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TIGER TALK

ST JOHN HUDSON USD 350



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SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

A new school year is well under way. The students and staff have gotten settled in and we are trying our best to keep everyone cool in this heat. We have welcomed several new students this year. Overall, preliminary enrollment shows we are up by about 10 students. This will be finalized on the September 20th count day, but enrollment growth is a positive sign for our district.

The Board appointed a facility assessment committee last year. This committee met a few times to discuss the future of our school district and how to ensure we have adequate facilities for future generations of St. John-Hudson students. During our committee discussions, the question of school consolidation came up.

Recently, the board presidents, vice presidents, and superintendents of the Macksville and St. John-Hudson school districts met to discuss how we might work together in the best interest of students. The primary discussions were related to sharing of staff, resources, and programs. School consolidation was also discussed. Neither district is currently in a position where consolidation is necessary. However, it may become necessary at some point down the road and being proactive in any discussions will be beneficial to both districts. There will be new members on both boards being sworn in after the first of the year. It will be up to these new boards to determine if and when to move forward with further conversations about this.

The Quivira water rights issue has once again surfaced and could wreak havoc on the economy in our county and surrounding areas. The previously approved agreement that established a sustainable path forward without drastic cuts seems to be in jeopardy. Analysis of the cuts that were being considered in 2019 showed an economic impact of over \$100 million per year. There is talk that the cuts being proposed for 2024 are double what they were previously.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TIGER CHEER- SELLING TRASH BAGS

Sep 1st

NO SCHOOL

Sep 4th

HEARING & VISION TESTING

Sep 5th

TIGER BANK OPENS

Sep 5th

LUNCH-JOSTENS CLASS RING ORDERS

Sep 13th

ACT EXAM

Sep 9th

FALL HOMECOMING

Sep 22nd

NO SCHOOL / STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Sep 22nd

BOOSTER CLUB BBQ

Sep 22nd

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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The area for the proposed cuts would have an impact on every square mile of our school district boundaries. The direct impact to our district would be in a lower tax base. The effects on farmers and nearly every business in our community would be devastating. Our Board of Education spent a considerable amount of time discussing the issue at the last meeting. They have agreed to sign onto a letter being sent to the director of the US Fish & Wildlife Service asking that the established agreement be allowed to continue. The letter will include signatures from city, county, and school district leaders in the affected counties. This is something that everyone in our community should be aware of.

The budget for the current school year has been published in the St. John News and will be reviewed and approved by the board at their regular meeting on September 11th. The mill levy is very dependent on the total property valuation in the district. This year's valuation is as high as it has been in recent memory. The mill levy is set at 46.3 mills which is 1.5 mills lower than last year and as low as it has been in the last 15 years.

I want to remind parents that they 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



ELEMENTARY NEWS

ELEMENTARY IS GROWING!

by Angela Petersen, Elementary Principal

We are off to a fast and furious start this school year! Elementary enrollment seems to want to follow our building theme because we are GROWING our numbers in almost every grade level. It's wonderful to see so many new faces, make connections with so many new families, and think about how we will help all of our students grow towards their fullest potential!

We know that one very important part of growing and maturing as a student is to have a solid handle on social emotional skills. Keeping ourselves regulated and focused on academics is always the goal, but sometimes navigating through the forest of emotions that come with being a kid is HARD! That's where our school counselor comes in! I'd like you to learn a little bit more about this new staff member.

"Hello, I am Emily Nusser and I'm excited to join St. John-Hudson as your school counselor. I went to school at Kansas State University, majoring in Family Studies and Human Services, and continued on for my masters at Emporia State University in School Counseling Prek-12. This will be my eighth year as a school counselor!"

I love my job and I am excited to be part of a great team that supports students through their school day! I will be working with students in social-emotional, career, and academic growth through classroom lessons, individual check ins, small groups and responsive support on challenging school days. I am here to support all the wonderful

students here at USD 350 as well as their families! Some topics we will work on this school year: problem solving, conflict resolution, kindness, friendship, coping skills, safety, and much more!"

