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**March 1...6th gr CMS
pre-enrollment**

**March 2...Yearbook
ordering deadline**

**March 5...PTO/SITE
COUNCIL @CTP 4:15**

**March 8...End of the 3rd
nine weeks**

**March 9...No School ~
Staff Development**

**March 11...Daylight
Savings Time Begins**

**March 12...6:00pm BOE
Meeting**

**March 14...4:30pm to
8:00pm Parent/Teacher
Conferences at the
Primary school for ALL
GRADES**

**March 15.....NO
SCHOOL..8:00am to
3:00pm Parent/Teacher
Conferences at the Pri-
mary School for ALL
GRADES**

March 16....No School

**March 19-March
23....Spring Break ~ NO
SCHOOL**

**March 28...7:30am
Honor Roll Breakfast at
CTI**

March 30.....No School



Mrs. Turner's Tidbits

March

Wow! I cannot believe it is already time for March! Time does fly when you are having fun! I enjoy this position so much due to all of your children, the teachers and staff and due to you support as parents. It does make a tremendous difference in a school. I feel blessed to continue to call Circle Towanda Elementary my home!

A big event coming this month is conferences. It is crazy that we are finishing the third quarter on March 8th! What a great year it has been so far. We will be hosting all the conferences at the Primary School again. This was very successful in the past. I think we have found a solution to the problem of having parents run back and forth between buildings. Our 3-6 teachers will be in the gym/lunchroom and the Primary Teachers will be in their classrooms. We will also have information about the after school child care program that will begin next year called Right at School. I am very excited at the prospect of hosting this program here. Please be sure to take a minute or two to find out more about the program.

We will also be asking parents of students who are in the Title 1 program to complete a brief survey on the program. We need your input to make sure we are meeting the needs of the students in our school. We strive to help students make the growth they need in order to be successful adults in the future. I'll thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Please try to set a re-

minder on your phone with your scheduled time for the meeting with your child's teacher. I know they have been working hard to get you child prepared to move on to the next grade. It is always sad to think that this is the last time a couple grades will be in their current building after conferences. Our second graders will move on to the "big" Intermediate School and our sixth graders are moving on the CMS! I am always somber when I think of the upcoming changes. Our kids mean so much to us at the school. They are our children and we share the very same desire that you do at home...SUCCESS! That is why conferences are so important. We want to share your child's successes with you and any concerns we may have. We would also need to hear any concerns you may have about your child's progress. You were there first teachers and you have a much better picture over the years than a classroom teacher would. We have the snapshot for the time they are in our rooms. Please share anything you believe may be beneficial for your child's teacher to know.

We will also share the many upcoming events with you. We have state testing that will occur with our 3-6th grade students in April. We can share the results of our NWEA tests as well. Our teachers put a great deal of time preparing information that they believe is important for you to know. We all look forward to seeing your smiling faces come through the doors.

I do have a few reminders about conferences for you...

- If you find that you are running late for your child's conference, please call to reschedule. If you are late, it can throw all the conferences after yours off as well. Time is so important for everyone. No one likes to have to wait.
- Be considerate of the time. If you need to speak with your child's teacher longer, set up a follow-up time with them. We don't want to rush anyone but we also don't want to shortchange the next parent.
- Listen with an open mind. Sometimes we do have to tell you tough things. Trust me, no teacher looks forward to sharing concerns. It is difficult for us as well. We also have our own children who sometimes need reminders. We do get it. Please just don't blame us if there is a concern. Again, we just want the same thing all of you do, success for your child.
- Finally, know that we love your child and think they are pretty darn special as well. Come with your questions and we will do our best to answer them or let you know that we will find the answer for you. Don't hesitate to come see me if you have any concerns that I can help with!

See you all soon! Happy March everyone!

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Counselor's Corner from Mr. LaMunyon

FEBRUARY/COURTESY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Chord Gooding, Knox Kessler, Katrina Thielen, Rayceten Skilling, McKyla Ades, Makayla Carvantes, Charlie Loss, Bentley Winters, Kylie Ward, Cambria Langstaff, Taegan Cunningham, Karsen Garner, Alex Crawford, Jordan Johnson, Clay Couey, Trey Moore, Natalie Oliver, Heath Masters, Alex Karst, Cooper McGaha, Riley Coble, William Wolf, Logan Wendel, Talyn Cunningham, Kennadi Walls, Austin McCammon, Coty Clifton, Joseph Dugan

Counselor's Corner

As the calendar flips to March, teachers are busily preparing for parent-teacher conferences. As a parent, here are some tips as to how you can also prepare for a highly successful meeting time:

Get your child's input before you go. Ask, "What do you like best about school and why?" "What are some things you would like me to discuss with your teacher?" This tells you a bit about your child's feelings toward school. It also gives your child an opportunity to feel invested in the conference.

