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Upcoming Events

- 1/1- No School
- 1/2...No School/Staff Development
- 1/3...Classes Resume
- 1/8..PTO/SITE Council Mtg.
4:15 pm—CTP
- 1/8...6:00pm Board of Education Mtg.
- 01/10...7:30am Honor Roll Breakfast 4-6 grades @CTI
- 1/15...No School/Staff Development
- 1/26...T.G.I.F. Day



Weather Alert

When weather conditions threaten the safe operation of the schools and bus routes and there is a need to cancel the school day, Superintendent Jim Keller will announce the decision by 6:00AM by a phone call thru SchoolMessenger and on the following radio and television stations: TV Channels: 3, 10, 12

Radio Stations: B-98 FM, 107.3, KZSN, KFDI or log onto Kansas.com

Mrs. Turner's Tidbits



Oh my goodness!!! 2018! How can it be?! I sit and think about all the wonderful things that occurred this last year and reflect upon the things that didn't go as smoothly or as I would have hoped, I realize just how fortunate I am to be here for my 30th year in education and my 27th year at Towanda. Wow! I "get to" come here each day and work with the best staff and the most wonderful children! I feel blessed!

I hope that all of you found the time over the break to take a true break and remember all the things that made you smile this last year. Keep working towards those good times, it'll help on those yuck days that sometimes come our way!

Please remember to have your child dress for the weather! It is bone chilling cold outside. Our policy is that if the wind chill is below 19 degrees, we stay inside. It is up to the teacher's discretion if the temp is above that. Please send you child in the proper attire in case it warms up enough to go outside.

The Vision and Purpose of Circle USD 375, in partnership with our communities, is to educate each student to be an engaged, knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizen in the 21st Century.



Speaking of dressing for the weather, our shorts policy is still in place. No shorts or slides, sandals and open toed shoes until after Spring Break. This includes shorts with tights. This is the district policy. I checked on the tights and was told that it was not allowed. Please remind your child that it is the policy for this school year according to our district handbook. Thanks!!

Honor roll breakfast is coming up soon! You will receive an invitation if your 4-6th grade student qualifies by making All A's or All A/B's for the second nine-weeks. We will begin the breakfast (actually a nice treat of a donut and juice) at 7:30am on Wednesday, January 10th. This time we will begin with 5th grade, then 4th and finish with 6th grade. Be sure to check your child's grades online to see how they finished the semester.

We always appreciate your assistance with getting your child to school on time daily, making sure they are well rested and pushing them to get their work completed and turned in. As a mom to a Junior at CHS and two boys who have already graduated, I know it is no easy task. Habits developed in the primary and intermediate grades will affect students as they continue their education. It is far easier to develop these habits early in life, rather than to try to correct or change them as they get older.

As we return for the second semester, we will continue to work with your child to ensure a great education. We do expect

them to have a working knowledge of the rules and expectations for our school. Our first semester was great and we want to continue the year on the same high note as we started. Thanks for all you do in assisting us at home. If there is ever a time that you have a question, feel free to give us a call. We are all on the same page with wanting what is best for your child. Happy New Year!!!

All Visitors must check in at the office. For the safety of our students, anyone entering the building must check in at the school office. Please sign in at the office and wear one of the appropriate badges while you are in the building for any reason or any length of time.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OR KNOW OF A CHILD WHO WILL TURN 5 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2018 PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER @ CTP 536-2728 FOR INFORMATION ON KINDERGARTEN SCREENING.

Reminder: Please call the school office by 9:30 if your child will not be in or if they will be late, also if you are wanting to eat lunch with your child please call by 9:30 to order a hot lunch or sack lunch.

Counselor's Corner from Mr. LaMunyon

December "JOY" Students of the Month

Dimitri Farmer, Dani Aitchison, Noah Weishaar, Camdon Jordan, Matthew Haney, Lily Oliver, Jesse Beck, Chloe Wolf, Nicolis Creely, Corey Merrick, Raylie Varner, Heath Keener, Alexis Carr Edson, AriBayla Nickelson, Acelynn Marler, Taylor Carroll, Kaden Skillman, Harrison Koehn, Reagan Horner, Lauren Burk, Evangeline Nickelson, Selphie Collins, Aubrey Martin, Peyton Milam, Ascia Bowdre, Logan Nice, Josh Harding, Emma Krahn, Aedan Towery

Happy New Year! We are off to a busy and exciting start for the New Year!

Student Council's 12 days of Christmas Giving went really well. Thanks for giving!!

Our spotlight skill for January is Problem-Solving. This is a great skill to start off the year with Aimsweb+, NWEA, and State Assessments coming up. Let's look at how we can support our kids in the classroom and testing. We know that home support for learning is positively and significantly correlated with student school performance, regardless of the family's income level or cultural background.

Three factors in homes have been strongly associated with student achievement.

1. Strong, consistent values about the importance of education.
2. Willingness to help children and to intervene at school on the children's behalf.
3. Ability to become involved in the education of one's children at home, at school, or both.

Research has suggested four important ways families support learning:

1. Setting clear expectations.
2. Talking with students about school.
3. Providing learning materials.
4. Providing learning opportunities outside of school.

Our students have been working hard and there are many accomplishments we should be proud of as we start a new semester. I would like to encourage you to encourage your kids to read, read, and do some more reading. It really is a very important tool in life and education.

Lee LaMunyon—School Counselor llamunyon@375.org



"Patience is the key which solves all problems."

LIBRARY NEWS

I hope your child (and you) were able to spend time reading over Christmas break. Nothing is better or more relaxing than reading a good book or sharing one.

