

CGES March Newsletter 2024

A Note from School

Welcome to March and the final nine weeks of school! It has been a great year and we know the students are going to finish strong! We have a lot of activities around the corner, so make sure to check the dates below. We hope that you all have a safe and happy spring break and that you come back to school rested and ready to finish the year!

CGES March 2024 Activity Calendar

3/1 - DR. SEUSS NIGHT - 6 TO 7 PM
3/4 - PTO/PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL 6 PM
3/5 - FAMILY READ NIGHT
3/8 - END OF 3RD QUARTER/EARLY DISMISSAL-1:10 PM
3/9 - JH CHEER TRYOUTS
3/10 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (SPRING FORWARD)
3/11 - 3/15 - NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
3/19 - SPRING INDIVIDUAL/CLASS PICTURES TAKEN TODAY
3/21 - 3/22 - EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING/NO PREK
3/28 - KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP (NO PREK OR KINDERGARTEN)
3/29 - NO SCHOOL - GOOD FRIDAY



Same Faces, New Positions for 2023-2024



KELCY BREMER SELECTED AS NEXT PRINCIPAL OF CGES



USD 417 is excited to announce that Mrs. Bremer has been named the next principal of Council Grove Elementary School.

Mrs. Bremer is a graduate of Council Grove High School, class of 2000, and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Kansas State University, Washburn University, and Fort Hays State University.

This is Mrs. Bremer's 20th year in education. She has served as the assistant principal of CGES for the last 5 years.

Congratulations, Mrs. Bremer!



TASHA GREEN SELECTED AS NEXT ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF CGES



USD 417 is excited to announce that Mrs. Green has been named the next assistant principal of Council Grove Elementary School.

Mrs. Green is a graduate of Council Grove High School, class of 2008, and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Kansas and Emporia State University.

This is Mrs. Green's 9th year in education. She has served as the district instructional coach for USD 417 for the last 2 years.

Congratulations, Mrs. Green!



Take Me Out to the Book Fair was another big HIT for CGES!

Thank you to all the families who came during the week and for Family Night! Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, work, tear down and anything else that was done. [Everyone definitely hit it out of the park!

ASP Fees

Please check-in with the office or the After School Program to make sure all fees are paid. Thank you!



Dr. Seuss Family-Read Night!

When: Friday, March 1st from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Where: CGES gym
Who: EVERYONE!**



Come join in the fun! There will be a time of reading with a loved one and then families may go visit Dr. Seuss stations (make a craft, try and win a prize at BINGO, play games, decorate a Cat in the Hat bookmark, get your picture taken at our Dr. Seuss photo booth, etc). At the conclusion of the family night, children can go home with a new-to-you book (bring a book from home and swap it for a different title) and a delicious treat!

Share a LOVE of reading and make a memory with your child!

Feel free to wear pajamas and bring a blanket / comfy pillow to sit on

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Screening & Round-Up

Early Childhood Screening

USD 417 PreK Screening will be held from 8:00–4:00 on March 21st and 22nd with Birth to 3-Year-Old screenings on March 21st only. All screenings will take place in the PreK building at CGES. This screening is required for any 4-year-old planning to attend the district PreK program for the 2024–2025 school year. Please call the school office at 620–767–6851 to schedule your appointment. Applications to attend PreK are required and can be filled out in person on the day of screenings or in advance through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/23Jg826B75fJ9ojQA>

****Current PreK students will not have school on March 21st and 22nd****



Kindergarten Roundup

Parents of incoming Kindergarten students, please contact CGES at 620–767–6851 or PHES at 785–499–6313 to put your child's name on the Kindergarten list for the 2024–2025 school year. Information will be sent out at a later date regarding Kindergarten Roundup that will take place on March 28th.

**** No PreK or Kindergarten classes on March 28th****



State Assessment Schedules



3RD GRADE				
DAY	DATE	TIME (CORE)	TEACHER	TEST
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	9:30-11:00	STEWART	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	9:30-11:00	KELLY	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	9:30-11:00	STEWART	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	9:30-11:00	KELLY	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	12:00-1:15	STEWART	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	12:00-1:15	KELLY	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10	12:00-1:15	STEWART	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10	12:00-1:15	KELLY	ELA
4TH GRADE				
DAY	DATE	TIME (CORE)	TEACHER	TEST
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	8:10-9:35	BARNETT	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	8:10-9:35	HRENCER	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	8:10-9:35	KOCH	ELA
THURSDAY	APRIL 4	8:10-9:35	BARNETT	ELA
THURSDAY	APRIL 4	8:10-9:35	HRENCER	ELA
THURSDAY	APRIL 4	8:10-9:35	KOCH	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	10:30-11:30	BARNETT	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	10:30-11:30	HRENCER	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	10:30-11:30	KOCH	MATH
THURSDAY	APRIL 11	10:30-11:30	BARNETT	MATH
THURSDAY	APRIL 11	10:30-11:30	HRENCER	MATH
Thursday	APRIL 11	10:30-11:30	KOCH	MATH

