



The Cottonwood Chronicle

Working Together - Learning Together

Principal's Message

As we come to the close of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for another great year at Cottonwood. It is a privilege to lead this school with the support of great students, an outstanding staff and encouraging parents. It has been very fulfilling to see the gains made by our students and staff during this school year. We will all remember the 2022-23 school year as one that has brought to light that Cottonwood Elementary is a family. This amazing family is comprised of students, parents, staff and community. The Cottonwood family will continue to grow closer throughout the coming years.



We also want to say goodbye to the 5th grade students who will be moving on to Lakewood Middle School. It has been a pleasure to get to know the 5th grade and we wish them well in their future endeavors. We also will bid farewell to several staff members who will be pursuing opportunities at different schools.

Most importantly, as we say goodbye to the 2022-23 school year, we anxiously anticipate the next school year and the challenges and opportunities that await our Cottonwood family. Thank you for making this school year at Cottonwood Elementary so rewarding and I cannot wait for the 2023-24 school year to begin. Have a Great Summer!

Thank you...Mr. Griffiths

New School Safety Video

New! Fourth Video about School Safety

We understand the importance of prevention and preparedness in school safety. In our fourth video about school safety at Salina Public Schools (SPS), Superintendent Exline discusses anonymous reporting opportunities and coordination with First Responders. The five videos in this series share proactive steps taken at SPS to prioritize, improve and implement safety measures. We appreciate your interest and support about this important subject. To learn more, please view the newest school safety video on our website, www.usd305.com, and find all videos on our YouTube channel, **Salina Public Schools.**

**SCHOOL SAFETY:
A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY**



Upcoming Events

Summer School Ends	June 30
23-24 Enrollment Opens	July 11
Walk-In Enrollment	July 25
1st Day 2023-2024	August 11
No School/Labor Day	Sept. 4
Conferences	Sept. 13-14
No School	Sept. 14-15
No School/Inservice	Oct. 13



Buzz by for back-to-school immunizations

Don't wait until summer is over.

BEE-gin your summer up to date on back-to-school immunizations.

Special Walk-in event

May 17 & May 31 from 3-6 pm

(Spanish interpretation currently available May 31)

Other dates available by appointment for a shorter wait time

***Hot Dogs and Chips will be provided by the Saline County Health Department**

***Any child receiving vaccinations in May will be entered into a drawing for a prize!**

Stop by to grab some dinner and get back to school immunizations off your summer to do list.

**Saline County Health Department
125 W. Elm Street
785-826-6602**



Staff Changes for Next Year

We will miss everyone who is leaving but we are excited to get to know our new staff members.

- Sarah Davis, 1st grade, is leaving at the end of the year to stay at home with her son William.
- Randy Booth, building operator, is retiring at the end of this school year. Randy has done an exceptional job and we will miss him greatly.
- Connie Bachofer, speech para, is retiring at the end of this school year.
- Jennifer Boyles, math interventionist, will be moving to South Middle School to teach 6th grade math. She is an excellent teacher and will be greatly missed.
- Destiny Espinoza will be teaching in McPherson next year.
- Kerryn McQuilliam will be teaching in Lindsborg next year where she lives and her children attend school.
- Michelle Ramsey will be taking Mrs. Boyles interventionist position next year with the focus on reading.
- Pam Hodson will transfer to 3rd grade.
- Mallory Diggs has taken a job outside USD305.
- Sara Goldsby has been hired as an additional SPED teacher.
- Tasha Gibson has been hired, pending BOE approval, for 1st grade.
- Elyse Ramsey has been hired, pending BOE approval, for Kindergarten.
- Jamie Terry has been hired, pending BOE approval, for 2nd grade.
- Justin Reif will transfer from 5th grade to 4th grade next year.
- Chris Field will transfer from roving teacher to 5th grade next year.
- Cortney Berndt will be our new roving teacher.

hello.
goodbye.

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8th to May 12th



Thank you,
teachers!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

End of the Year Reminders

- The last day of school is May 18. Grades K through 5 will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- Don't forget to give the office your new address if you have not already done so. You will not be able to enroll online in July if we do not have your correct address.
- Library books are due back on or before May 5th!

May 2023

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28	29	30	31			

12th - Playday/Picnic

18th - Last Day of School

15th - Pre-K Graduation 6 p.m.



30th - Summer School Starts

16th - 5th Grade Honor Night
6:30 p.m.

Have a great Summer!!

Contact Us

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Cody Stockwell - Lead Teacher
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School Website



District Website

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