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SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

The start of a new school year is well under way and staff and students are getting settled in to their new routine. Starting out the year, our headcount enrollment stands at 342; down by 2 from last year. We have declined by a couple of kids each year for the last 5 years, but nothing too dramatic. We average about 23 students per grade. Our high school has 92 students which likely will put us in the upper division of the 1A classification for KSHSAA activities.

The current year's budget has been published in the St. John News and it will be reviewed and approved at the upcoming board of education meeting. Overall, the mill levy will be about 2.4 mills lower than last year. The property valuation in the district increased dramatically by over 16%; mostly due to higher oil and gas prices. Typically, when valuation increases the mill levy decreases.

All taxpayers should have received a notice of estimated tax. This is a new requirement for counties because of a change in state law. The form is not easy to read or understand. The budget and hearing information for the recreation commission was combined with the school district's information on this form. Each entity publishes a separate budget and holds separate hearings. You should be able to find information for both the recreation commission's and USD 350's budgets in the St. John News.

If you have any concerns or questions about the budget, please contact the district office. The board of education is committed to transparency and you can find a lot of budget information on our website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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HEARING AND VISION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Sept 1st - 16th

NO SCHOOL

Sept 5th

SOPHOMORE CLASS RING MEETING

Sept 7th @ 9 am
In the Auditorium

SENIOR MEETING FOR GRAD ANN, CAPS & GOWNS

Sept 7th @ 9:50 am

BOB ROSS " HAPPY LITTLE TREES" PAINTING WORKSHOP

Sept 8th @ 5:15 pm
At Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library

BOARD MEETING

Sept 12th @ 7 pm

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Sept 12th

8TH GRADE JOB SHADOW IN GREATBEND

Sept 13th

SOPHOMORE CLASS RING ORDERS

Sept 14th @ 12 pm

SENIOR GRAD ANN, CAP & GOWNS

Sept 14th @ 12 pm

MIXED MEDIA CRAFTING

Sept 14th @ 7 pm
At Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library

BOOSTER CLUB BBQ

Sept 16th @ 5:30 pm

HOMECOMING PARADE

Sept 16th @ 2:30 pm

HOMECOMING GAME

Sept 16th @ 6:30 pm

LUNCH-N-LEARN: KNEES LIFTED HIGH & TOES POINTED - AUTHOR DAVID DALKE SHARES ST. JOHN HISTORY

Sept 16th @ 12 pm
At Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library

HOMECOMING DANCE

Sept 17th @ 9:00 pm

HANDS-ON CAREER FAIR

Sept 19th

MUSICAL READ THRU

Sept 19th 12:45 pm

8TH GRADE VISIT TO HCC

Sept 21st

TECH CLUB VIRTUAL REALITY FUNDRAISER

Sept 23rd @ 3 pm to 5 pm
At Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library

7TH GRADE JOB SHADOW IN PRATT

Sept 27th

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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Since the pandemic, employers in nearly every sector have struggled to find employees. This is no different for us here in our school district. So I feel very fortunate to be fully staffed in our buildings. We have several new faces around this year.

I already mentioned these folks in our back-to-school newsletter, but not everyone was able to read that so I'll list them here. Angela Petersen is our new elementary principal. Hannah Sallee is teaching family & consumer science courses, Janell Foote is teaching third grade, and Kaylee Surh is one of our preschool teachers. Aurora Mata is a new member of our food service staff.

In the last few weeks, we have filled some other roles. Oscar Portillo has been hired as a full time custodian. Courtney Emery is back in her role as a secondary English Language Arts teacher after we had a very late resignation. Lisa Rotert is working as a special education paraprofessional and will be coaching junior high track. Maria Portillo has joined our food service staff and Victoria Jensen is our new library clerk. Martin Salcido and Rebecca Ramirez are now working in our elementary classrooms as paraprofessionals. Jacob Milton is assisting the high school football and Brittany Perry (White) is the new director of the LIFE after-school program.