Make a list of questions, ideas, and concerns to share. Along with grades, you may think about such areas as friends, attitude, and study habits. Time will fly by, so this list keeps you from walking out thinking, "Oh! I meant to talk about that!"

Find out what you can be doing at home to reiterate the skills your child is learning at school. Ask about general concepts the class is working on as well as areas of need that are specific to your child.

Pass on teacher compliments and discuss areas to work on, if your child does not attend the conference. You may even use this information to help your child formulate one or two goals for the last nine-weeks of school!

We look forward to meeting with you! Your input is so incredibly valuable to your child's education!

Lee LaMunyon, CTE Counselor llamunyon@usd375.org

Library News

Mark your calendar!! The spring book fair will soon be here. "Paws for Books" is the theme. The book fair begins on April 3rd and runs through April 6th. The April newsletter will contain all the details for this fair.



Coutts Museum (110 N. Main, El Dorado) is having their annual student art show at this time for Kindergarten-8th grade students from throughout Butler county schools. We have 40 students who have art in this show. The show is quite spectacular with a wide variety of art forms being represented. Admission is free. The following lists the days and times the museum is open for the student exhibit (February 24-March 22):

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday Noon-4:00pm



UPCOMING SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

The spring music program is Tuesday, April 10th at Circle High School auditorium. The Primary students (K-2 grades) will begin at 6:30pm followed by the Intermediate students (3-6 grades) at 7:15pm. All students will need to arrive 20 minutes before their program begins. Students need to dress nicely, and remember not to over dress as it gets warm on the stage. Hope to see all the students and their families for a wonderful evening of singing!



HEALTH NEWS FROM NURSE EDDIE

Welcome parents of 2018/19 enrolling Kindergartners! Enrollment for Circle Towanda Primary is May 3rd & 4th at the Primary building. Please call Jennifer at the school office 316-536-2728, to reserve your spot for Kindergarten Orientation.

Prepare ahead of time if possible, have your child's immunizations and health assessment (physical) records completed and copied for Kindergarten Orientation. We will also need a copy of the state issued birth certificate for your child. These records are required by the State of Kansas for school entry. If you have any questions about required immunizations please call the school nurse at the number listed above.



CTE PTO/SITE COUNCIL

March PTO Meeting- Monday, March 6 @ 4:15 pm at the Primary Library.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on March 14th and 15th. Be on the lookout for an email to sign up to bring goodies for our wonderful staff!

PTO will be hosting Towanda's first Arts and Crafts Fair in the spring! It is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8:30-3:00 at the Intermediate gym. There will be food and lots and lots of vendors! Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for a flyer as well as ticket sales for breakfast! We are excited about our first event!

Remember to continue to send in your Box Tops for Education!!



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.

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

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

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES





PARENT~TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 4:30-8:00 PM AND THURSDAY MARCH 15, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. ALL PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE CONFERENCES ARE HELD AT TOWANDA PRIMARY. CONFERENCES ARE SCHEDULED EVERY 20 MINUTES, SO PLEASE BE PROMPT.

IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED MORE TIME WITH A TEACHER YOU MAY SCHEDULE THAT FOR ANOTHER DAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE PARENTS, STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AS WELL.



Grades K-8 Lunch

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Popcorn Chicken Alt: Cheese Pizza Green Beans Diced Pears Chocolate Chip Bar	Taco Crunch Alt: Bosco w/ Sauce Refried Beans Corn Fruit Cocktail
Mini Corn Dogs Alt: Hamburger French Fries Pineapple Tidbits Juice	Sloppy Joe Alt: Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail Cookie	Country Fried Steak Alt: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Fresh Fruit Cup Hot Roll w/ Jelly	BBQ Ribbette Sand. Alt: Pepperoni Pizza Celery Sticks w/ Dip Sliced Peaches Fresh Banana	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Garlic Bread Alt: Hamburger Seasoned Peas Fruit Cup Orange Smiles	Mini Pancakes w/ Sausage Patties Alt: Corn Dog Tri-Tater Apple Crisp Juice	Beef Fingers Alt: Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green Beans Sliced Peaches	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>
				
Soft Taco Alt: Hamburger Refried Beans Corn Diced Pears	Breaded Chicken Sand. Alt: Corn Dog French Fries Apple Wedges Cookie	Burrito Alt: Chicken Nuggets Spanish Rice Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Tidbits	Chicken Strips Alt: Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fresh Fruit Cup Brownie	<u>NO SCHOOL</u> 

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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