We look forward to taking advantage of all of the skills, ideas, and knowledge that Mrs. Nusser brings to our team. Students are already learning that she is an excellent ear and shoulder if they ever need to talk. She's doing a tremendous job of working with all of our students to help them develop positive skills and build relationships that will lead them to bloom into successful students and community members. If you ever need to connect with Mrs. Nusser, feel free to email or give her a call at the elementary office.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

3RD GRADE CREATES FAMILY BRACELETS

By Taylor Behr



ST JOHN - HUDSON ART USD350

From Facebook Page

2nd graders used tempera paint to create a value cactus with watercolor background. They're quite the group of upcoming artists!



SJ TIGER BANK

by Hannah Sallee

The banking students are working hard at getting the bank opened by Tuesday, September 5th. If you have students who have brought in money to deposit, please let me know and I'd be happy to send a student down during 2nd hour. They can either accompany your student to and from the bank or just grab the deposit. This will allow them to practice their transactions without a large group of customers waiting.

If you have new students who would like to open an account with us, we are happy to do the same this week. SJN Bank of Kansas is still paying an opening bonus of \$10.00!

We look forward to working with you!



TIGER CHEER FUNDRAISER !

by Stephanie Smith

Tiger Cheer will be selling Trash bags from September 1st through September 20th. They are \$12.00 a roll, below are the bag details:

White - 15 gallon - 65 bags per roll
Yellow - 39 gallon - 25 bags per roll
Pink - 39 gallon - 25 bags per roll

If you would like to order please contact Coach Stephanie Smith, Rachel Fisher or any St. John HS/JH Cheerleader.

Thank you for supporting St. John Tiger Cheer!!

STUCO NEWS

By Mrs Meagan Feril

Although school has been in session for just a few days, the Student Council has been very busy! Before school started, several members helped with the new student/7th grade orientation. They led groups of students through the high school and showed them where their classes would be. Later that evening, some of the members decorated a fun and colorful backdrop for the first day of school photos. STUCO members are also responsible for the daily announcements every morning.



The STUCO members hosted a Back to School Bash for all 9th -12th graders at the swimming pool. Over 40 students enjoyed swimming and eating watermelon – thank you Jill! Three lucky students (Chris, Ruby, and Mia) won Tiger Town Coffee gift certificates.



STUCO is already planning for the fall homecoming on September 22nd and the theme is Tiger Times. Since there is no school on that Friday and multiple sports activities on Thursday afternoon, the pep assembly will be held Thursday, September 21st in the gym at 10:30 AM. The actual homecoming ceremony and crowning will take place at 6:30 PM at the football field, Friday the 22nd. We hope to see all of you there to cheer on the Tigers! The Homecoming Dance is Saturday the 23rd from 9 – 11 PM in the cafeteria and students are encouraged to dress in their class's decade:

SENIORS
70's



JUNIORS
90's



SOPHOMORES
80's
vibes



FRESHMAN
60's



By Mrs. Meagan Feril

STUCO members are also currently planning to attend a regional meeting in Goddard. They will have a chance to hear an inspirational speaker and network with other schools!

Introducing our 2023-2024 STUCO members:

President: Heidi Fisher

Vice President: Ian Dunn

Secretary: Quade Smith

Treasurer/KAY representative: Eli Foote

Senior representative: Mariah Sanders

Junior representative: Lydia Reed

Sophomore representative: Reagan Bonner

Freshman representative Lily Brummer

Kayette representative: Evelyn Lopez

Cheer representative: Ava Smith

FCCLA representative: Melea Hearn

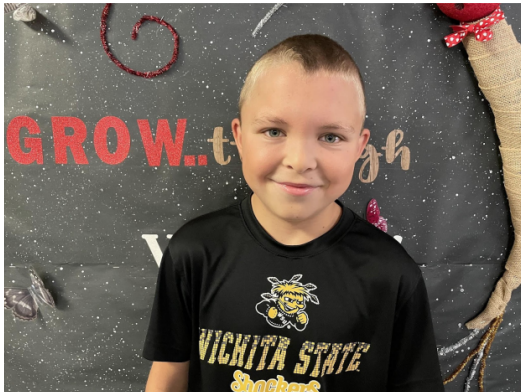
Tech Club representative: Jorja Blakeslee