We want to remind parents that school meals are not being provided free of charge this year. This is a change from the past two years when all students could eat for free. Families may qualify for free or reduced price lunches based on income guidelines. Parents should contact the office with questions about this process. The automated messaging system will send messages to families with low or negative meal account balances. Our community has resources to help families if they are struggling to pay for

meals.

All parents have access to the PowerSchool portal to keep track of student grades, attendance, and meal account balances. This portal also allows parents to configure their preferences for the automated messaging system. This includes phone, email, and text messages. Parents should contact the office for assistance with these systems.

As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with *Purpose, Passion, and Pride*.

- Josh Meyer - USD 350 Superintendent



BACK TO SCHOOL



BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT

by Angela Petersen, Elementary Principal

Our elementary classrooms have been BUZZING with excitement about the new school term and this year's theme of BEEs! In addition to beautifying our classrooms, we're attaching the BEE theme to positive character traits. Students will learn to BEE kind, BEE respectful, BEE responsible, BEE courageous, BEE curious, etc. Throughout the year, students will also have the opportunity to grow their knowledge of how bees impact our environment and economy, their habits and behaviors, and how we can help protect these tiny creatures that are essential to keeping our planet healthy.

Our classrooms have many things to BEE proud of already this semester. KINDERGARTNERS have worked hard to master all of the important routines that make a school day run smoothly while also starting to learn their letter names and sounds. FIRST & THIRD GRADERS take pride in the fact they're learning to work together. They've learned that they can count on their classmates and help each other when needed! SECOND GRADE STUDENTS are putting their verbal communication skills to good use and are eager to share their thoughts. They've also used their scientific minds to begin exploring seeds. FOURTH GRADERS have tackled rounding and mastered math facts. FIFTH GRADERS take pride in how hard they are working to earn good grades while also developing sportsmanship by competing in athletics. Finally, our SIXTH GRADE CLASS is proud of the opportunity they have to be the leaders in the elementary school and model positive decision-making and appropriate behavior for the younger students.

St. John Elementary also has a lot to look forward to in the upcoming month. Our students in FIFTH & SIXTH GRADES look forward to their special privileges like participation in band, fall sports, and advanced academic topics like robotics. THIRD & FOURTH GRADERS have an upcoming trip to the Wild at Heart Bee Farm where they will get to take part in some active and hands-on learning. SECOND GRADE CLASSES are going to explore the scientific process through their study of seeds-how different plant's seeds are alike and different, how they travel, what they need to survive, etc. KINDERGARTNERS can't wait to learn about a delicious fall food in their Apple Unit! Finally, FIRST GRADERS can't wait until the second full week of the month when they get to take part in the bike unit!! (Mark your calendars for September 12-16, more info coming soon!)