With the number of days students had off on Christmas break, most library books will be overdue by now. Please help your child return all library books to check them out again or to return them. Thanks!

New AR (Accelerated Reader) goals are set or are being set soon. Please encourage your child to make his/her goal for the 3rd nine weeks by setting aside 20 minutes a night to enjoy the book he/she is reading. **Sixth Grade Parents:** Remember your student has the opportunity to earn a pair of sunglasses or prescription eyeglasses by obtaining his/her challenging goal this nine weeks. You should have received an envelope before Christmas break outlining what your child's challenging goal is.



I have started a MakerSpace area in the classroom. I have had students using the Snap Circuits (electric circuit sets). These two enjoyed launching a propeller by completing the circuit correctly. I am happy to announce that our library was awarded another MakerSpace grant from SCKLS (South Central Kansas Library System) in December. Items in this grant include: two 3-D pens (3Doodler), an Osmo starter kit and various books about MakerSpace projects for children. I was presented this kit by Robin Hargrave during a fourth grade class time. Our library will begin to incorporate these items into our MakerSpace area this spring.

Is It a Cold or the Flu?

To help determine whether your child's fighting the flu or combating a cold, answer these questions about your child's symptoms.

	<u>FLU</u>	<u>COLD</u>
Was your child's onset of illness...	sudden	slow
Does your child have a...	high fever	no (or mild) fever
Is your child's exhaustion level...	severe	>mild
Is your child's cough...	dry	severe or hacking
Is your child's throat...	fine	sore
Is your child's head	achy	headache free
Is your child's appetite	decreased	normal
Is your child's muscles...	achy>	fine
Does your child have...	chills	no chills

The important thing to remember is that flu symptoms can vary from child to child (and they can change as the illness progresses), so if you suspect the flu, call your child's doctor.

TREATMENT

If caught within the first 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, your child's flu may respond to an antiviral medicine. These medicines can shorten the course of your child's infection by 1 or 2 days. In the meantime, take care of your child by offering plenty of fluids and extra comfort.

Positively PTO/Site Council

PTO MEETING: MONDAY JAN 8, 2018 @ 4:15 in the Primary Library
Thanks to all who brought treats for the staff for Christmas. They were enjoyed by all.

The 2nd nine weeks winning classes for the most BOXTOPS collected were Mrs. Rawlings 5th grade class and Ms. Smith's 2nd grade class.

Each class will receive a popcorn party.

Way to go! Keep sending those BOXTOPS for another chance to win!!



ORDER YEARBOOKS BEFORE March 2, 2018

Full color yearbook for \$16.00 ~ Payment can be made online or in either school office.



Grades K-8 Lunch

JANUARY 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 1 Rigatoni w/ Garlic Bread Alt: Hamburger Seasoned Peas Apple Wedges Juice	 2 Grilled Chicken Sand. Alt: Corn Dog French Fries Pineapple Tidbits Graham Snacks	3 Turkey Sticks Alt: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Pineapple & Mand. Oranges Hot Roll w/ Jelly	4 Taco Soup w/ Tortilla Chips Alt: Cheese Pizza Celery Sticks w/ Dip Fresh Banana Spice Muffin Bar	5 Pancake on a Stick Alt: Bosco w/ Sauce Tri-Tater Green Beans Applesauce
8 Mini Corn Dogs Alt: Hamburger French Fries Pineapple Tidbits Juice	9 Biscuit & Gravy w/ Sausage Patties Alt: Corn Dog Tri-Tater Orange Smiles Juice	10 Chicken-n-Noodles Alt: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	11 Meat Ball Sub Alt: Pepperoni Pizza Cheesy Broccoli Peach Crisp Juice	12 Chili Crispito Alt: Bosco w/ Sauce Refried Beans Fruit Cup Fresh Banana
 15 Sloppy Joe Alt: Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail Cookie	16 Chicken Quesadilla Alt: Chicken Nuggets Savory Rice Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Tidbits	17 Popcorn Chicken Alt: Cheese Pizza Green Beans Diced Peas Chocolate Chip Bar	18 BBQ Ribbette Sand. Alt: Pepperoni Pizza Celery Sticks w/ Dip Sliced Peaches Fresh Banana	19 Taco Crunch Alt: Bosco w/ Sauce Refried Beans Corn Fruit Cocktail
22 Spaghetti & Meat Balls w/ Garlic Bread Alt: Hamburger Seasoned Peas Fruit Cup Orange Smiles	23 Mini Pancakes w/ Sausage Patties Alt: Corn Dog Tri-Tater Apple Crisp Juice	24 Country Fried Steak Alt: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Fresh Fruit Cup Hot Roll w/ Jelly	25 Beef Fingers Alt: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans Sliced Peaches	26 Chicken Flauta Alt: Bosco w/ Sauce Green Beans Apple Wedges Brownie
				

VEGGIE BAR OFFERED DAILY WITH LUNCH MENU.....OPTIONS INCLUDE:

Salad Mix, Fresh Spinach, Petite Carrots, Tomatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets
 (Not all options are offered daily)

Grades K-8 Breakfast

(menu repeats weekly)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pancake on a Stick Or Cereal w/ Toast Chilled Fruit & Juice Milk	Banana Bread Or Cereal w/ Toast Fresh Fruit & Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal w/ Toast Chilled Fruit & Juice Milk	French Toast Sticks Or Cereal w/ Toast Fresh Fruit & Juice Milk	Mini Pancakes Or Cereal w/ Toast Chilled Fruit & Juice Milk

~All breakfast and lunch menus include a daily Lo-fat milk choice.

~All menus are subject to change.



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