Comic Book Club representative: Rafael Gonzalez

NHS representative: Garrett McAlister

BIO POEMS CREATED BY 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

By Mrs Long's Class



Kolson

fast, crazy, smart
Who loves to drive a go kart
Who feels happy when people tell jokes
Who needs nugget ice, pets, family
Who shares the switch
Who fears sharks
Who would like to travel to Texas
Who dreams of becoming an engineer
son, friend, cousin

Kole

Daniel

funny, athletic, loud
Who loves to play baseball
Who feels happy when I play a sport
Who needs family, baseball and friends
Who shares my cat
Who fears spiders
Who would like to travel to Mexico
Who dreams of becoming a MLB player
brother, friend, son

Chimichanga King



Aliya

smart, friendly, silly
Who loves to swim
Who feels happy when baking
Who needs family, food, and friends
Who shares food
Who fears being alone
Who would like to travel to Hawaii
Who dreams of becoming an ice cream shop owner
friend, cousin, daughter

Eya



Gatlin

nice, fast, smart

Who loves to rope and ride

Who feels happy when I get to ride my horses

Who needs my dogs, my mom & dad and my friends

Who shares my bed with my dogs

Who fears sharks

Who would like to travel to Oklahoma to hunt

Who dreams of becoming a tv host, cattleman, & a team roper
roper, hunter, friend

Gatlin



Walker

Athletic, tall, strong

Who loves to work calves

Who feels happy when I win

Who needs horses, ice cream, and V8 energy drinks

Who shares my rope

Who fears death

Who would like to travel to Hawaii

Who dreams of becoming a NFR team roper
brother, son, grandson

Dale



Breana

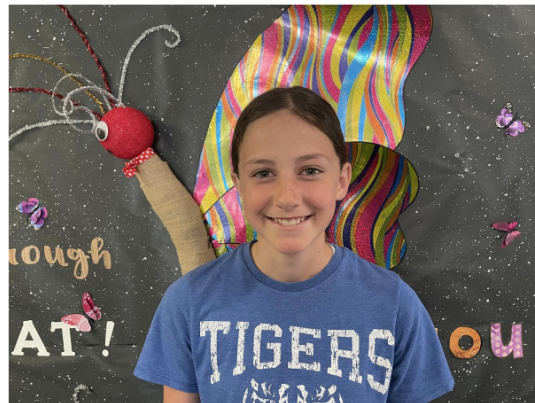
short, nice, hardworking
 Who loves to compete in dance
 Who feels happy when I listen to music
 Who needs food, my cousin & family
 Who shares happiness with people
 Who fears clowns
 Who would like to travel to Graceland
 Who dreams of becoming a vet or farmer
 sister, daughter, granddaughter

BREBRE

Carlee

kind, fun, athletic
 Who loves to go fishing with my friends
 Who feels happy when I go to the lake
 Who needs my home, my family and food
 Who shares my chromebook
 Who fears spider
 Who would like to travel to Colorado
 Who dreams of becoming a Doctor
 sister, friend, daughter

Car



Sofia

kind, smart, mentally strong
 Who loves to do art
 Who feels happy when I make food for my family
 Who needs food, family and sleep
 Who shares a room to sleep in
 Who fears snakes
 Who would like to travel to Mexico
 Who dreams of becoming a doctor
 friend, sister, daughter

Sofi



SEPTEMBER SPORTS

HS VOLLEYBALL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
September 2nd	PRATT/SKYLINE
September 5th	HAVEN/HOISINGTON
September 7th	MED. LODGE/GARDEN PLAIN