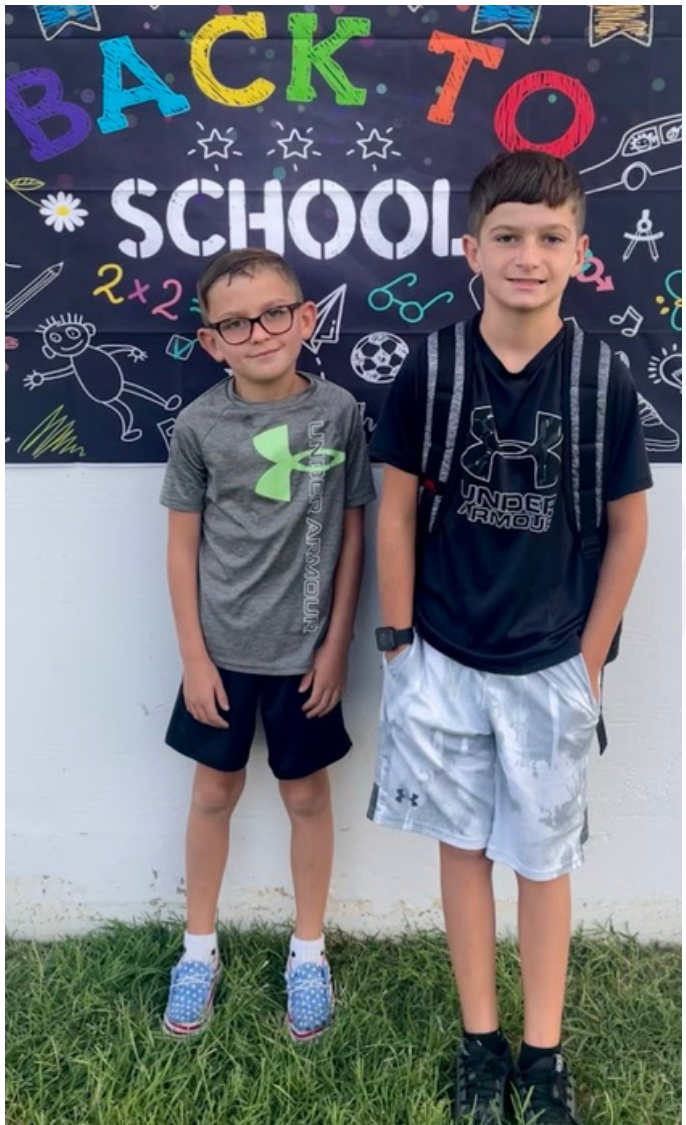
Everyone at the elementary school is particularly excited that we can BEE together more this year! We look forward to welcoming more visitors into the building and partnering with our families and our community to help take our learning to new and higher levels. Please reach out to the elementary office if you have any questions about any of our activities!



BACK TO SCHOOL



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SPORTS SCHEDULES

HS FOOTBALL

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 2nd	V MACKSVILLE	AWAY	7 PM
September 5th	JV SKYLINE	HOME	6 PM
September 9th	V NESS CITY	HOME	7 PM
September 12th	JV NESS CITY	AWAY	6 PM
September 16th	V OTIS-BISON	AWAY	7 PM
September 24th	V WICHITA	AWAY	3 PM
September 26th	JV MACKSVILLE	HOME	6 PM
September 30th	V STAFFORD	HOME	TBD

JH FOOTBALL

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 1st	MACKSVILLE	Home	4:30 PM
September 8th	CENTRAL PLAINS	Away	4 PM
September 15th	NESS CITY	Home	4:30 PM
September 22nd	LA CROSSE	Away	4:30 PM
September 29th	KINSLEY	Home	4:30 PM

Events are subject to change without notice.

HS VOLLEYBALL

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 1st	LARNED	AWAY	5 PM
September 3rd	SKYLINE	AWAY	9 AM
September 6th	HOISINGTON/ HAVEN	AWAY	5 PM
September 8th	GARDEN PLAIN/ MEDICINE LODGE	HOME	4 PM
September 13th	STAFFORD/ MACKSVILLE/ BURRTON	AWAY	4 PM
September 20th	ELLINWOOD/ MACKSVILLE	HOME	4 PM
September 24th	HOISINGTON	AWAY	9 AM
September 27th	OTIS-BISON/ VICTORIA	AWAY	4 Pm
September 29th	ELLSWORTH/ RUSSEL	AWAY	5 PM

JH VOLLEYBALL

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 1st	MACKSVILLE	Home	4:30 PM
September 8th	CENTRAL PLAINS	Away	4 PM
September 12th	PRATT-SKYLINE	Away	4:00 PM
September 15th	NESS CITY	Home	4:30 PM
September 19th	OTIS-BISON W/VICTORIA	Away	4:00 PM
September 22nd	LACROSSE	Away	4:30 PM
September 26th	LARNED/SKYLINE	Home	4:00 PM
September 29th	KINSLEY	Home	4:30 PM

Events are subject to change without notice.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

HS TENNIS

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 1st	V STERLING	AWAY	3 PM
September 6th	V HOISINGTON	AWAY	3 PM
September 13th	LARNED/ ASHLAND	AWAY	5 PM
September 8th	GARDEN PLAIN/ MEDICINE LODGE	HOME	4 PM
September 13th	STAFFORD/ MACKSVILLE/ BURRTON	AWAY	4 PM
September 20th	ELLINWOOD/ MACKSVILLE	HOME	4 PM
September 24th	HOISINGTON	AWAY	9 AM
September 27th	OTIS-BISON/ VICTORIA	AWAY	4 Pm
September 29th	ELLSWORTH/ RUSSEL	AWAY	5 PM

