instant prizes.

Fundraiser Links:

How To Videos

- Kick-Off Videos
- Parent Letter
- Prize Program



On behalf of myself and the staff at Heusner Elementary School, thank you for doing your part to make our fundraiser a success.

Please turn in fundraiser packets to Mrs. Frank in the office NO LATER than September 11.



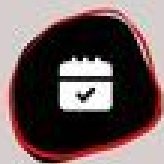
Kansas Parent Information Resource Center

The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) promotes meaningful family engagement at all levels of education and provides information and resources to help parents, educators and other organizations promote the educational success of every Kansas child.

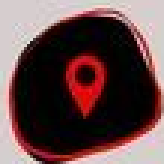
Check out their website at: <https://ksdetasn.org/kpirc>

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MARATHON



September 21
Family Night



Heusner
Elementary
5:30PM-6:30PM



Appearance by
Kansas Wesleyan
University Womens
Basketball Team



FAMILY -NIGHT

We invite you and
your student to
come to our Heusner
Family night to walk
and run, while
completing
marathon miles

Attendance Matters

Build Good Habits Today to Help Your Child Succeed in School Tomorrow



Information from awareness.attendanceworks.org

Did You Know?

- Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10% or about 18 days can make it harder to learn to read.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

What Can You Do?

- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.



Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness. By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning. Thank you for your support!

HANDLING UPSET

The Adult-First Mindset Shift

Salina Public Schools and Saline County are excited to bring *FREE* training opportunities to our community.

Gain insight about why an adult-first approach to self-regulation is absolutely necessary and respond to others with positive intent and composure; modeling and teaching the behaviors we want children to acquire.

Through this social-emotional program, we will learn to discipline ourselves to help our children learn. Conscious Discipline provides an array of behavior management strategies that anyone can use to turn everyday situations into learning opportunities.

Who Should Attend:

Free and open to all adults

When & Where:

This event has 3 time options to choose from. Content and materials at each time option will be the same.

Handling Upset is an 8 week E-Learning course from Conscious Discipline. Attendees will be provided with:

- **FREE KDHE Hours**, pending approval
- Material resources
- Individual registration for E-Learning course
- Free childcare, limited slots available
- Snacks

Option 1:

- **Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
- 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/02, 10/09, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
- Central High School, Cafeteria, 650 E. Crawford St.
- Facilitator: Karas Fairchild
- Free childcare for ages 2+ provided, limited slots

Option 2:

- **Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
- 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/07, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/04
- Heartland Early Education, 700 Jupiter Ave.
- Facilitator: Loree Beason
- Free childcare for ages 8 months+ provided, limited slots

Option 3:

- **Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- 9/21, 9/28, 10/05, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09
- South High School, Commons, 730 E. Magnolia Rd.
- Facilitator: Graysyn Krebs
- Free childcare for ages 2+ provided, limited slots

Questions? Contact Jody at jody.craddockiselin@usd305.com

Facilitators:

Option 1: Karas Fairchild

Karas has worked in the family services field for 15 years and has been with Heartland for six years as a Mental Health Consultant. In her sessions you can expect humor, easy to understand analogies and connections.

Option 2: Loree Beason

Loree has enjoyed 28 years of working in Early Childhood Education. She has held a variety of positions during these years from preschool teacher to center director. Loree's high energy makes for a fun filled learning experience.

Option 3: Graysyn Krebs

Graysyn has worked with USD 305 for the past six years, in the classroom and as a support staff. Graysyn was raised by a mother who practiced Conscious Discipline. She now passes that knowledge on to the next generation.



[CLICK HERE](#)

Register by either clicking the button or scanning the QR code. Registration will close one week before the first day of class.

This event is being presented by Salina Public Schools. We extend our thanks to Saline County for their sponsorship.





Growing and Caring with Pride!

Music Room News

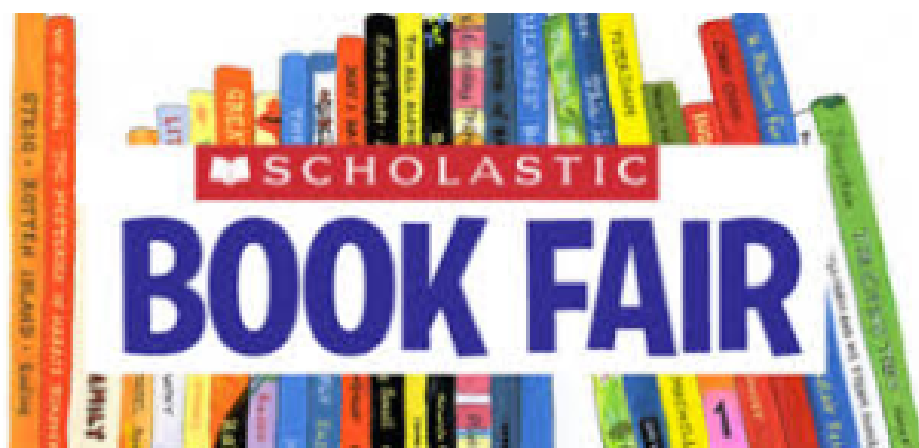
I am so excited to have students back in the music room creating music! We have already begun learning about the recorder, ukulele, xylophones, percussion families and practiced moving safely through space. Our kindergarten students have already played lumi sticks as well as cow bells.

The music room is a busy place that keeps our bodies and minds active. We try to work together to create an atmosphere of encouragement, perseverance and respect while creating, connecting and learning about the elements of music.





In September, we will begin the month with bowling activities, learning the rules and vocabulary of bowling. Afterwards, students will begin soccer activities, beginning with dribbling skills and work our way up into game situations. Reminder: our students need to have proper footwear to participate in P.E. Please remember to have shoes on P.E days!



Mark your Calendars!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted by the Heusner Library during Parent Teacher Conferences:

Wednesday, September 13, 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Online Ordering: September 11-15, 2023

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/heusnerelementaryschool2>

For Volunteer Opportunities at our Book Fair, please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BABA82CA5FC1-heusner>

Can you help provide our teachers with snacks/lunch during Conferences?
If so please sign up on the link below.

Thank You!

- Heusner PTA

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BABA82CA5FC1-weappreciate>

September Calendar

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Parent Teacher Conferences
Heusner Book Fair

NO SCHOOL
September 14 & 15

September 29:
Last day of Heusner Marathon

Contact Us

Lori Munsell - Principal
Sandra Renz - Lead Teacher
Melissa Williams & Tami Frank - Secretaries
Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4200

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#305GrowsGreatness



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➡ School Website

🍏 305 District Website