<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Pratt/Skyline	9 AM
Home	4 PM
Med. Lodge	4 PM

JH VOLLEYBALL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
October 1st	LARNED
October 1st	TBD
October 6th	ELLINWOOD
October 8th	MACKSVILLE
October 13th	VICTORIA

<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Away	3 PM
TBD	9 AM
Home	4:30 PM
Away	TBD
Away	4:30 PM

HS/JH XC

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>
September 2nd	HS/JH HAYS (TMP)
September 9th	HS WAMEGO
September 11th	JH PRAIRE HILLS
September 14th	HS/JH HOME
September 21st	HS/JH LARNED
September 23rd	HS RIM ROCK
September 26th	HS/JH LYONS
September 28th	HS/JH PRATT

<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Away	9 AM
Away	9 AM
Away	3 PM
Home	4 PM
Away	3 PM
Away	TBD
Away	4 PM
Away	3:30 PM

SEPTEMBER SPORTS

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 1st	MACKSVILLE	HOME	7PM
September 8th	NESS CITY	AWAY	7 PM
September 15th	OTIS-BISON	AWAY	7 PM
September 22th	WICHITA CO.	HOME	7 PM
September 29th	STAFFORD	AWAY	7 PM

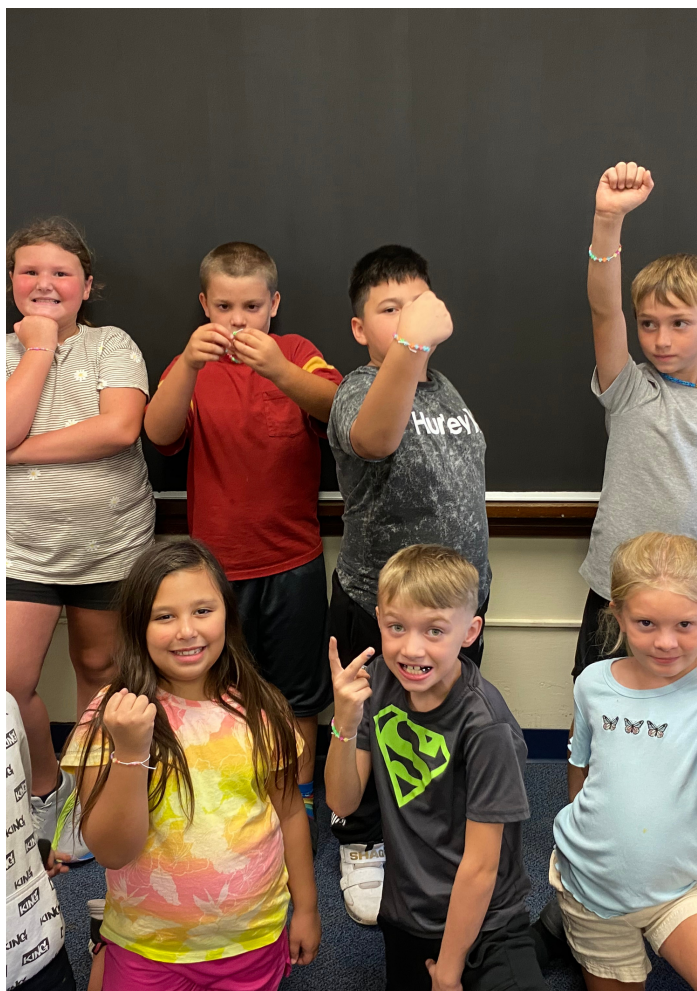
JH FOOTBALL

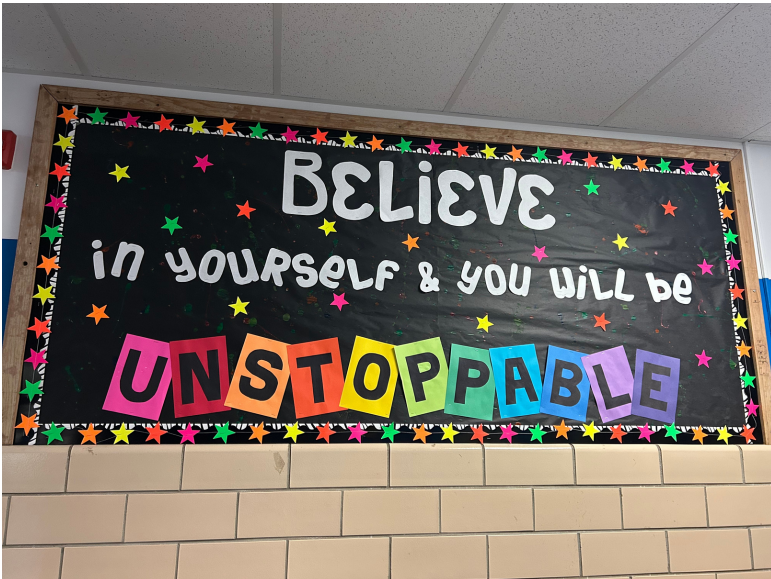
<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 8th	LACROSSE	AWAY	4:30 PM
September 14th	KINSLEY	HOME	4:30 PM
September 28th	CENTRAL PLAINS	HOME	4:30 PM

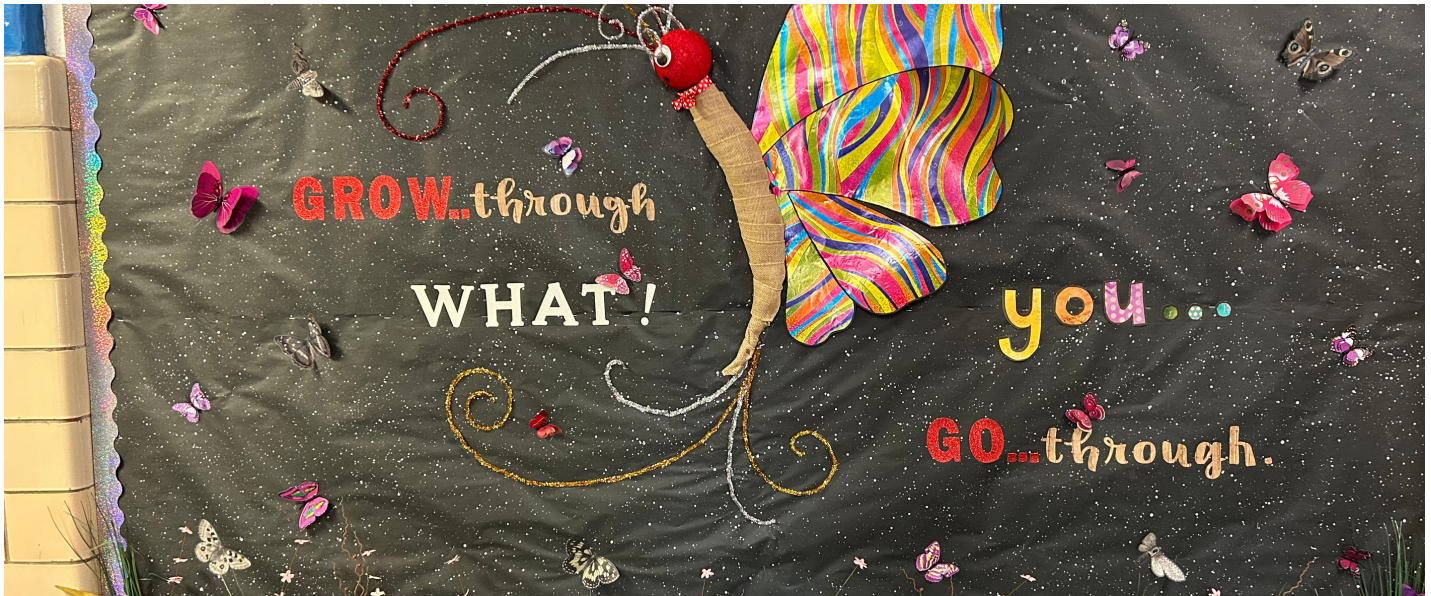
HS TENNIS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 5th	HOISINGTON	HOME	3 PM
September 14th	LYONS	AWAY	4 PM
September 16th	PRATT	AWAY	9 AM
September 19th	STERLING	AWAY	3 PM
September 21st	KIOWA CO.	AWAY	1 PM
September 23rd	PRATT	AWAY	9 AM
September 26th	ASHLAND	AWAY	1 PM
September 28th	GREAT BEND	AWAY	3 PM
September 30th	DODGE CITY	AWAY	9 AM

