



## Council Grove Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

I want to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year! This year will be different, and we may change plans frequently depending on the pandemic. Know that we want the best for your children's education and safety. We want to work together to make this year go as smoothly as possible in this uncertain time. I have no doubt that together we will make it a great year! The administrative team has worked very hard over the summer to plan for this school year. Professional development days have been added to the beginning of the school year and the start date has been delayed to ensure all students and staff are safe, informed and prepared to start the year. **Please either attend the USD 417 Parent Webinar for COVID-19 Operations Tuesday or Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to find out what our plan is for reopening school.** This presentation will explain what a school day will look like for your child. Due to social distancing requirements, seating is limited and you will need to reserve a seat by calling the District Office. Last week, Mr. Dody emailed a Zoom link that will allow you to attend virtually.

There have been some new additions for our building this summer. Unfortunately, not the new office...yet. Torri and his crew have been busy installing our new camera system. The custodial crew has been very busy painting 13 classrooms and the gym in our building. They are also working to spread out the new rubber mulch for the playground and helping move furniture out of classrooms and into classroom due to the new KSHD requirements.

We were able to expand our 4 Year Old At-Risk Preschool Program to serve any and all four year olds in our district! We have morning slots, afternoon slots and all day slots available (pending qualifications). If you have a child that is 4 years old or will be 4 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup>, and you would like for him/her to attend our district Pre-K program, please plan to attend Onsite Enrollment at the Council Grove Junior Senior High School Commons Area on July 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> (1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) Please also spread the word to friends and family that may be interested in this opportunity!

Back to School Night and Pre-K/Kindergarten Orientation will look different this year. Parents will be asked to come into the building by appointment on August 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. This will allow parents to visit with teachers in a small setting to allow questions while practicing social distancing and following our county guidelines. Masks will be required in the building.

We have quite a few new faces in our staff this year. Please welcome our new teachers, aides and custodian: Katy Herde and Myah Rusco (1st Grade), McKenzie Heft (2nd Grade), Mackenzie Ochoa (3rd Grade), Shealee Crosby and Charles Diebold (5th Grade), Erin Morse (Sped), Eric Ortez (Social Worker), Jim Southers (custodian) and we are in the process of hiring an aide/interventionist this week.

Below are **tentative** dates that you may want to put on your calendar.

2020-21 CGES **Tentative** Dates

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, several activities may be canceled or held differently to comply with KS health regulations. These events are listed with as TBD - to be determined.

July 6 - July 24 - Online Enrollment for returning students only ([www.usd417.net](http://www.usd417.net))  
July 28 - USD 417 Parent Webinar for COVID-19 Operations (6:30 p.m.)  
July 29 - USD 417 Parent Webinar for COVID-19 Operations (6:30 p.m.)  
July 30-31 - Onsite Enrollment for new or returning students @ CGJSHS (1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)  
August 3 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
August 27 - Back to School Orientation by Appointment  
August 27 - Band Instrument Showing (6:30-7:30 p.m. in the lunchroom - Masks and Social Distancing Required)  
August 28 - Back to School Orientation by Appointment  
September 1 - First Day of School (School starts at 8:00 a.m. and Dismissal is at 3:10 p.m.)  
September 7 - No School - Labor Day  
September 14 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
September 16 - Fall Picture Day  
September 18 - Homecoming Parade (2:00 p.m.)  
October 2 - 2nd Grade Field Trip - TBD  
October 5 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
October 12 - No School - Professional Development  
October 15 - 1st Grade Field Trip - TBD  
October 19-22 - PTO Book Fair (Online Only or Canceled - TBD)  
October 30 - CGES Fall Celebration (Classroom Parties)  
November 1 - Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)  
November 2 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
November 3 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Diebold/Crosby) - TBD  
November 4 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Tischauser) - TBD  
November 6 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m. End of 1st Quarter)  
November 9 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Tischauser) - TBD  
November 10 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Diebold/Crosby) - TBD  
November 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)  
November 11 - Veterans Day Assembly (2:15 p.m. in the CGES Gym) - TBD  
November 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)  
November 13 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week  
November 17 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Diebold/Crosby) - TBD  
November 18 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Tischauser) - TBD  
November 25-27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break  
November 30 - No School - Professional Development  
December 1 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Diebold/Crosby) - TBD  
December 2 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Tischauser) - TBD  
December 7 - CGES Winter Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - PreK and Kindergarten; 6:45 p.m. - 1st and 2nd grades) - TBD  
December 8 - CGES Winter Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - 3rd/4th grades; 7:00 p.m. - 5th/6th Grades Band and Vocal) - TBD  
December 8 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Diebold/Crosby) - TBD  
December 9 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Tischauser) - TBD  
December 22 - All School Christmas Assembly (9:00 a.m.) Classroom parties - TBD  
December 22 - End of 2nd Quarter - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m. dismissal)  
December 23rd - January 4th - Winter Break

January 4 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
January 5 - Classes Resume  
January 20 - CGES Spelling Bee (9:15 a.m.) - TBD  
January 22 - End of 2nd Quarter (Early Dismissal - 1:10 p.m.)  
February 1 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
February 1 - No School - Professional Development  
February 3 - Morris County Spelling Bee (1:00 p.m. @ CGJSHS Auditorium) - TBD  
February 11 - Valentine's Day Class Parties (2:00 p.m.) - TBD  
February 15-19 - PTO Book Fair - TBD  
February 26 - No School - Professional Development  
March 1 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
March 2 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)  
March 2 - Dr. Seuss Family Read Night (6:00-7:00 p.m.) - TBD  
March 4 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)  
March 5 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week  
March 14 - Daylight Saving Time Starts (Spring Forward)  
March 19 - End of 3rd Quarter Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m.)  
March 16 - Spring Individual/Class Picture Day  
March 22-26 - No School - Spring Break  
April 2 - No School - Good Friday  
April 5 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
April 9 - Kindergarten Round-Up (No school for Preschool and Kindergarteners) - TBD  
April 12 - CGES Spring Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - PreK and Kindergarten; 6:45 p.m. - 1st and 2nd grades) - TBD  
April 13 - CGES Spring Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - 3rd/4th grades; 7:00 p.m. - 5th/6th Grades Band and Vocal) - TBD  
April 16 - Early Childhood (Preschool) Screening - TBD  
April 23 - No School  
April 28 - 6th Grade Field Trip - TBD  
April 30 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - TBD  
April 30 - 4th Grade Field Trip - TBD  
May 3 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room or Zoom - TBD)  
May 7 - Kindergarten Field Trip - TBD  
May 10 - 6th Grade Step Up Day (9:00 a.m.) - TBD  
May 19 - 5th/6th Grade Track Meet (9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the CGJSHS Track) - TBD  
May 20 - 2nd/3rd/4th Grade Play Day (9:00-11:00 a.m.) - TBD  
May 21 - Kindergarten Promotion (12:00 p.m.) Kdg/1st Grade Play Day (1:00-2:30 p.m.) - TBD  
May 25 - Last Day of School! (3:10 p.m. dismissal)

Let's make the 2020-2021 school year the best yet for our students, staff, families and communities! It will be different, but together we can do amazing things!

Sincerely,

*Heather A. Honas*

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CGES Principal