HS/JH XC

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 3rd	HAYS	Away	9:00AM
September 6th	JH PRAIRIE HILLS	Away	4 PM
September 12th	PRATT-SKYLINE	Away	4:00 PM
September 15th	NESS CITY	Home	4:30 PM
September 19th	OTIS-BISON W/VICTORIA	Away	4:00 PM
September 22nd	LACROSSE	Away	4:30 PM
September 26th	LARNED/SKYLINE	Home	4:00 PM
September 29th	KINSLEY	Home	4:30 PM

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I DID A PUSH-UP TODAY.



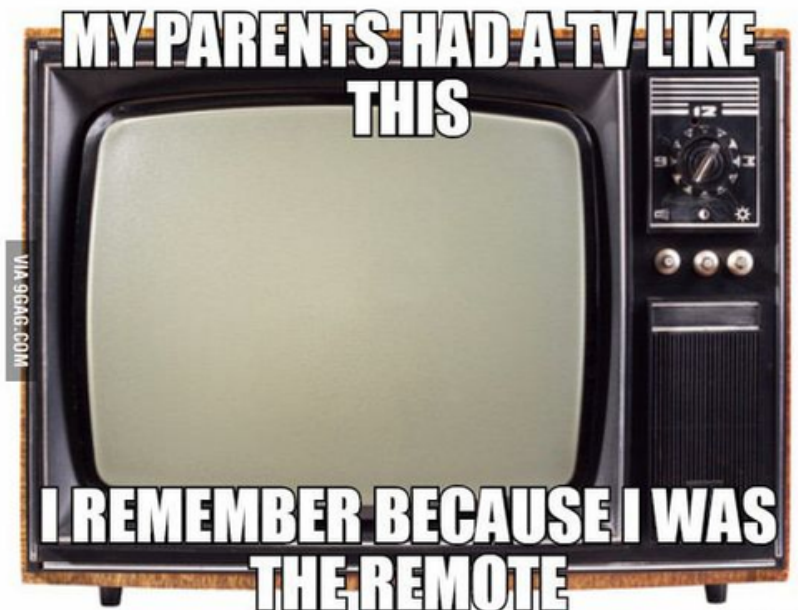
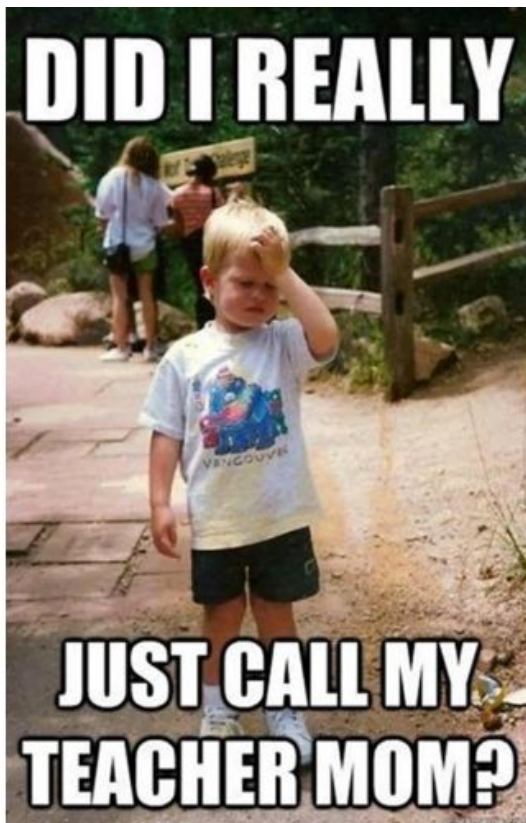
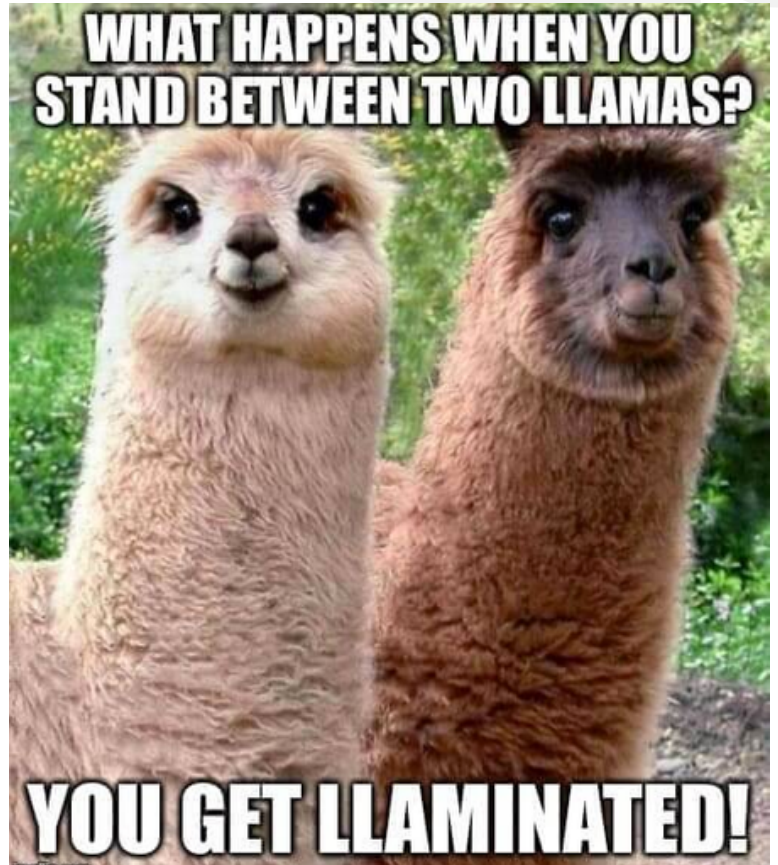
WELL, ACTUALLY I FELL DOWN, BUT I HAD TO USE MY MY ARMS TO GET BACK UP, SO ... CLOSE ENOUGH

