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Dear Parents,

I want to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year! At the June Board of Education Meeting, it was decided to start the year as normal and students will not be required to wear masks. Visitors to all buildings in the district will be screened by a school staff member upon entrance into the building; a common set of screening questions will be used to determine whether a visitor will be asked to wear a mask.

We were able to keep the expanded 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 31st, 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 29th or 30th (1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) Please also spread the word to friends and family that may be interested in this opportunity!

Online enrollment is currently open for returning students only on July 5th and will end on July 23rd. If you need assistance with the online enrollment tool between July 5th and July 23rd, please contact Bryce Johnson the district office at 620-767-5192 or bjohnson@cgrove417.org. Any returning students who do not complete the enrollment process online will need to attend one of the onsite enrollment dates on either July 29th or July 30th, from 1:00pm to 7:00pm, in the Council Grove Junior Senior High School commons area.

Back to School Night for Pre-K - 6th grade students is on August 17th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. This year we will be using SignUpGenius to schedule Back to School Night times with teachers. Your child’s teacher will contact you with more information in August. After our Back to School meetings, we will have our Annual Title I meeting. This short meeting is required and will: Inform parents/families of their school’s participation, explain the requirements of the Title 1, Part A program and to explain the right of parents to be involved. Kindergarten Orientation will be held on the morning of August 18th. For Kindergarten parents, a separate letter with more information is attached.

We have quite a few new faces in our staff this year.  Listed are our grade level teachers. Pre-K: Angie Bailey and Brooke Lococo, Kindergarten: Brier Blythe and Robin Frye, 1st Grade: Kim Davis and Lori May, 2nd Grade: MaKenzie Heft, Sharon Richardson and Dustin SanRomani, 3rd Grade: Emily Ehrlich, Katy Herde, Alicia Kelley and Makenzie Ochoa, 4th Grade: Emily Hrencher and Julie Koch, 5th Grade: Theresa Kinsey and Shantel Sheets, 6th Grade: Colleen Booker, Joshua Gant and April Winegar. Our new school counselor is Orin Grammer, our new Title I Teachers are Angela Harris and Krista Wilson. We would also like to welcome Nichole Hensley as a new Special Education teacher.

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

2021-22 CGES **Tentative** Dates

July 5 - July 23 - Online Enrollment for returning students only ([www.usd417.net](http://www.usd417.net))

July 29-30 - Onsite Enrollment for new or returning students @ CGJSHS

August 17 - PreK-6th Back to School Orientation by Appointment (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

August 18 - PreK Back to School Orientation by Appointment (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

                    Kindergarten Transition Day (8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

                    Kindergarten Orientation by Appointment (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

August 19 - First Day of School! (School starts at 8:00 a.m. and Dismissal is at 3:10 p.m.)

August 30 - PTO/Parent Advisory Council (6:00 p.m. in the CGES Office Conference Room or

                    via Zoom

August 30 - Band Instrument Showing (6:30-7:30 p.m. in the lunchroom)

September 6 - No School - Labor Day

September 9 - 4th Grade to Twin Lakes Water Festival

September 17 - Fall Picture Day

September 27 - No School - Professional Development

October 1 - 2nd Grade Field Trip

October 8 - 1st Grade Field Trip

October 8 - 4th Grade Field Trip

October 15 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m.) - End of 1st Quarter

October 18-21 - PTO Book Fair

October 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

October 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

October 22 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week

October 29 - Fall Picture Retakes

October 29 - CGES Fall Celebration (Classroom Parties)

November 1 -  PTO/Parent Advisory Council (6:00 p.m. in the CGES Office Conference Room

                        or via Zoom

November 2 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Sheets)

November 3 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Kinsey)

November 7 - Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)

November 9 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Sheets)

November 10 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Kinsey)

November 11 - Veterans Day Assembly (2:15 p.m. in the CGES Gym)

November 12 - No School - Professional Development

November 22 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Sheets)

November 23 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Kinsey)

November 24-26 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 2 - CGES Winter Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - 3rd/4th

                       grades; 7:00 p.m. - 5th/6th Grades Band and Vocal)

December 6 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Sheets)

December 7 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Kinsey)

December 14 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Sheets)

December 14 - CGES Winter Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - PreK and

                       Kindergarten; 6:45 p.m. - 1st and 2nd grades)

December 15 - 5th Grade to Starbase (Kinsey)

December 21 - All School Christmas Assembly (9:00 a.m.) Classroom parties

December 21 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m.) - End of 2nd Quarter

December 22nd - January 3rd - Winter Break

January 4 - Classes Resume

January 10 - PTO/Parent Advisory Council (6:00 p.m. in the CGES Office Conference Room

                        or via Zoom

January 17 - No School - MLK Day

January 19 - CGES Spelling Bee (9:00 a.m.)

January 28 - 3rd Grade Bread in a Bag

January 31 - No School - Professional Development

February 14 - Valentine’s Day Classroom Parties

February 16 - District Dental Screenings

February 18 - No School - Professional Development

February 21-24 - PTO Book Fair

February 22 - District Spelling Bee (1:00 p.m.)

February 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

February 24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

February 25 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week

February 28 - PTO/Parent Advisory Council (6:00 p.m. in the CGES Office Conference Room

                        or via Zoom

March 11 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m.) - End of 3rd Quarter

March 13 - Daylight Saving Time Starts (Spring Forward)

March 14-18 - No School - Spring Break

March 22 - Spring Individual/Class Picture Day

March 24 &  25 - Early Childhood Screening (No PreK classes)

April 15 - No School - Good Friday

April 19 - CGES Spring Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - PreK and

               Kindergarten; 6:45 p.m. - 1st and 2nd grades)

April 21 - 3rd Grade Field Trip

April 22 - No School - Professional Development

April 25 -  PTO/Parent Advisory Council (6:00 p.m. in the CGES Office Conference Room

                 or via Zoom

April 26 - CGES Spring Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - 3rd/4th

              grades; 7:00 p.m. - 5th/6th Grades Band and Vocal)

May 6 - Kindergarten Field Trip

May 6- 6th Grade Field Trip

May 13- 3rd Grade Field Trip

May 16 - 6th Grade Step Up Day (9:00 a.m.) - Alexander Art Works Tour (PM)

May 19 - 2nd/3rd Grade Play Day (9:00-11:00 a.m.) -4th/5th Grade Play Day (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

May 20 - Kindergarten Celebration  (12:45 p.m.) Kdg/1st Grade Play Day (1:00-2:30 p.m.)

May 24 - Last Day of School! (3:10 p.m. dismissal) Preschool Celebration

I am excited for this year! Let’s make the 2021-2022 school year the best yet for our students, staff, families and communities!

Sincerely,

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CGES Principal