5TH GRADE				
DAY	DATE	TIME (CORE)	TEACHER	TEST
TUESDAY	MARCH 26	8:05-9:05	BALBOA	SCIENCE
TUESDAY	MARCH 26	11:40-12:40	BUNN	SCIENCE
TUESDAY	MARCH 26	1:30-2:30	KINSEY	SCIENCE
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 27	8:05-9:05	BALBOA	SCIENCE
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 27	11:40-12:40	BUNN	SCIENCE
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 27	1:30-2:30	KINSEY	SCIENCE
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	8:05-9:05	BUNN	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	11:40-12:40	KINSEY	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	1:30-2:30	BALBOA	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	8:05-9:05	BUNN	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	11:40-12:40	KINSEY	ELA
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	1:30-2:30	BALBOA	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	8:05-9:05	KINSEY	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	11:40-12:40	BALBOA	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	1:30-2:30	BUNN	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10	8:05-9:05	KINSEY	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10	11:40-12:40	BALBOA	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 10	1:30-2:30	BUNN	MATH
6TH GRADE				
DAY	DATE	TIME (CORE)	TEACHER	TEST
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	8:45-9:50	GANT	MATH
TUESDAY	APRIL 2	12:05-1:10	BOOKER	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	8:45-9:50	GANT	MATH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 3	12:05-1:10	BOOKER	MATH
MONDAY	APRIL 8	8:45-9:50	BOOKER	ELA
MONDAY	APRIL 8	12:05-1:10	GANT	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	8:45-9:50	BOOKER	ELA
TUESDAY	APRIL 9	12:05-1:10	GANT	ELA



MARCH 4TH- 8TH 2024

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

National School Breakfast Week celebrates the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success. This special observance during the first week of March celebrates all School Breakfast Programs and the many ways it gives kids a great start every day.



BE SURE TO COME EAT WITH US ON WEDNESDAY! WE WILL BE SERVING A REALLY FUN BREAKFAST IN HONOR OF NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK 2024!

All USD 417 Students may receive 1 Free Reimbursable Breakfast Each Day!



BREAK FAST TIME



NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK IS MARCH 17-23, 2024

INFORMATION FROM THE KANSAS POISON CENTER:

Did you know that 9 out of 10 poison accidents occur in the home? Follow these tips to help prevent accidental poisonings.

GENERAL SAFETY

Read and follow all medicine and product labels.

Keep all medicine, cleaning products and chemicals out of reach and out of sight of children.

Install safety latches on cabinets and drawers used for medicine, household products, cleaners and other potential poisons. Buy products with child-resistant packaging, when possible, but remember nothing is child-proof. Once purchased, use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container tightly after each use.

Teach children to ask an adult before tasting anything.

Keep purses, diaper bags, work and travel bags up and out of reach of small children.

Be aware of where button batteries are within your home. Places can include remote controls, key fobs and watches. Keep away from children.

Find out the names of the plants in your house and yard. Keep houseplants out of reach of small children and pets.

Save the Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222, in your phone and post it in your home.

FOR KIDS

Children under age 6 are most at risk for poisoning because they are very curious and put all sorts of things in their mouths.

FOR TEENS

Youth begin to self-medicate around 11 years old. Unfortunately, when not equipped with the knowledge and information to make safe choices, they may end up doing more harm than good.

FOR OLDER ADULTS

Medicines can help us live longer and healthier lives, but taking them in the wrong way or wrong amount can be dangerous. See important medicine safety tips for older adults.

FOR PETS

Pets can be poisoned by common household products, plants and foods. If you are concerned about a potential poisoning, contact your veterinarian immediately.

FOR CARETAKERS AND BABYSITTERS

As a babysitter or caretaker for a child, you need to know what poisons are and how to keep children away from them.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Poisoning is the 3rd most common method of suicide, after gun use and suffocation. Every day, The University of Kansas Hospital Poison Control Center receives calls about people who have tried to harm themselves with poison.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES / LINKS:

[childrensmercy.org/departments-and-clinics/developmental-and-behavioral-health/prepped-and-ready/](https://www.childrensmercy.org/departments-and-clinics/developmental-and-behavioral-health/prepped-and-ready/) (Prepped and Ready)

[drugfree.org/article/out-of-reach/](https://www.drugfree.org/article/out-of-reach/) (Out of Reach)

teens.drugabuse.gov/parents (National Institute on Drug Abuse)

Call the 24-Hour Poison Help Line for Additional Support:

1-800-222-1222