NOW I NEED CHOCOLATE

WELCOME



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SEPTEMBER FOOD MENU

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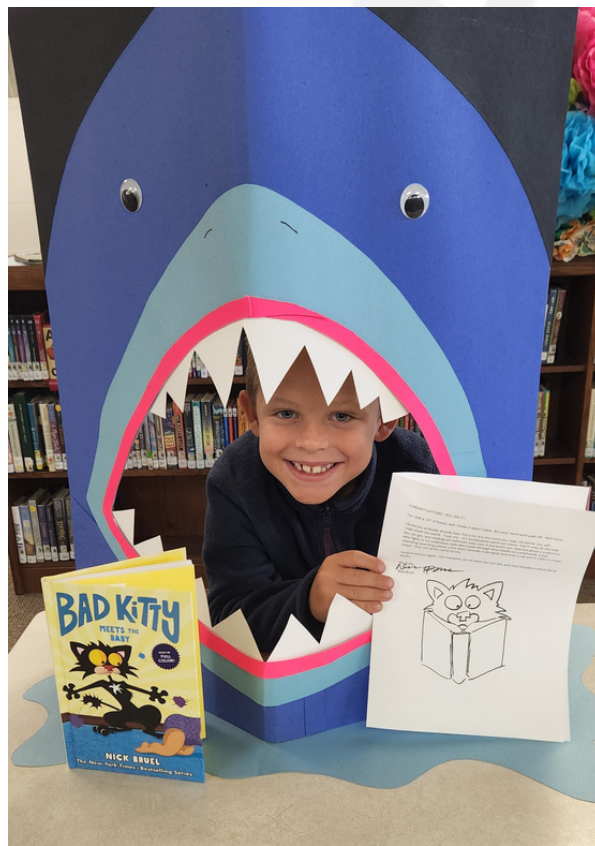
	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
SEPT 1	Breakfast Bar, Pineapple, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk	Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Fruit, Cookie, Milk	SEPT 16	Banana Bread, Applesauce, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk	Taco Salad, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cheddar Cheese, Corn, Pineapple, Fresh Fruit, Birthday Cake, Milk
SEPT 2	Banana Bread, Fruit, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk	Corn Dog, Wedges, Broccoli, Applesauce	SEPT 19	Pancake on a Stick, Pineapple, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Tetrizzini, Lettuce Salad, Corn, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Hot roll, Milk
SEPT 6	Muffin, , Grape Juice, Applesauce, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Fajita, Lettuce & Tomato, Cheddar Cheese, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Fruit, Cookie, Milk	SEPT 20	Muffin, Applesauce, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk	Hamburger Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
SEPT 7	French Toast Sticks, Pineapple, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk	SEPT 21	Biscuits & Gravy, Peaches, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Fajita, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cheese, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Fruit, Cookie, Milk,
SEPT 8	Biscuits & Gravy, Peaches, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk	Sausage Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Sliced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk	SEPT 22	French Toast Sticks, Pineapple, Apple Juice, Milk	Cowboy Cavatini, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Pears, French Bread, Fresh Fruit, Milk
SEPT 9	Pumpkin Beard, Pears, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Fruit, Cookie, Milk	SEPT 26	Breakfast Bites, Pears, Apple Juice Cereal, Milk	Italian Pasta Bake, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Fruit, French Bread, Milk
SEPT 12	Breakfast Bites, Pears, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk	SEPT 27	Breakfast Pizza, Mixed Fruit, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk	Cheeseburger/bun, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Sliced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk
SEPT 13	Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Strips, Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk	SEPT 28	Breakfast Burrito, Pears, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk	Chicken Patty, Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli, Sliced Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
SEPT 14	Breakfast Burrito, Peaches, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk	Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Pears, Fresh Fruit, French Bread, Milk	SEPT 29	Breakfast Bar, Peaches, Apple Juice, Cereal Milk	Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Pineapple, Fresh Fruit, Milk
SEPT 15	Breakfast Bar, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk	Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk	SEPT 30	Banana Bread, Pineapple, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk	Sloppy Joe/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Cookie, Milk, Fresh Fruit

LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE - JULY 2022

by Jacy Willinger

During the Summer 2022, many students participated in the Summer Reading Program. Each week the students joined Mrs. Mixon for reading and literacy craft. Those students that completed the program received a congratulations from Nick Bruel, the author of the Bad Kitty series. They also received an autographed Bad Kitty Meets the Baby book.



COFFEE SHOP & WELLNESS CLASS

by Jacy Willinger

Mrs. Sallee's class will be opening a coffee shop on August 30th. They have been doing projects that involve recipes and being in front of the class. They also have started a Wellness Wednesday where her nutrition and wellness class will pick from one area of wellness physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual, occupational, or environmental. They choose which one they want to do in front of the class as an activity and then they will tell the class what it is under and tell us how we use it to incorporate it into our lives. There is something new with the coffee shop where it is only 2 grams of added sugars and you can't go over that. The kids will taste-test what they make and then possibly sell it or keep it to themselves.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

School's been in session for a couple of weeks now and we've settled into the groove of our daily routines. As we continue to move through this quarter, there are a few things for parents and students to be aware of and keep in mind.

Progress reports will be given to students on Sept. 21st . These reports are not a final grade and give students an idea of where they are academically in each class.

If a student is struggling in a class, they should visit with the teacher and come up with a plan to improve their grade.

We offer after-school tutoring on Monday thru Thursday and strongly encourage students to take advantage of that opportunity. Sometimes students are assigned to go to after-school tutoring.

One of the main factors associated with academic success is student attendance. Obviously, if a student is ill we don't want them at school spreading illness to others. However, if a student is absent one way to offset academic loss is to communicate with their teachers about lessons and try to do some work while they are gone.

- Blain White - HS Principal



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