GALLERY







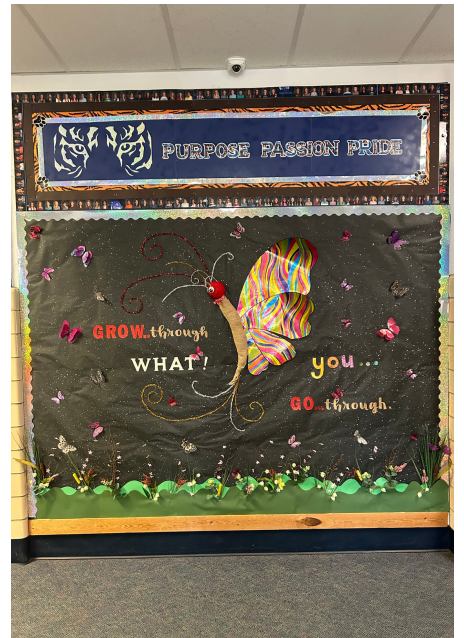
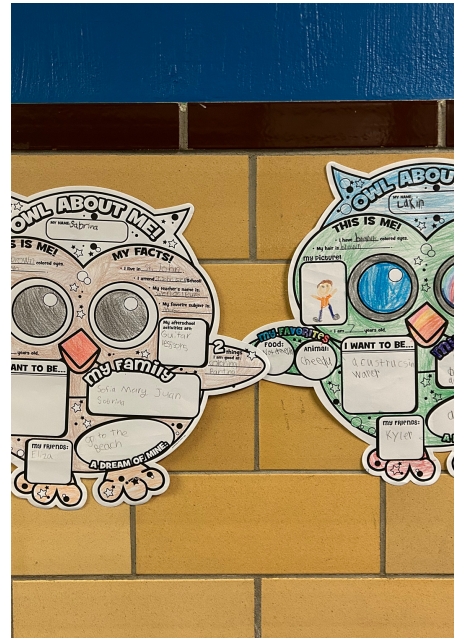












FOOD MENU

USD #350				
SEPTEMBER 2023				
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 BREAKFAST
				Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Orange Juice Cereal Milk
				LUNCH
				Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk
4 BREAKFAST	5 BREAKFAST	6 BREAKFAST	7 BREAKFAST	8 BREAKFAST
NO SCHOOL !!!	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Muffin Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Pears Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
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11 BREAKFAST	12 BREAKFAST	13 BREAKFAST	14 BREAKFAST	15 BREAKFAST
Mini Waffles Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Muffin Peaches Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Lasagna Tossed Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Salsbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Pea's Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Ham & Cheese Sub Baked Beans French Fries Pineapple Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk
18 BREAKFAST	19 BREAKFAST	20 BREAKFAST	21 BREAKFAST	22 BREAKFAST
Mini Waffles Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Muffin Peaches Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Chicken Tetrizzini Lettuce Salad Corn Applesauce Fresh Fruits Hot Roll Milk	Hamburger Gravy Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Walking Tacos Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Cowboy Cavatini Tossed Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL!!! Staff Development
25 BREAKFAST	26 BREAKFAST	27 BREAKFAST	28 BREAKFAST	29 BREAKFAST
Mini Waffles Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Muffin Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Corn Dog Tater Wedges Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Corn Pineapple Cookie Fresh Fruit Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pears Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk

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